

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees
January 19, 2015**

A **Regular Meeting** of the trustees of the McDade Independent School District was called to order at 7:10 PM in the Education Building. School Trustees present were Willard Rother, President; Bil Kahanek, Vice President; Mark Dube; Janet Brade; and Win Harbison, Secretary. Member Jill Smith-Mott arrived at 8:00 PM.

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

Public Comment/Open Forum

None

Mrs. Marchbanks and staff thanked the Board Members as a group for their service to the community. A presentation of thank you's from the Middle School Students was provided via one of the Chromebooks recently acquired for the students. It was eye-opening. Other thank you's were provided along the more traditional posters and nice plants to each board member.

Independent Auditor's Report

Preston Singleton of Singleton, Clark & Co, PC our CPA firm reported on the annual audit for the year ended August 31, 2015. The report was an unqualified report (clean audit). He identified two areas where procedures should be improved for better asset protection. He also reported that the recommendations made, had already been implemented by the administration.

District Reports

Teacher Reports

Jeanette Williams reported on a typical day in the life of a PK-3 student. She reported that a number of her students had already met or exceeded many of the learning goals for the year:

- All are able to count to 10
- All are able to count objects to 5
- ½ are able to recognize numerals 0-9 immediately, rest are still learning
- ¾ can identify specific colors and basic shapes
- ¼ have a command of alphabet identification

They are continuing to work on their objectives. They are adapting to the technology for their grade level.

Technology Report

Cliff Spurlin reported on the progress of various projects. The Chromebooks have been installed. Google training has been provided for the staff (Basics and Advanced). He has installed an antivirus program which is current and free to education. More hardware has been updated and additional software provided and updated.

Athletic Report

Paul Smith reported on the basketball and volleyball programs as well as an estimate of the costs to begin a high school sports program next fall. The cost for football and volleyball uniforms and equipment will begin around \$11,000.

Campus Report

Mrs. Olson reported on that as of January 19th, enrollment was 241 students. She discussed the student activities of the prior month. She reported that the benchmarking of student progress is underway and the

second benchmarks will be done at the end of February/first of March. She also reported on upcoming events and announced the next "Principal's coffee" will be Jan. 26th from 8:00-9:00 AM and will focus on school safety.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Marchbanks reported on her activities for the past month. She discussed plans for advertising the high school for the next couple of months and meetings for a parent/student informational session in order to acquaint the interested parties of the need to register for the high school as soon as possible so that a good estimate of the number of students to expect for the opening next fall. This discussion also included in the planned endorsements we will be providing going forward.

Shaun Hernandez reported on the progress of the repairs in the works. He reported that as expected, he has just about spent the money allocated for these repairs. Any additional projects will need additional money allocated for them. He also reported that one of the AC units in the gym needs a compressor and other repairs to bring it back up to good order. The estimate for this repair is a minimum of \$6,000.

Board President's Report

Mr. Rother reported to the board 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. McDade's share of the cost could be in excess of \$4,000 if no settlement can be reached.

Consent Agenda Items

After a short discussion of the check payments, Win Harbison moved to approve the Consent Items (Minutes, Financial Report and Check Payments as presented. Jill Smith-Mott seconded and it **passed 6 – 0**.

Action Items

- A. Mark Dube moved to accept the Annual Audit as submitted. Bil KahaneK seconded and the motion **passed 6 - 0**.
- B. Mark Dube moved to approve the 2016-17 High School Endorsements (STEM, Business & Industry and Multi-Disciplinary) as presented in the Superintendents Report. Win Harbison seconded and the motion **passed 6 – 0**.
- C. A proposal to change the 2015-16 School Calendar by changing the last day of class from June 4 to May 26, 2016. Thus, shortening the class days by 4. This change is due to the fact that we changed the start of classes each day by 15 minutes earlier this year and the calculation of instructional time is based upon minutes of training and not days. This allows for the same instructional time in 4 fewer days. Mark Dube moved to approve the change, Jill Smith-Mott seconded and the motion **passed 6 - 0**.
- D. Mark Dube moved to approve the changes presented by the TASB Legal Review which changed the wording of some local policies which were unintentionally identified as retroactive, when state law does not allow for retroactivity in that area. Win Harbison seconded, and the motion **passed 6 – 0**.
- E. General discussion of school safety did not produce any matter in which board action was necessary.

Prior to Adjournment, Mark Dube requested that a closed meeting be scheduled between the board and Carla Schultz, the District's general council to discuss the delinquent tax collection attorneys' roll with the district. He also requested that subsequent to that meeting, a separate closed meeting between the Board and the District's delinquent tax collection attorneys be scheduled. A tentative date of Feb. 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM was set for the first meeting. The second meeting will be set subsequent to the first.

Possible topics suggested for the next meeting were:

- Any of the items on the McDade Board of Trustees Planning Guide listed for February meetings.
- High School Progress
- Facility plan

- Safety and security.
- Teacher Presentation.
- Discussion related to Delinquent Tax Collections law firm.
- Marketing.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

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Secretary

Minutes of the Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McDade Independent School District

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McDade Independent School District was held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February 2016 in the McDade Education Building on Brenham Street in McDade, Texas.

Board members present were Willard Rother, Pres.; Bil Kahaneck, VP; Janet Brade; Jason Ledlie; Jill Smith-Mott; Mark Dube; and Win Harbison, Sec.

Administration present was: Barbara Marchbanks, Superintendent and Jana Muery, Administrative Assistant. Also present was Carla Schultz, one of the district's attorneys with the firm Walsh, Gallegos, et al.

Call the meeting to order – Willard Rother called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to Consider Budget Amendments and consult with the district's attorney.

1. Establish a quorum – 7 members
2. Public Comment/Open Forum – None

Action Items

After a brief discussion related to the budget, Win Harbison moved to accept the budget amendments as presented. Mark Dube seconded and the motion **passed 7 – 0**.

Closed Session

At 7:25 PM, President Rother declared the open meeting in recess and called the meeting into Executive Session in order to deliberate with its attorney, Carla Shultz.

Back in Open Session

At 8:03 PM, the Board called itself back in Open Session.

No action was taken subsequent to the Executive Session.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Win Harbison, Jr.

Secretary