

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees  
September 20, 2016**

A **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Education Building. School Trustees present were Willard Rother, President; Bil Kahanek, Vice President; Jason Ledlie; Mark Dube; and Win Harbison, Secretary.

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

Members of the public in attendance were: Freddie Wilson, Deb and Richard Grimmer, and Steve Johnson with Abel Electric.

**Public Comment/Open Forum**

None

**District Reports**

**Strategic/Long Range Planning Committee Report**

Mark Dube discussed potential growth coming to the district and the fact that this committee had voted to encourage the Board to begin acquiring land on which to begin building a high school.

**Principals' Report**

Paul Smith discussed project based learning (PBL) and how the teachers are being trained to put it into practice. He reported on the courses being offered for High School Credit: Algebra 1 Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC), English 1 World Geography, Ag 101, Band, Athletics/PE, Geometry English 2, Chemistry, World History, Speech Finance, Yearbook, Music Appreciation' Spanish, Microsoft Word. He also reported on the fact that the staff is trying to locate the school song. (Willard's wife should have that somewhere, as she wrote it.) The students have chosen a fight song which is sung to the tune of "On Wisconsin". He stated that the attendance at the first football game of the season had great attendance.

**Maintenance/Transportation Report**

Shaun Hernandez reported that the engineering specifications had been given to the contractor. The band hall is progressing. He also reported that we are currently seeking bids for new mulch under the playscape on the playground behind the cafeteria.

**Executive Session #1** – Willard Rother declared the board to be in recess in order to go into Executive Session at 7:18 PM.

**Back in Public Session** – Willard Rother called the board back into regular session at 7:30 PM.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Marchbanks presented the Title 1 Parent Survey results. She reported on the literature "Care Enough to Vote and Remember Texas Public Schools" provided by the Texas Rural Education Assn. She provided the board with McDade athletic posters which had been provided by the Elgin Courier. She also reported that at the October regular meeting, we will have an update from US Capital Advisors, Lewis Wilks, on funding for projects. Also, Noe Reyes present the quarter tax report.

#### **Board President's Report**

No president's report at this meeting.

**Executive Session #2** – Willard Rother declared the board to be in recess in order to go into Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

**Back in Public Session** - Willard Rother called the board back into regular session at 9:05 PM. No action was taken subsequent to the Executive Session.

#### **Consent Agenda Items**

Jason Ledlie moved to accept the Minutes of the August 16<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting as presented and the Called Meeting of August 30<sup>th</sup>: the August Financial Reports, and the Monthly Tax Office Report as presented. Win Harbison seconded and the motion **passed 5 – 0**.

#### **Action Items**

- Mrs. Marchbanks reported that as a result of the changes in Federal Overtime rules, Shaun Hernandez, Robin Johnson and Jana Muery would all be subject to the new rules. Accordingly, she proposed to raise each of their salaries to \$47,480 per year. This would eliminate the need to track and pay overtime for these individuals. Win Harbison moved to approve the salary changes as presented. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- Mark Dube moved to approve the budget amendment as provided. Bil Kahanek seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- A discussion was held concerning potential district growth based upon the report made by Mark Dube. After the discussion, Mark Dube moved to hold a Special Meeting on October 3, 2016 to discuss acquisition of property. Jason Ledlie seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- No action was taken related to the Auditors' Report as it was not presented at this meeting.
- Bil Kahanek moved to approve the letter and contract to engage Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott as the district's attorneys for Appeal and Audit Services. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- Jason Ledlie moved to accept the Accountability Summary 2016 as presented at the public hearing prior to this meeting. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- Mark Dube moved to select Win Harbison as the district's delegate to the Delegate Assembly at the TASA/TASB Annual Convention to be held in Houston this weekend. Bil Kahanek will be the alternate. Jason Ledlie seconded, and the motion **passed 5 – 0**.

**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, Win Harbison moved to Adjourn, Jason Ledlie seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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