

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees
April 12, 2016**

A **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:03 PM in the Education Building. School Trustees present were Willard Rother, President; Bil Kahanek, Vice President; Mark Dube; Janet Brade; Jill Smith-Mott and Win Harbison, Secretary.

Administrators present were Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks; Principal Deanna Olson; Assistant Principal (& High School Principal)/AD Paul Smith; Maintenance/Facilities Director Shaun Hernandez; Technology Director Cliff Spurlin; and Administrator Jana Muery.

Also present were Noe Reyes and Ellen Owens with the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. (District's delinquent tax attorneys) and Robert Howard with Ideal Impact, Inc.

A quorum being present, Willard Rother asked those in attendance to begin with a moment of silence in memory of the recent death of Henry Grimes, a lifelong citizen of McDade and a friend of the District over the years.

Public Comment/Open Forum
None

Agenda Item 6 A addressed first

Willard Rother then asked to consider agenda Item 6 A first, in order to allow the attorneys to leave if needed. Noe Reyes reported that he had no issues with the Delinquent Tax Collection contract as presented. At that point, Win Harbison moved to approve the contract as presented. Mark Dube seconded, and it **passed 6 – 0**.

Presentation for Ideal Impact, Inc.

Robert Howard returned to report the results of his company's analysis of the District's utility bills and the typical usage of the HVAC and lighting systems. He reported that his company could help reduce our utility bills by around \$11,000 – 14,000 each year by utilizing Ideal's system and equipment. The cost would be approximately \$44,000 which would effectively be paid off in 4 years through the savings. The company would guarantee a minimum savings during the 4 year period or they will pay us the difference. After a period of questions and discussion with the presenter, the board determined that they would like at least a month to review the information and check with current and former customers of the company before making any decisions.

Technology Director Presentation

Cliff Spurlin made a quick demonstration of the Promethean Board being used for the first time at a Board Meeting. The board is a large smart screen which has really neat options. It works like a typical touch screen but is designed to be used in large group settings so everyone can see what is going on. We purchased 6 of these boards for use within various classrooms as needed. He also demonstrated an application he was developing for use in the district which allows the teachers and administration to be able to know which students are on campus (and a photo of each) in the event of an emergency so that authorities could be notified if needed.

Recess to go into Executive Session 8:10 PM

Subsequent to the Technology presentation, Willard Rother called the meeting into recess in order for the board to go into an Executive Session for the annual evaluation of the Superintendent.

Back in Open Session 9:40 PM

Willard Rother called the meeting back into open session.

District Reports

Transportation Director Maintenance Director Report

Shaun Hernandez reported that with the addition of a High School and the related sports and extracurricular activities, the District was in need of additional buses. He discussed the prices of new buses and his search for refurbished used buses. He recommended that the board approve the purchase of three (3) refurbished buses from National Bus Sales of Tulsa Oklahoma. The buses would be:

“Three (3) 2012 IC IE, Maxxforce 7 Engine, Air Brakes, 77 passenger, Allison Transmission, 200 Amp Alternator, Plywood Subfloor, Tinted Windows, Back UP Alarm, Tilt Steering Column, Child Check Monitor, Noise Suppression Switch Full Length Acoustic Headliner, Heated Mirrors, AM/FM/CD Radio with PA System, Four (4) Pop Outs, Two (2) Roof Hatches, Cruise Control, Tilt Steering Column, 100 Gallon Fuel Tank, 84,000 BTU Rear Heater, Front and Rear Two Hooks, Strobe Light, Front Crossing Gate, Air Operated Stop Arm, 11R22.5 Tires. Mileage Range 45,000-48,000.”

The price for each bus would be:

FOB Tulsa	\$57,500 (each)
Delivery	\$500 (each)
Total	\$58,000 (each)
3 Bus total.....	\$174,000

The district can finance the buses through Government Capital Corporation. The finance structure would be a Public Property Finance Contract issued under Local Government Code Section 271.005. Government Capital would finance \$174,000 for the 3 buses with the terms for 5 annual payments at an interest rate of 3.125 (true interest cost). The first payment of \$37,904.73 would be due in March, 2017 with 4 annual payments thereafter. After discussion, Mark Dube moved to approve the purchase through National Bus Sales and financing through Government Capital Corporation as presented. Jill Smith-Mott seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.

Campus Report

Mrs. Olson reported on enrollment as of April 12 (243 students). She addressed the student activities of the prior month. She also reported on upcoming events and activities. The teachers are devoting more time to tutorials in order to help students needing additional help preparing for the STAAR tests. An attendance contest is being planned to help improve attendance.

High School Report

Paul Smith reported on the progress of the High School. He also presented the board with a “bottom line” amount of funding needed from this year’s budget (15-16) to be able to open the High School in the fall. The amount was \$31,927.68. This includes \$10,300 to resurface the gym floor, uniforms for the athletic teams, science lab supplies and related academic items.

Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Marchbanks reported on incoming transfers this year (28) and transfers accepted for 2016-17 (48) as well as the requirements for the transferring students. She also reported that we will need to treat the Blaschke Building for termites and we have a hive of bees in one of the trees on campus. A bee group out of Austin has been contacted about moving them.

Board President’s Report

Mr. Rother discussed 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. The Appraisal District’s attorney is working with Grimes County with a similar lawsuit to keep the costs down as Energy Partners has not agreed to a settlement.

Consent Agenda Items

After a short discussion of the minutes, Bil Kahanek moved to approve the Consent Items (Minutes of March 8 regular meeting and March 21 called meeting (as amended), Financial Report, Tax Office Report and Check Payments as presented. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.

Action Items

- A. See detail above related to action on District Delinquency Tax Attorney contract.
- B. Janet Brade moved to adopt the 2016-17 School Calendar as presented. Win Harbison seconded and the motion **passed 6 – 0**.
- C. After discussion related to the costs presented for opening the High School, Mark Dube moved to approve the expenses of \$31,927.68 as presented by administration earlier and to approve the requisite budget amendment to support these changes. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.
- D. Win Harbison moved to approve the TASB Update 104 as presented in the board packets. Mark Dube seconded and the **motion passed 6 - 0**.
- E. No action was taken this month on teacher contracts for 2016-17.
- F. Bil Kahanek moved to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year. This will extend her contract through June 30, 2019, and to set the salary rate at \$91,000 per year. Mark Dube seconded and the motion **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 April meetings.
- High School Progress
- Facility plan
- Safety and security.
- Teacher Presentation.
- Marketing.
- Organization chart.
- Consider Ideal Impact report
- Look at new teacher training and preparation.
- Establishing goals for the Board and Superintendent (team of 8 training – possibly).

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

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Secretary