

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees  
November 17, 2015**

A **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:00 P.M., in the Education Building. School Trustees present were Willard Rother, President; Mark Dube; Jill Smith-Mott; Janet Brade; Jason Ledlie; and Win Harbison, Secretary.

Administrators present were Superintendent Barbara Marchbanks; Principal Deanna Olson; Assistant Principal Paul Smith; Teacher Samantha Hernandez; Facilities Director Shaun Hernandez and Administrator Jana Muery.

**Public Comment/Open Forum**

None

**District Reports**

**Teacher Reports**

Samantha Hernandez and a number of students demonstrated how they work with Chrome Books in the classroom.

**Campus Report**

Mrs. Olson reported on that as of November 17<sup>th</sup>, enrollment was 226 students. She discussed the student activities of the prior month. This included the Veteran's Day program with 38 visitors and Band, Choir, Boy Scouts and Student Council students assisting. The teachers' Garage Sale earned over \$1,200 which will be used to help families in need during the holidays in conjunction with a local church. The Student Council led a food drive and collected approximately 130 items to be donated to the McDade food pantry. She reported that a Fire Drill held in November was focused on finding new escape routes when the usual route was blocked. The campus was locked down one day due to an apparent hunter shooting within hearing of the school until the Sheriff's department contacted and the situation resolved. Also, one of the buses was rear-ended which prompted the staff to review notification procedures, procedures for the drivers, and how to handle issues caused by news reports before the school can notify parents. Mrs. Olson reported on a number of donations received by the district from various sources within and outside of the district. She also identified upcoming events in the next month.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Marchbanks reported that a Vaccination Clinic would be held on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> for students, parents, and community members. She presented an updated McDade ISD Staff List and discussed the next steps toward a High School in the fall. She also discussed the bus accident on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> in which the bus was rear-ended but only caused a minor dent on the back bumper of the bus. Although there were 27 students on the bus, there were no injuries.

**Board President's Report**

Mr. Rother reported to the board that the "fire lawsuit" we were asked to participate in with other county entities, resulted in only a \$5,000 - \$6,000 loss in district valuation related to the McDade ISD, which would actually impact the tax amounts by a couple hundred dollars.

**Consent Agenda Items**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015 were discussed and amended. After a short discussion of the check payments, Win Harbison moved to approve the minutes as amended and the remaining consent items: Financial Report, Check Payments and Monthly Tax Office Report as presented. Jason Ledlie seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.

## Action Items

- A. Mark Dube moved to table the decision of hiring a law firm for delinquent tax collections until the January meeting so that the board would have time to discuss the issue with other county officials and those involved with the process. Win Harbison seconded and the motion to table **passed 6 - 0**.
- B. A short discussion concerning the "Bastrop Complex Fire Case" lawsuit and then Jason Ledlie moved to "respectfully decline" to participate due to the minimal impact on the McDade ISD. Jill Smith-Mott seconded and the motion **passed 6 - 0**.
- C. Shaun Hernandez identified a number of areas where either safety issues needed to be resolved, or repairs were needed around the campus. These included additional fire alarms, replacing hollow doors in some buildings with more solid doors, and the need for roof and gutter repairs as well as other items in need of repairs or replacement. Mark Dube moved to authorize the repairs which would cost less than \$12,000. Jason Ledlie seconded, and the motion **passed 6 - 0**.
- D. Mrs. Marchbanks discussed the Employee Salary Schedule and addressed the issue of high electric bills. This was information only, and no action was taken.
- E. No action was taken in the area of School Safety at this meeting.
- F. Although a report was made concerning the steps being taken to prepare for the High School in the fall, no action was necessary on the part of the board.
- G. Win Harbison moved to approve the TASB Update 103 and related legal updates as presented. 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 December meetings.
- High School Progress
- Safety and security.
- Teacher Presentation.
- Discussion related to hiring a Delinquent Tax Collections law firm.

No further business appearing, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn, Jason Ledlie seconded and it **passed 6 - 0**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

*Win Harbison, Jr.*

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Secretary