

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees
May 9, 2017**

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; Garrett Kohler; 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 Torcoleti. Noe Reyes Atty., & Ellen Owens, Office Mgr., of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen PC. (delinquent tax attorneys for the district) were in attendance. Also present were 70+ members of the public.

Due to the large number of people in attendance, Bil Kahanek announced that the meeting would be moved into the Cafeteria in order to accommodate everyone.

Public Comment/Open Forum

Eleven members of the public addressed the board.

- Lacy Jewell expressed concern at the lack of experience of the proposed High School (HS) principal to be considered for hiring.
- Lisa Taylor spoke about concerns with some contract renewals, and the mixing of Middle School (MS) students with HS students.
- Emily Hathcock detailed some of her concerns with the Eleventh Grade to be added next year, primarily electives and class options available.
- Charlie Littleton discussed the principal selection process and the need for information on Graduation Tracks for the students.
- Travis Grissom stated that there needed to be more information available about HS credits available and the need for a plan to separate the HS from the MS.
- Ilona Kanak spoke to the need for teacher pay increases due to the increased cost of health insurance and the need for increased parent involvement.
- Elizabeth Beverly stated that as a parent, she did not feel welcome at the school.
- Jacelin Colosky said that many of the parents are highly educated and would be willing to help the district if they were notified of the needs.
- Earl Farris expressed concerns about the apparent rationing of copy paper for the year, need for money for teacher salaries and the need for Art History classes.
- Berenlee Palacios was concerned about the number of teachers leaving the district and the need for more electives in the HS and Advance Placement classes.
- Micah Shoemaker was concerned about the lack of principals this semester and need for information on graduation paths.

District Reports

Director Reports

1. **Patsy Reyna Henry (Elementary Interim Principal/Consultant)** addressed the board of the progress of the Elementary School. She described helping the teachers and students to complete this semester. She also thanked the parents who participated in feeding the staff one day this past month.
2. **Mary Kimmins (HS Interim Principal/Consultant)** introduced herself and discussed T-Test evaluation system being used and discussed upcoming events in the HS.
3. **Criss Wakefield (HS Interim Principal/Consultant)** introduced herself and discussed progress this semester. She also stated that Teacher Appreciation Week for the MS/HS was last week.

Delinquent Tax Report

Noe Reyes presented the delinquent tax report for the quarter. He explained the process of collecting delinquent taxes, and identified which taxes are currently collectable and which were deferred until sometime down the road.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Mark Dube spoke for the committee and identified the priorities identified by the committee:

- Buy Land
- Contract a Real Estate professional to assist with land acquisition
- Consider asking for an increase in tax rate next year of an additional 2 cents/\$100 valuation. These 2 pennies are considered "golden pennies" by the State. If we increase the taxes by this amount, for every dollar amount they bring in, the State will match with \$4.
- Develop a parking plan for staff and students with the addition of another grade this fall.

President's Report

Bil Kahanek stated that due to the length of this meeting and business to conduct, he would not have a report, tonight.

Consent Agenda Items

Willard Rother moved to approve the Minutes of the April 18th Workshop meeting & Regular Board meeting and the April 6th called meeting, the April Financial Reports, Check Payments Report and the Monthly Tax Office Report as presented. Win Harbison seconded and the motion **passed 6 – 0**.

Recess Bill Kahanek called a recess at 8:23 PM in order for the board members to introduce themselves to the members of the public in attendance.

Back into Open Session Bill Kahanek called the meeting back into open session at 8:29 PM.

