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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees  
September 15, 2015**

A **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:06 P.M., in the Education Building. School Trustees present were Willard Rother, President; Bil Kahaneck, VP; Mark Dube; Janet Brade; and Win Harbison, Secretary.

Administrators present were Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks, Principal Deanna Olson, Counselor Marshann Hayes, Band Director Nora Mosby and Assistant Principal Paul Smith.

**Public Comment/Open Forum**

Mr. Noe Reyes, Mr. Matthew Tabor and Ms. Ellen Owens of the firm McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C. Attorneys at Law made a presentation to the board concerning the work they do/have done for the District in the area of delinquent tax collections. They indicated that they had a contract with the Bastrop Appraisal District to collect delinquent taxes for all of the taxing entities in the county, and that it extends through August, 2016. They stated that their firm prepares the Monthly Tax Office Report provided by the tax collector to us each month. Mr. Reyes stated that they have done a good job collecting delinquent taxes since they were hired in 2002 to be the only delinquent tax attorneys for the county working in the county courthouse.

**District Reports**

**Teacher Reports**

Nora Mosby reported on various grant applications that have been made, in particular a \$100,000 grant through Bluebonnet Electric Coop to assist in building a band hall. A number of other applications have been submitted to various agencies/organizations or are in process. We should hear back from the various funders in a few weeks.

Marshann Hayes reported to the board on the schedule of tasks necessary to be completed in order to open the high school next fall. She provided a list of items and timelines for completing them. She reported that she would be updating the list and reporting from time-to-time on the progress.

**Call Board into Executive Session** – At 7:56 P.M. the board recessed the open meeting, and called itself into a closed Executive Session in order to discuss legal matters that had presented themselves over the past month. At 9:35 P.M. the board adjourned the Executive Session.

Back into open session at 9:35 P.M., the board called itself back in open session to complete the business on the agenda.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Marchbanks provided a one page poster describing the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and what both the teachers and the students are to do in situations where it is necessary to Lockdown the School, Lockout outsiders, Evacuate the school, or to Shelter in place. She also discussed a graph provided analyzing the Budgeted Expenditures for the 2015-16 school year. It gave a better perspective of the various costs in relation to the total expected expenditures.

**Campus Report**

Mrs. Olson reported on that as of September 15<sup>th</sup>, enrollment was at 225 students. She discussed the results of the survey taken at the Open House. Overall, the parents who completed the survey are satisfied with the school at this time. She indicated that she would be polling parents and students off and on during the year to see if the results change. She reported that we had over 60 grandparents in attendance at the Grandparents Day Luncheon. She also identified upcoming events in the next month.

## Board President's Report

Mr. Rother reported on his attendance at the Watermelon Festival committee meeting which was held in the last couple of weeks. The Watermelon Board approved letting the district use their large building as a band hall if necessary. He also reported that Ms. Mosby was currently using one of the larger classrooms in the Gym building, utilizing acoustical tiles and dividing the whole band into two groups, the noise issue was mitigated for the time being. While we might want to take up the Watermelon committee's offer of their building at some time in the future, the current situation was working well. He also reported that 5 McDade Board members had attended the legislative update session in LaGrange last week.

## Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2015 and the Special Meeting of August 5, 2015 were discussed and corrected. After a short discussion of the check payments, Bil Kahanek moved to approve the Minutes as amended and the remaining consent items: Financial Report, Check Payments and Monthly Tax Office Report as presented. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.

## Action Items

- A. School Safety – the only business was the report by the Superintendent made in her monthly report. No further action was taken at this meeting.
- B. High School – no additional action was taken other than the report given earlier by Marshann Hayes.
- C. Janet Brade moved to approve the Texas A&M Agrilife Adjunct Faculty Agreement, Adjunct Faculty Appointment, and Resolution regarding Extracurricular Status of 4-H Organization as presented. This allows McDade Students participating in 4-h activities and livestock shows to acquire class credit for the time in these activities during the school year. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 5-0**.
- D. Janet Brade moved to accept the Parent Involvement Plan as presented for the current school year. Win Harbison seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.
- E. No action was taken related to the Gifted and Talented plan.
- F. No action was taken at this meeting related to the Delinquent Tax Collections report presented by McCreary, Veselka, Bragg et al earlier in the meeting.
- G. Janet Brade moved to authorize the Superintendent to provide pertinent contract information to the district's attorneys, Walsh, Gallegos Law Firm. Mark Dube seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.

## Possible topics suggested for the next meeting were:

- Any of the items on the McDade Board of Trustees Planning Guide listed for October meetings.
- High School and Separate meeting dates for detailed updates on the progress being made in preparation for the High School.
- Safety and security.
- Teacher Presentation.
- Bus driver issues.
- TASB Convention reports.

No further business appearing, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn, Bil Kahanek seconded and it **passed 5 – 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

*Win Harbison, Jr.*

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Secretary