

Minutes of the Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McDade Independent School District

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McDade Independent School District was held on ***Monday***, the 3rd day of October 2016 in the ***McDade Education Building*** on Brenham Street in McDade, Texas.

Board members present were Willard Rother, Pres.; Bil Kahanek, VP; Janet Brade; Mark Dube; Jill Smith-Mott (arrived 7:20 PM); Jason Ledlie; and Win Harbison, Sec.

Administration present was: Barbara Marchbanks, Superintendent; Paul Smith, High School Principal/Athletic Dir.; Scott Houston, Elementary School Principal; Cliff Spurlin, Technology Director; Shaun Hernandez, Maintenance/Facilities Director; Robin Johnson and Jana Muery, Administrators.

Also present were Officers Baker and Heath with the Texas DPS and Captain Cole with the Bastrop Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Call the meeting to order – Willard Rother called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to consider reports from the TASA/TASB annual convention, discuss the purchase of property for the district, and a Resolution for reimbursement of staff for bank fees charged.

1. Establish a quorum – 7 members
2. Public Comment/Open Forum – Shaun Hernandez introduced the members of law enforcement present and thanked them for the work they do for the district. He led them and the board in a discussion concerning how to make the transportation of students safer, especially on US 290 when picking them up and dropping them off each day. Also how to make the roads around the schools safer for our students during the day.

Each of the officers offered general suggestions. They even discussed using “stings” on US 290 (an officer rides on the bus while picking up or dropping off students and another officer is ahead of the bus. When a driver fails to stop for the bus while the “stop arm” is out, the car ahead is notified and the offending driver is stopped and ticketed). While this is often an effective effort in a larger community, most of the offenders in our area are drivers out of Houston driving through to Austin. Since they are not local, their “neighbors” are also not local, so the effect of word-of-mouth is negated. They did promise to work with us as much as possible to make their presence known and to offer whatever help they can provide as needed.

Action Items

- A. Barbara Marchbanks reported on the TASA/TASB convention. One of the training sessions she attended addressed Special Education students and the requirements for the use of cameras to protect both the students and the instructors. Bil Kahanek discussed sessions concerning planning and building for district growth. Win Harbison discussed the need for planning before introducing a bond election.

At 8:30 PM, Willard Rother declared the meeting recessed and called the board into an Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property for the District.

At 10:15 PM, the board was called back into Public Session for the continuation of the Action Items

- B. Mark Dube moved to make an offer Freddie Wilson and Deb Grimmer for the purchase of 18.43 acres of land across from the current district property. (This includes the small tract with the mobile home.) The offer would be as follows:
 1. \$299,000 for the original tracts offered.
 2. \$20,000 for lot #3 (lot with the mobile home).
 3. Less \$60,000 (our estimate for the cost of “asbestos abatement” for the siding and other areas where asbestos may be inside or outside of the house originally built in the early 1900’s.
 4. **The net offer would be \$259,000.**

5. This offer would also include a closing date after January 1, 2017 and would build in a time for the removal of the personal items still in the house and the removal of the mobile home on the separate lot.

After discussion, Jill Smith-Mott seconded the motion, it **passed 7 – 0**.

- C. Barbara Marchbanks reported on an issue with a recent payroll. Due to mis-communications with Progressive Bank, payroll direct deposits required the bank to “wire” the funds to the employees’ bank accounts in order to be timely. While our bank waived the wire fees, many of the employee’s banks did charge them a wire fee. She proposed the district should pay these fees. Win Harbison moved to approve this one time payment. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 7 – 0**.

No further business appearing, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn. Jason Ledlie seconded and the motion **passed 7 – 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 PM.

Win Harbison, Jr.

Secretary