Action Items

- A. Win Harbison moved to rescind the Motion of April 6th special meeting which authorized to contract with a demolition company to demolish the White House. (He was one of the members voting for the motion at that meeting.) Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**. Then, Win Harbison moved to authorize the administration to advertise for bids to acquire and move the building off the district property. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- B. Win Harbison moved to approve the proposed Interlocal TEC 44.0311(a) (4) agreement as presented. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- C. Win Harbison moved to accept the Strategic Planning recommendations and to authorize the administration to publish a Request for Proposal for a Real Estate Professional to assist the district in the acquisition of land. Mark Dube seconded and it passed 5 – 0 – 1. Janet Brade abstained due to having relatives in the business in the area.
- D. Barbara Marchbanks presented proposed policy related to accessibility to technology for students and staff with disabilities CQA (Local). Willard Rother moved to adopt the policy as presented. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- E. Willard Rother moved to approve contracts with Educational Service Center (ESC) 12 for business services; E-Rate issues; and Federal Programs assistance for the 2017-18 school year, and to approve contracts with ESC 13 for TEKS resource systems; TxEIS (state sponsored student data systems); TSDS Coop (PEIMS); Migrant Education; Title III SSA for ESL; Perkins CTE SSA; and internet access for the 2017-18 school year. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- F. Mark Dube moved to approve a copier contract with Konica-Minolta for the 2017-18 year as presented. Janet Brade seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- G. Janet Brade moved to adopt the 2017-18 lunch prices as presented. This is a slight increase over the current year. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- H. Win Harbison moved to accept the facilities map for 2017-18 as presented. This motion died for lack of a second. It will be reconsidered at a subsequent meeting.

- I. Win Habison moved to extend the district's contract with Prosperity Bank for an additional 2 years effective July 1, 2017. Willard Rother seconded and it **passed 5 – 0 – 1** (Mark Dube abstained due to a financial interest with another bank being considered).
- J. Willard Rother moved to approve the Summer School schedule for 2017 as presented. Garrett Kohler seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- K. After discussion concerning the requirements and payments from the State for Pre-Kindergarten (PK) students, Mark Dube moved to approve the following requirements for accepting PK students for 2017-18: district will accept only students whom the State will pay for, employee's children, and if a child was a PK student for 2016-17 year even if State will not pay for him. (3 yr old PK moving into 4 yr old PK only) Garrett Kohler seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- L. Win Harbison moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Willard Rother seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- M. Bil Kahanek moved to rescind the annual \$1.00 tuition fee currently being charged transfer students. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.

Recess for Executive Session Bil Kahanek called a recess to go into Executive Session at 9:48 PM.

Back in Open Session Bil Kahanek called the meeting back into Open Session at 11:02 PM.

- N. Mark Dube moved to award One Year Probationary contracts
 - a. Jessica Purvis – PK4
 - b. Carol Shown – 3rd Grade Math/Science
 - c. Lorena Chandler – Kindergarten
 - d. Amanda Hankemeier – 3rd Grade ELA/SS
 - e. Rosalee Hopkins – 4th Grade Math/Science
 - f. Barbara Birnbaum – 5th Grade ELA/SS
 - g. Jennifer Davis – 6th Grade ELA/SS
 - h. Jaime Garcia – 7th-11th Math
 - i. Eric Schatte – Ag/Assistant Coach
- O. And One Year Term contracts
 - a. Amy Noack – Kindergarten
 - b. Jeanette Williams - - PK3
 - c. Tamela Cambell – Elementary Art/PE
 - d. Ilona Kanak – PK4
 - e. Angie Fisher – 1st Grade
 - f. Pollye Hofstedt – 504 Coordinator and Dyslexia Therapist
 - g. Gina Sanders – Instructional Specialist/District Testing Coordinator
 - h. Lacy Jewell – 7th-11th Science
 - i. Lisa Newsom – 2nd Grade
 - j. Laurey Wolf – Librarian
 - k. Delaine Durham – 1st Grade
 - l. Jane Davis – 2nd Grade
 - m. Sabrina Thomas – Elementary Special Ed Inclusion Teacher

Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**. Then Mark Dube moved to offer a one year elementary principal contract to Francis Williams for the 2017-18 school year. Janet Brade seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.

Possible topics suggested for the next meeting were:

- Any of the items on the McDade Board of Trustees Planning Guide listed for June meetings.
- Property acquisition
- High School progress
- Budget
- Facilities / white house
- Technology 5 year plan

- Safety and security.
- 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 and public comment suggestions
- TASB items.

No further business appearing, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn. Willard Rother seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 PM.

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Secretary