

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at the McFarland High School Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Marin Ortega Jr., President
David Arguello, Vice President
Kaye Breyer, Clerk
Marlin Isaacs, Member

Student board members: Jose Jaime Ezenia Garza

Absent: Rey DeLeon, Member

Staff Present:

Gabriel McCurtis	Irene Melendez	Maggie Gore
Smith Efada	Kim McManaman	Martin Schmidt
Candi Clark	David Lopez	Margie Perez
Cynthia Virrey	Teresa Arvizu	Sandy Hannah
Albert Melendez	Ty Bryson	Louie Gomez
Josie Ortega	Sandra Espinoza	Lori Schultz
Roberta Burgh	Violeta Alvarez	

Numerous Others

Community Present:

John Bernard	Eric Lively	John Rivera
Nitasha Sawhney	Roy Gonzalez	Lee Martinez
Jose Arreola		
Others		

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation – John Rivera

Public Communication

Board President asked if there were any public comments to be made regarding the closed session agenda items. There were none.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:06 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 6:10 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

- A. No Action
- B. No Action
- C. No Action
- D. Student Expulsion/Readmittance

1. Student #0708-20 MHS - Readmittance- Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer for Readmittance of student #0708-20 to McFarland Learning Center with a behavior contract. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Action Items

- A. Revision and Agenda Approval of Agenda of January 13, 2009.

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs, to approve the Agenda of December 18, 2008. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Before the approval of the minutes, Board President Ortega addressed the board. He said, "We have revised the minutes for December 12, 2008 Special Meeting and December 18, 2008 Regular Meeting. The revisions are in front of you and the changes are noted in Bold print. (for 12/12/08 it is on page 1 and for 12/18/08 it is on page 4. He then continued with item B. Approval of Minutes.

- B. Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2008 (Organizational & Regular Meeting) and December 12, 2008 (Special Meeting).

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008, (Organizational & Regular Meeting) and December 12, 2008 (Special Meeting) with revisions. Motion carried by a 4 - 0 vote.

- C. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Warrant Registers
- 2. Approval of Interdistrict Agreements

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Information and Proposals

Community Input

None

Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Attendance

Supt. McCurtis stated that the monthly total was 3208 students enrolled for the month. Last month there were 3215 and one year ago there were 3198 students.

He added that he had attended various meetings regarding the budget. The forecast is grim and cuts may have to be made. He will be working with the unions on this issue. He also wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Board Member/Student Board Member Reports

Student Board member Jose Jaime reported that on Dec. 13th the band and choir performed at the holiday concert and was a great start for Music Director Mr. Brady. (he distributed a copy of the program to the board). He continued that the freshmen class won school wide competition for having the best attendance for November and December. The MHS Cheerleaders performed in the McFarland parade held on Dec. 13th. He added that finals and benchmarks for Math English and History were taken the last two days of school. He also stated that former MHS students currently in the Military and attending colleges and universities have been coming to speak to the AVID students.

Student Board Member Ezenia Garza – none

Marlin Isaacs stated that he is happy to be here and he will be attending the North Kern Vocational Training Center meetings.

Kaye Breyer said she is also happy to be here and happy to be elected to the board. She has lots to learn.

Marin Ortega Jr. – He stated that he is still learning and he is in his third year. He mentioned the budget cuts and said they will work hard to do what they need to do.

David Arguello – none

Reports

1. Budget update – Candi Clark gave an update on the budget. She also listed some of the proposed budget reductions by the Governor.
2. MTA – None
3. CSEA – None
4. Williams Act Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report – Irene Melendez gave the quarterly report with no complaints to report.

Presentations

1. Recognition of Reclassification of LEP students – Teresa Arvizu presented students with certificates of reclassification. The students were congratulated by the board members.
2. AVID Program – Kim Whealy and students from MHS gave a brief presentation on their AVID trip from last year. The students mentioned points of interest at the different universities. They also asked the board for approval for the current AVID trip on the agenda.
3. Taylor Teter Partners – Robert Thornton – Taylor Teter Partners and Jeff Foy – SC Anderson, gave a brief presentation regarding the Two Story High School Classroom Project. They gave a program & drawing overview as well as the project schedule and project budget.

Old Business

- A. None

New Business

A. Approval of New/Revised Board Policies – First Reading

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer for approval of First Reading of New/Revised Board Policies. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

B. Personnel Register

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Kaye Breyer, to approve the Personnel Register as presented. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

C. Approval of McFarland High School AVID Program San Diego Trip.

Motion made by Kaye Breyer, seconded by David Arguello to approve the McFarland High School AVID Program San Diego Trip. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

D. Public Hearing on the McFarland High School District's Initial Proposal to the McFarland Teacher's Association

The public hearing was opened at 6:55 p.m. There were no comments by the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

E. Public Hearing on the McFarland Teacher's Association's Initial Proposal to the McFarland Unified School District.

The public hearing was opened at 6:56 p.m. There were no comments by the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

F. Adopt McFarland Unified School District's Initial Proposal to the McFarland Teachers' Association.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello, to adopt McFarland Unified School District's Initial Proposal to the McFarland Teachers' Association. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Advance Planning

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello to approve the next regular board meeting date of February 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

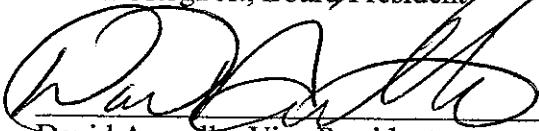
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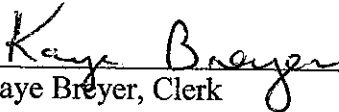
Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board



Marin Ortega Jr., Board President



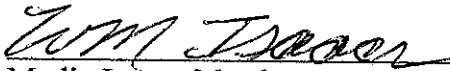
David Arguello, Vice President



Kaye Breyer, Clerk

ABSENT

Rey DeLeon, Member



Marlin Isaacs, Member