

McFARLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2009

The Special Meeting of the McFarland Unified School District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at the McFarland High School Multipurpose Room. The meeting was called to order by Board President at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL Marin Ortega Jr., President
David Arguello, Vice President
Rey DeLeon, Member
Marlin Isaacs, Member

Absent: Kaye Breyer, Clerk

Staff Present:

Gabriel McCurtis	Candi Clark	Irene Melendez
Kim McManaman	Maria Salgado	Sandra Espinoza
Rick Sparks	Mike Elliott	Ed Levenson
Javier Ruiz	Louie Gomez	Roberta Burgh
Julie Machado	Humberto Chairez	Anell Chavez
Maggie Gore	Raul Murrieta	Fernando Fernandez
Trini Ayon	Leticia Arguello	Myriam Maldonado
Albert Melendez	Ernesto Diaz	Melissa Melendez
Tamera Littrell	John Reed	Shari Gonzales
Numerous Others		

Community Present: Ernie Gonzales

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance – Marlin Isaacs

Public Communication

Rick Sparks addressed the board with some concerns regarding the budget cuts. He expressed his concern regarding the attorneys and stated that the reasoning had been explained to him and his concerns were resolved. He added that the board had a tough job regarding employee layoffs. He stated he had met with staff members and discussed the least stressful way to address the issue. He added that in his opinion there was an overabundance of administrators in the district. He also commented on a former employee, Tamra Wallace.

Revision and Approval of Agenda – February 25, 2009

Board President Ortega moved Closed Session to follow Revision and Approval of Agenda and pulled Consent Agenda item 3. Approval of Agreement for Legal Services with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo.

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve the Agenda with deletions and corrections. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Closed Session

The board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:14 p.m.

Open Session

The board re-convened to Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

Report of Closed Session

- A. No Action taken

Consent Agenda

1. Approval to Authorize the District to Utilize Fund 40 for Purchase of Jontronics Sound System for use at Board Meetings.

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve to Utilize Fund 40 for Purchase of Jontronics Sound System for use at Board Meetings. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

2. Approval is requested that MUSD no longer have a designated Primary Legal Counsel

Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Marlin Isaacs to approve to no longer have a designated Primary Legal Counsel. Motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

3. Pulled

4. Approval of Proposal for Legal services with Schools Legal Service with an annual retainer fee of \$29,273.49.

Motion by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello to approve the proposal for Legal Services with Schools Legal Service with an annual retainer fee of \$29,273.49. Motion carried by a 3-1 vote

New Business

- A. Approval of Resolution #0809-08 to Decrease the number of Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services.

Motion made by Marlin Isaacs, seconded by David Arguello for approval of Resolution #0809-08 to Decrease the number of Certificated Employees Due to a Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services. Roll Call vote: Rey DeLeon – No, Marlin Isaacs – Aye, David Arguello – Aye and Marin Ortega Jr. – Aye. Motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

Advance Planning

1. March 10, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the MHS Multipurpose Room.

Motion made by Rey DeLeon, seconded by David Arguello to approve the next board meeting date of March 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the MHS Multipurpose Room. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Adjournment

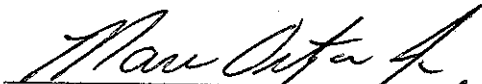
Motion made by David Arguello, seconded by Rey DeLeon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

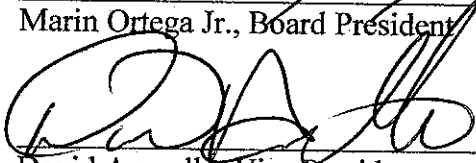
Respectfully Submitted:



Gabriel McCurtis, Secretary to the Board



Marin Ortega Jr., Board President



David Arguello, Vice President

ABSENT

Kaye Breyer, Clerk

Rey DeLeon, Member



Marlin Isaacs, Member