

**McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2007**

The Organizational Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The organizational meeting was called to order by Board President at 5:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Ramon Melendez, President  
Marin Ortega Jr., Vice-President  
Rey DeLeon, Clerk  
David Arguello, Member  
Jim Kasiner, Member

**ABSENT**

Student Board Members    Ivan Marquez    Israel Guerrero

**Staff Present:**

Gabriel McCurtis	Irene Melendez
Smith Efada	Kim McManaman
Candi Clark	Gladys Trevino
Cynthia Virrey	Ernesto Diaz
Char Gaines	Albert Melendez
Yolanda Gonzalez	John Reed
Melissa Melendez	Maria Salgado
Ty Bryson	Shirley Ritchey
Chris Breyer	Lori Schultz
David Lopez	Louie Gomez
Manuel Cantu	Martin Schmidt
Mike Elliott	Maribell Cantu
Mary Williams Smith	
Numerous Others	

**Community Present:**

Pastor Eric Lively	Melissa Arguello
Kaye Breyer	Gary Farrell
Rosemary Rodriguez	Anthony Ortega
Others	

**Organizational Meeting**

**A. Election of Board President**

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Marin Ortega Jr., to nominate Ramon Melendez for Board President. The motion for Ramon Melendez to serve as Board President carried with a 5-0 vote.

**B. Election of Board Vice-President**

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Jim Kasiner, to nominate Marin Ortega Jr. for Board Vice-President. The motion for Marin Ortega Jr. to serve as Board Vice-President carried with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Election of Board Clerk**

Motion made by Jim Kasiner to nominate Rey DeLeon for board clerk was not seconded, Motion made by Marin Ortega Jr. to nominate David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon for Board Clerk. The motion for David Arguello to serve as Board Clerk carried with a 5-0 vote.

**D. Election of Trustee Representative to County Committee on School District Organization**

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello, to nominate Gabriel McCurtis to serve as the Trustee Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization. The motion for Gabriel McCurtis to serve as Trustee Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization carried with a 5-0 vote

**E. Election of Alternate Representative to County Committee on School District Organization**

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Marin Ortega Jr., to nominate Smith Efada to serve as Alternate Representative to County Committee on School District Organization. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**F. Designation of Board Meeting Day and Time**

Motion made by Marin Ortega Jr., seconded by David Arguello to designate the second Tuesday of the month, at 5:00 p.m., as the board meeting day and time. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**G. Designation of Authorized Agent**

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Kasiner to designate Gabriel McCurtis as the Authorized Agent. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**H. Appointment of MUSD Board of Trustees Representative to the North Kern Vocational Training Center Board of Directors**

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Marin Ortega Jr., to appoint Ramon Melendez as the MUSD Board of Trustees Representative to the North Kern Vocational Training Center Board of Directors. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

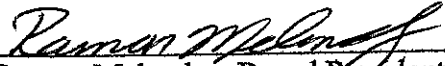
**I. Adjournment of McFarland Unified School District Organizational Meeting**

Board President adjourned the Annual Organizational Meeting at 5:43 p.m.

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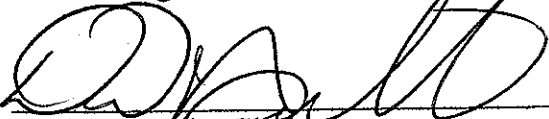
Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board



Ramon Melendez, Board President



Marin Ortega Jr., Vice President



David Arguello, Clerk



Rey DeLeon, Member

*Absent*

Jim Kasiner, Member

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 5:44 p.m. immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Ramon Melendez, President  
Marin Ortega Jr., Vice-President  
David Arguello, Clerk  
Rey DeLeon, Member  
Jim Kasiner, Member

**ABSENT**

Student board members: Israel Guerrero & Ivan Marquez

**Staff Present:**

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**Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation – Pastor Eric Lively**

Board President asked to move Presentations to follow invocation so the students could leave after their presentations.

**Presentations**

1. Oral Language Festival – Ms. Char Gaines introduced Chelsea Lopez as the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Humorous division solo in Delano and stated that Chelsea will now compete in Bakersfield in February for the Countywide competition. Ms. Gaines also stated that Jacqueline Orduna won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Serious division and will also compete in Bakersfield in February for the Countywide competition. Chelsea Lopez continued with her humorous presentation titled, “You Don’t Always Get What You Ask For”.

2. Chorus – Ms. Char Gaines stated that Wednesday night’s Chorus Program will be her last Christmas Program in the district and invited everyone to attend the Kern Avenue Chorus Program at 6:00 in the cafeteria. She played the piano while students from the Kern Avenue Chorus sang three of the songs they will perform at Wednesday’s Program. She introduced Jacob Cantu as the drummer for the song, Little Drummer Boy. Ms. Gaines thanked everyone and wished everyone a Merry Christmas at the conclusion of the performance.

Supt. McCurtis addressed the board, “before Ms. Gaines leaves here we want to thank her for her many years of service to the McFarland Unified School District. I heard that Mr. Ortega and Mr. Arguello were students of hers in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. That was very outstanding. Thank you so much.”

**Public Communication**

None

**Closed Session**

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

**Open Session**

The board re-convened to Open Session at 7:12 p.m.

