

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees  
February 21, 2017**

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; Bil Kahaneck, President; Willard Rother; Janet Brade; and Win Harbison, Secretary.

Administrators present were Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks; High School Principal/Athletics Director Paul Smith; Maintenance/Transportation Director Shaun Hernandez; Technology Director Cliff Spurlin and Administrative Assistants: Jana Muery and Robin Johnson. Eric Schatte, Ag Teacher, was also present.

Members of the public in attendance were:

- Elizabeth Beverly who spoke in favor of the High School utilizing block schedules as it provides more concentrated time spent on each subject.
- Fred Wilson, Deborah and Richard Grimmer to discuss the potential sale of land to the district.
- Dale and Brandon Rabe of Architects Rabe + Partners of Austin to discuss how they could help the district with planning for a bond election when that time arrived.
- Noe Reyes of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, PC, Attorneys to present the Oct-Dec quarterly delinquent tax collections report.

**Public Comment/Open Forum** – Elizabeth Beverly proposed that the High School consider block scheduling for the 2017-18 year.

### **District Reports**

#### **Informational Report – Planning for Building in the future**

Dale Rabe and Brandon Rabe made a presentation as to the basic steps a district would take when planning to build additional buildings for the district in the future. They presented their qualifications and experiences in helping district within Texas.

#### **Delinquent Tax Report**

Noe Reyes presented the quarterly Delinquent Tax Report for the District. Overall, the collections in the non-deferred area are going well.

#### **Principals' Report**

Paul Smith reported on the High School enrollment and attendance for this period. We currently have 78 middle school and high school students. Benchmark testing has taken place, and the staff will be determining who needs additional help and how to get it for them. Basketball season is complete. The JV teams were winless for this first season. The Jr High girls were 5-5 and the boys were 4-6 for the season. Mr. Schatte reported on the FFA show in Elgin. The FFA students have been active and have held their own in competitions.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Barbara Marchbanks discussed a number of topics. She provided comparisons of funding at McDade with small districts in the area. Our tax base is less than the others. She also discussed the cash flow projections they have been working on for the remainder of the year. Things will still be tight, but still appear workable. She also discussed district attendance rates for the year, and how that will help funding overall.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

Willard Rother moved to approve the Minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting as amended, the January Financial Reports, Check Payments Report and the Monthly Tax Office Report as presented. Janet Brade seconded and the motion **passed 4 – 0**.

### **Recess and Executive Session**

At 8:20 PM, the President recessed the open meeting and called the board into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the potential acquisition of property for the district.

### **Back in Open Session**

At 9:00 PM, the President declared the board back in Open Session.

### **Action Items**

- A. Willard Rother moved to approve the Resolution for Teacher/Aide Days Off for Tutorials as presented. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 4 – 0**.
- B. Win Harbison moved to approve Policy Update 107 as presented by TASB. Janet Brade seconded and it **passed 4 – 0**.
- C. Willard Rother moved to authorize the additional expenditure of funds to purchase more paper for the staff to use for the remainder of the year. Win Harbison seconded and the motion **passed 4 – 0**.
- D. Mrs. Marchbanks requested authorization to expend the funds allocated for the Elementary Principal position for the remainder of the year for consultants to assist with operations of the school. Win Harbison moved to approve the expenditure as presented. Bil KahaneK seconded and it **passed 4 – 0**.
- E. Janet Brade moved to approve the addition of April F. Kuck as an Adjunct Faculty Member for Agricultural activities such as FFA and 4-H as requested by Rachel Bauer, Bastrop County Extension Agent. Win Harbison seconded, and it **passed 4 – 0**.
- F. Win Harbison moved to move the May 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to May 9<sup>th</sup> in order to comply with Teacher Contract schedules. Willard Rother seconded, and it **passed 4 – 0**.
- G. Willard Rother moved to approve the Personnel Record Management Policy as presented. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 4 – 0**.
- H. After discussion in the Executive Session, Mrs. Marchbanks was asked to discuss proposed land purchase issues with the district's attorneys.
- I. A discussion was held concerning replacing the vacant board member position. A workshop will be held at 6:00 PM on March 21, 2017, prior to the Regular Meeting of the board.

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

- Any of the items on the McDade Board of Trustees Planning Guide listed for February meetings.
- Issues related to incorporating McDade
- Schedule for filling the vacant trustee position and how to proceed
- Property acquisition
- High School progress
- Budget projections
- Facility plan
- Technology 5 year plan
- Safety and security.
- Establishing goals for the Board and Superintendent (team of 8 training – possibly).
- Strategic Planning Committee reports.
- Calendar for 2017-2018 year.

No further business appearing, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 4 – 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.

*Win Harbison, Jr.*

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Secretary