

**Regular Meeting
McDade I.S.D. Board of Trustees
March 23, 2010**

The regular meeting of McDade Independent School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:08 p.m., in the Education Building. Present were Willard Rother, President; Bil Kahaneck, VP; Jason Ledlie; Janet Brade; and Win Harbison, Secretary. Wayne Skubiata arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Administrators present were Superintendent Bill Kelly; Principal Wayland Cooksey; and Sharon Lippe, Business Manager.

No one was in the room wishing to make public comments.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kelly reported that a vehicle almost ran into the back of one of our buses on US 290 a few days ago. The cause was visibility and the fact that the speed limit in the area is 65 mph. Although signs are up on the highway, they are not always heeded. With the help of the county, an area was identified where the bus could pull off the highway, pick up the students, and turn around. This seems to be a workable solution which should help avoid accidents.

He also mentioned the fact that the district has 4 buses and we should begin considering replacing the oldest one (1991 model) in the fleet.

He reported that a water leak was discovered between Blaschke Hall and the Education Building. The break was in one of the old iron pipes. He suggested that we should consider replacing the old pipes in the near future.

The Department of Agriculture completed a Coordinated Review Effort for our food service department. The report congratulated our child nutrition department for achieving an excellent review rating.

He reported that at a recent Region 13 Superintendent's meeting, Texas school finance and the upcoming legislative session were discussed. The state's revenues are down and a Select Committee on Public School Finance will be meeting to begin planning for school finance issues facing the 2111 legislative session.

Finally, during Spring Break, the custodial staff worked on maintenance issues and on pest proofing the buildings.

Campus Report

Mr. Cooksey reported on enrollment (186 as of 3/23/10 with a refined ADA of 176.55) and the various activities occurring during the month. Also, he indicated that the administration was looking at usage of the nurse's office and they would continue to research this usage, as to how many students and how frequent it was being used.

He reported that the committee selecting textbooks had chosen the following English Language Arts texts for the school.

- Kindergarten & 1st Grade – Macmillian/McGraw-Hill's *Texas Treasures*
- 2nd – 5th Grade – Pearson/Scott Foresman's *Reading Street*
- 6th – 8th Grade – Pearson/Prentice Hall's .

These texts were selected based goals and objectives of the teachers for their classes.

Consent Agenda Items

The following items were considered with limited discussion. Information was in the members packets with the other agenda items:

- A. Minutes of the February 16, 2010 regular meeting as corrected.
- B. Financial report for February, 2010.
- C. Check payments report for February, 2010.
- D. Monthly Tax Office Report for February, 2010.

Win Harbison moved to approve the minutes as corrected and the reports as presented. Wayne Skubiata seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Action Items

- A. Jason Ledlie moved to approve the English Language Arts textbooks as recommended by Mr. Cooksey in the Campus Report. Janet Brade seconded and the motion passed 6 – 0.
- B. Each board member was presented with a ballot to vote for their choice of candidates for the Region XIII Board of Directors – Place 6. After checking their preferred candidate, the ballots were turned in and will be mailed to Region XIII.
- C. Mr. Kelly requested the board to approve a class size waiver for the 4th grade. The waiver will allow for one teacher to teach a class of 23 students. This will avoid the district from having to hire a new teacher as the probable size of next year's 4th graders will be below the maximum. Win Harbison moved to approve, Jason Ledlie seconded and it passed 6-0.
- D. Sharon Lippe and Mr. Kelly presented the Salary Schedule for 2010-2011. The schedule is the same as 2009-2010. Jason Ledlie moved to adopt the schedule. Janet Brade seconded and it passed 6-0.
- E. A general discussion was held concerning the needed improvements to the White House, but no action was taken.

At 8: 15 pm, the board recessed to Executive Session to discuss teacher contracts for 2010-2011 and to perform an evaluation of the Superintendent. The Executive Session is allowed under the following code sections: *DC (Legal); DCB (Legal); DCB (Local) under TEC 21.002 (c)*.

At 9:40 pm, the board reconvened in open session. The following item was discussed. Janet Brade moved to present all teachers with the appropriate contracts for next year with the exception of one position which is being eliminated due to the absence of special needs students. Jason Ledlie seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

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Possible topics for the next meeting were suggested:

- Developing a calendar of items to consider (when they should be discussed and considered) for board planning purposes.
- Schedule of Summer projects and Drainage issues

No further business occurring, Janet Brade moved to Adjourn, Wayne Skubiata seconded and it passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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