

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees
April 18, 2017**

A **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:09 PM in the Education Building. School Trustees present were; Bil Kahanek, President; Mark Dube, VP; Willard Rother; Janet Brade; Jill Smith-Mott; and Win Harbison, Secretary.

Administrators present were Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks; Maintenance/Transportation Director Shaun Hernandez; Technology Director Cliff Spurlin and Administrative Assistants: Jana Muery, Robin Johnson, and Kristin Torcoletti. Also present were Karla Schultz Atty, with Walsh Gallegos, et al., the district's attorneys. Also, a number of members of the public were in attendance.

Swearing in of New Appointed Board Member

Garrett Kohler took the oath of office allowing him to fill the position vacated by Jason Ledlie. He will fill this position until the regular election to be held in November, 2018.

Public Comment/Open Forum

Three members of the public spoke to the board. Lisa Taylor addressed issues with the school which concerned her. Elizabeth Beverly discussed concerns about the loss of administration staff over the year and finances. Michelle Breehl spoke of her concerns with bullying occurring within the district. At the conclusion of these comments, Bil Kahanek reminded all of the fact that since their concerns were not on the agenda, the board could not address them during this meeting. He also reminded them of the chain of command for addressing concerns, before the board could address many of the matters addressed.

District Reports

Financial Report

Nick Brown with Educational Service Center 12 discussed the anticipated cash shortfall later this fiscal year. The cause is the estimated attendance numbers the Texas Education Agency was working with when they set their budget over a year ago. They did not have the high school enrollment and our increased numbers due to transfers. He provided cash flow charts showing when the shortfalls would occur and when TEA would get us caught up. Once TEA adds our actual attendance to their formulas, the district should be in a better cash situation.

Grant Reports

Barbara Marchbanks reported on a number of grant requests the District has made in the last few months and their status. Many are still awaiting the grantors to make their choices, but three have been awarded. The legislative High Quality Prekindergarten Grant program has awarded McDade two \$4,000 grants (\$4,000 for 2016-17 year and \$4,000 for 2017-18 year) to improve the quality standards for the Pre-K program. Also, the LCRA Community Development Partnership Program has awarded the District \$30,884 to replace the playscape on the playground. They will make the official announcement in a couple of weeks.

President's Report

Bil Kahanek reported on articles in the Star (magazine of the TASB). He encouraged the board members to read them as each one receives the magazine and it has timely information about board activities across the state.

Consent Agenda Items

Willard Rother moved to approve the Minutes of the March 21st Workshop meeting & Regular Board meeting and the March 30th called meeting, the March Financial Reports, Check Payments Report and the Monthly Tax () Report as presented. Janet Brade seconded and the motion **passed 7 – 0**.

Action Items

- A. No action was taken on the White House at this meeting
- B. Mark Dube moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. This amendment is to add \$30,000 to the budget so that the district can receive and spend the money being awarded by the LCRA. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 7 – 0**.
- C. Shaun Hernandez presented bids for playscapes from a number of companies who sell similar items. After reviewing the bids, Willard Rother moved to award the contract to Heartland Park & Recreation, LLC in the amount of \$39,518.29 (Note: some of the cost of installation may be reduced if volunteer labor is provided by the district). Jill Smith-Mott seconded and it **passed 7 – 0**.

Possible topics suggested for the next meeting were:

- Any of the items on the McDade Board of Trustees Planning Guide listed for May meetings.
- Property acquisition
- High School progress
- Budget
- Facilities / white house
- Technology 5 year plan
- Safety and security
- Evaluate pay scale for teacher
- TASB
- Operating procedures
- Layout for next year
- Establishing goals for the Board and Superintendent (team of 8 training – possibly).
- Strategic Planning Committee reports.
- Planning Guides
- How to get better participation from the public.
- Opinion Surveys – board related

Prior to adjournment, the board members introduced themselves to the audience members so that they would have a name with the faces on the board.

No further business appearing, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn. Garrett Kohler seconded and it **passed 7 – 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

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