**Report of Closed Session**

- A. No Action
- B. No Action
- C. Student #0708-16 MMS - Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to expel student for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year with stipulations. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.
- D. Student #0708-17 MHS – Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Jim Kasiner to expel student for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year with stipulations. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Action Items**

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of December 11, 2007

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello, to approve the Agenda of December 11, 2007. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2007 (Regular Meeting)

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello, to approve the minutes of November 20, 2007, (Regular Meeting). Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

## C. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Warrant Registers
2. Approval of Travel, Conference and Related Expenses
3. Approval for Reappointment of Jim McFarland to the North Kern Vocational Training Center Board of Directors.
4. Approval of Interdistrict Agreement for 2007-2008
5. Approval of moving January 8, 2007 (Regular Board Meeting) to January 15, 2007.
6. Approval of Agreement with Puente Consulting
7. Approval of Instructional Assistant – Special Education
8. Approval of Part Time School Office Assistant – MHS

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Jim Kasiner, to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-8 as presented. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

## Information and Proposals

### Community Input

None

### Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent McCurtis gave the attendance report.

He first stated that he had been invited on Monday to Browning Road Elementary School where there were 60 young boys and girls that through the efforts of Mr. Ortega and Mr. Arguello would otherwise not had a Christmas. He and his coworkers and friends at the prison collected money for gifts such as bikes, remote control cars, etc. He said, "You should have seen the smiles from ear to ear. They ran out of gifts, and collected more money for a bike for one more student and he will get it on Thursday. I thought that was extremely wonderful to do something like that." He wanted to commend the two board members Mr. Ortega and Mr. Arguello for that gesture of love that they did.

1. Attendance - Supt. McCurtis "On the attendance there are other districts dealing with declining enrollment, that's not going on here in McFarland. He stated that the monthly total was 3233 students enrolled for the month of November. Last month there were 3230 and one year ago there were 3204 students. It seems that our attendance is going up and that is a good thing.

He added that he had sent out a letter to the school community, to classified and certificated employees and wished them a Merry Christmas and he made sure he put names and events of things that he did with both certificated staff and classified staff of the great job that they are doing. And so he wanted to wish the McFarland family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also wanted to wish each board member a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Board Reports

Jim Kasiner – None

David Arguello – He wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and he'll see them in the New Year.

Rey DeLeon – None

Ramon Melendez – He also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and said he looked forward to seeing everyone in the coming year. He also wanted to thank everyone in attendance, the staff and public. He stated that it was a shaky start of the year, but it will get better. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Marin Ortega Jr. – None

### Reports

1. MTA – None
2. CSEA – None

Presentations was moved to follow the invocation.

### Old Business

- A. Consideration and Approval of Joint Facilities Use Agreement with McFarland Recreation and Parks District

Tabled

### New Business

- A. Personnel Register

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Marin Ortega Jr, to approve the Personnel Register with one exclusion. In Section: Other Actions, Item 4. A. Leave of Absences #3 was denied. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- B. Approval of Variable-Term Waiver for Susana Bustillo

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon to approve the Variable-Term Waiver for Susana Bustillo. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- C. Approval of Contract between Kern County Superintendent of Schools and McFarland Unified School District for Title I External Monitor & Review Services

Tabled

- D. Approval of First Interim Report – 2007-2008 Budget

CBO Candi Clark gave a brief overview of the First Interim Report for the Board Members and community. She stated the district had a positive cash flow and will continue to remain in positive status. Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon, to approve the First Interim Report – 2007-2008 Budget. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

E. Approval of Local Agreement for Child Development Services

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello, to approve the Local Agreement for Child Development Services. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Advance Planning**

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve the next regular meeting date of January 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the McFarland High School Multipurpose Room. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Adjournment**

Before the board president adjourned the meeting Supt. McCurtis had a few words for the board president and board. He wanted to commend the board president for his leadership as board president and his new term as board president. He thanked him for support from the board and stated that at this time a year ago we had 40 vacancies within the McFarland Unified School District. A large amount at the District office and that the board had enabled them to bring the best quality, most qualified people in. He said, "you saw our CBO in Presentations, you dealt with our HR in Closed Session. MOT and all the other things you have seen in the Campuses. The portables, the library and you will see the various things that are going on in the school system. We have a new principal at the high school Mr. Schmidt, we have, doing a tremendous job, Mr. Efada dealing with both our continuation school and also our educational options as director. We have Mrs. Schultz doing an outstanding job as the assistant principal at the high school and all the people being put in place." He stated that there was a question asked at the last board meeting, "Can we get out of Program Improvement in a year. The answer is no. It will take a minimum of 2 years, but if the process is allowed to work over some time, you're going to see some gains in our school district and I wanted to say that's because of your leadership as president. I want to thank you for the time that you have spent here and I'm looking forward to another year under your leadership."

Board president Melendez thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



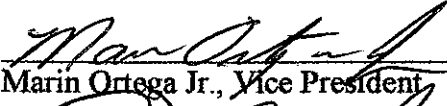
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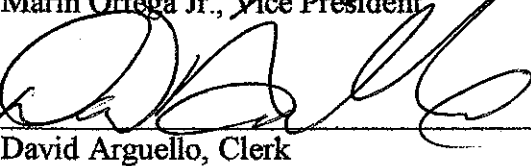
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Jim Kasiner, Member