

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees  
February 16, 2016**

A **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:06 PM in the Education Building. School Trustees present were Willard Rother, President; Bil Kahanek, Vice President; Mark Dube; Janet Brade; Jill Smith-Mott; Jason Ledlie and Win Harbison, Secretary.

Administrators present were Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks; Principal Deanna Olson; Assistant Principal/AD Paul Smith; Maintenance/Facilities Director Shaun Hernandez; Counselor Marshann Hayes; Technology Director Cliff Spurlin; and Administrative Assistant Jana Muery.

**Public Comment/Open Forum**

Lacey Jewell spoke supporting the opening of the new High School in the fall.

A presentation for the organization Ideal Impact was made. They will "audit" the district's utility bills for the past year or so; analyze the HVAC units and the lighting being used in the district. Subsequently, they will propose solutions to reduce the overall utility bills to the point that the district can make improvements necessary to cutting these bills and the cost of doing so, will be paid for with the savings to the utility bills.

**District Reports**

**Campus Report**

Mrs. Olson reported on enrollment as of February 16. She discussed the student activities of the prior month. She also reported on upcoming events and activities.

**High School Report**

Barbara Marchbanks and Marshann Hayes reported on the progress of the High School. Marshann presented the McDade High School 2016-17 Course Catalogue (still a work-in-progress) which includes the GPA calculation methods, the Course Selections and Endorsements being offered for the first year. They will be STEM (science, Technology, Engineering and Math); Business and Industry; and Multidisciplinary. She also reported on the progress of offering Dual Credit courses in the High School.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Marchbanks reported on her activities for the past month. She discussed plans for meetings with parents and students interested in the new High School.

**Board President's Report**

Mr. Rother planned to report on the progress of a lawsuit between the Bastrop County Appraisal District and Energy Partners (electrical providers in the county) where they are alleging that their equipment appraisals have been extremely high, and therefore, the taxing entities have over-collected taxes related to the appraisals. Unfortunately, the information he had been expecting from the attorneys, did not arrive in time for the meeting.

**Consent Agenda Items**

After a short discussion of the check payments, Jason Ledlie moved to approve the Consent Items (Minutes of Jan 19 regular and Feb 2 called meetings, Financial Report and Check Payments as presented. Jill Smith-Mott seconded and it **passed 7 - 0**.

**Action Items**

- A. Jason Ledlie moved to approve the correspondence with the Tax Attorney as submitted. Jill Smith-Mott seconded and the motion **passed 7 - 0**.

- B. Jason Ledlie moved to approve the 2016-17 High School GPA Calculation and Course Selections as presented in the Superintendents Report. Win Harbison seconded and the motion **passed 7 – 0**. (Note: the Endorsements for 2016-17 were approved at the January regular Board Meeting.)
- C. After discussion related to the March and April Board Meetings, Win Harbison moved to reschedule the March Board Meeting to March 8, 2016 and the April Board Meeting to April 12, 2016. Mark Dube seconded and the motion **passed 7 - 0**.
- D. A discussion took place concerning whether or not to continue charging a transfer fee (tuition) for students from outside of the McDade District should be continued. With the introduction of the High School and the desire for transfers to fill seats, it was determined that a fee of \$1 per semester ~~year~~ would be charged for transfers. This would keep McDade competitive with surrounding districts and still allow the district to have some control over incoming transfers. Bil KahaneK moved to approve the \$1 per semester/student transfer fee for the 2016-17 school year. Mark Dube seconded and the **motion passed 7 - 0**.
- E. After a discussion considering transportation for transfer students, Win Harbison moved to authorize the administration to identify potential pick-up locations (one in Elgin, and one in Paige areas) and negotiate with the owners of the property to establish pick-up locations if needed. Jason Ledlie seconded, and the motion **passed 7 – 0**.
- F. General discussion of school safety did not produce any matter in which board action was necessary.
- G. The Texas Comptroller's "Travel Reimbursement Rates" were provided for Board Approval. Win Harbison moved to have McDade ISD Travel Reimbursement Rates follow the Rates approved by the State Comptroller each year. Mark Dube seconded, and the motion **passed 7 – 0**.

#### **Recess to Executive Session**

At 8:35 PM, the Board recessed and called itself into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

#### **Back into Open Session**

At 8:40 PM, the Board called itself back into Open Session.

Win Harbison moved to change the title of Paul Smith (Assistant Principal and Athletic Director) for the 2016-17 School Year to High School Principal/Athletic Director. Mark Dube 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 March meetings.
- High School Progress
- Facility plan
- Safety and security.
- Teacher Presentation.
- Discussion related to Delinquent Tax Collections law firm.
- Marketing.
- Consider Ideal Impact report

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

*Win Harbison, Jr.*

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Secretary