

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees  
August 16, 2016**

The **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:03 PM in the Education Building. School Trustees present were Willard Rother, President; Jason Ledlie; Mark Dube; Janet Brade; and Win Harbison, Secretary.

Administrators present were Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks; High School Principal/AD Paul Smith; Elementary School Principal Scott Houston; Maintenance/Facilities Director Shaun Hernandez; Technologies Director Cliff Spurlin and Administrators: Jana Muery and Robin Johnson.

**Public Comment/Open Forum**

None

**District Reports**

**Principals' Reports**

Scott Houston reported on meetings with teachers looking at last year's test results and planning how to progress this year.

Paul Smith presented a few students who were wearing their Volleyball uniforms for this year. The girls indicated pride in the way they looked. He reported some of the training the staff and teachers had received in first aid, CPR and AED usage. He also reported on training for the teachers to help their students. He spoke about student readiness and training on how to be a responsible digital citizen. As Athletic Director, he talked about the schedules for the various sports teams and passed schedule out to those in attendance.

**Demographic Report**

Mark Dube presented demographic information about the district and county. He discussed how the area had grown in the past few years, and how the area is expected to grow rapidly in the next few years. His projections were based on census data and information from county and state reports. The report was similar to one given at the recent District Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

**Student Numbers and Transfer Report**

A report was presented showing the current enrollment. Total at present is 239 students from within the district, 107 transfer students for a total enrollment prior to the first day of school at 346 students.

**Maintenance/Transportation Report**

Shaun Hernandez reported on bus routes for this school year. He stated that "we are ready, so far", but would have to wait until the first couple of days before knowing where the routes might have to be tweaked. He reported on the gym floor and that it should stay in very good condition as long as it was kept up. He also reported that they were trying to locate a pesky leak in the gym roof which has created the need to put out buckets to collect water when we have heavy rains.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Marchbanks discussed preparations for the beginning of the school year. She discussed the enrollment numbers and the need for the district to plan for growth. She also discussed the preparedness for the year by the teachers and that we have a great group of teachers and administrators going into the year as well as some of the scheduled activities for the beginning of the year.

**Board President's Report**

Willard Rother presented information about small districts and legislative issues upcoming in the year.

### Consent Agenda Items

Jason Ledlie moved to accept the Minutes of the July 19<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting as presented and the Called Meeting of August 9<sup>th</sup> as amended; the July Financial Reports, Check Payments and the Monthly Tax Office report as presented. Mark Dube seconded and the motion **passed 5 – 0**.

### Action Items

- A. Jason Ledlie moved to approve Board Policy Update 105 as presented. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- B. No budget amendments were presented – no action.
- C. A discussion was held concerning potential district growth based upon the report made by Mark Dube. This discussion was the result of the Strategic Planning Committee encouraging the board to consider this issue as a priority in order to try and keep ahead of the issue. Bil Kahanek moved to authorize the Superintendent to search for land suitable for school use and investigate the purchase of the property (a total of 40 – 60 acres in total). Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- D. The Parent Compact for 2016-17 was presented and discussed. Jason Ledlie moved to adopt as presented. Win Harbison seconded and the motion **passed 5 – 0**.
- E. The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Resolution and Adjunct Faculty Appointment & Bastrop County 4-H Adjunct Faculty Appointment were presented and discussed. This is a regular agreement with the 4-H and county livestock show people. Janet Brade moved to approve. Jason Ledlie seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- F. A Hearing for Tax Rate and Budget was proposed for August 30, 2016, at 6:30 PM. This is to set the tax rate for 2016-17 and approve the Budget for 2016-17. Jason Ledlie moved to approve the meeting. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- G. Teacher hires for the new year – no action taken at this meeting.

**Executive Session** – Willard Rother declared the board to be in recess in order to go into Executive Session at 8:05 PM.

**Back in Public Session** - Willard Rother called the board back into regular session at 8:20 PM. No action was taken subsequent to the Executive Session.

**Possible topics** suggested for the next meeting were:

- Any of the items on the McDade Board of Trustees Planning Guide listed for September meetings.
- High School Progress
- Facility plan
- Technology 5 year plan
- Safety and security.
- Marketing.
- Look at new teacher training and preparation.
- Establishing goals for the Board and Superintendent (team of 8 training – possibly).

No further business appearing, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn, Jason Ledlie seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

*Win Harbison, Jr.*

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Secretary