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MCALLEN ISD REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The Board heatedly discussed the new position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Job Description and Position. There will be more discussion before the position is advertised.

Aurora Zamora's (HR Director) position was deleted, and she is now at Thigpen/Zavala doing TLI.

The IB program was discussed. There are presently 77 juniors and 68 seniors attending the Lamar campus.

Costs for each IB student at Lamar are \$9000+ and for those at the traditional high schools the cost is \$4,000+ per student. Many parents were in attendance. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to approve \$92,233 for 2015-2016.

The Board briefly discussed the IB elementary and middle school programs. The Board has ask the Superintendent to discuss with IB International a review of costs and get a reduction. The Superintendent is still working on this.

Over the last 15 years, a new scoreboard for the stadium has been discussed numerous times. Board members are continuing to work to get a new scoreboard--for little or no cost.

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Veronica Rodriguez the new Assistant Principal for Blanca E. Sanchez Elementary School.

Athletic Trainers for middle schools were discussed at length. More information was requested--such as costs and duties. Protective Football Helmet Liners were also discussed.

Pat Karr, Director of Technology made a presentation regarding Technology Infrastructure and Infrastructure Security. There was a great deal of discussion between the Board and Karr.

The Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund Program (Fund 255) will provide the funding for the Teach for America teachers. There are a total of seven TFA teachers who will return for their second year of teaching this upcoming 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$4,000 per teacher. The total amount for these seven teachers is \$28,000. For the 2015-2016 school year, eight teachers have already been hired at a cost of \$4,000 per teacher totaling \$32,000. Any additional TFA teachers hired during the 2015-2016 school year will be at a cost of \$4,000 per teacher as per the agreement. This was approved.

The Board approved the Agreement for Request for Qualifications No. 2015-025 - Collection of Delinquent Taxes, for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms with Linebarger, Gogan, Blair & Sampson, LLP.

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**PRESENTATION TO MISD BOARD OF
EDUCATION
BY RUTH BUTTS SKOW
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS RUTH SKOW, AND I REPRESENT THE MCALLEN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AFL-CIO CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL.

Citing recent polling that shows Americans are fed up with high-stakes testing and insufficient funding for public education, the American Federation of Teachers is running ads this week urging Congress to do its job and finally fix the No Child Left Behind Act. “Let’s fix No Child Left Behind. Let’s get it done. For our kids,” the ad says. It is running in key publications in the nation’s capital as well as on several online sites.

The ad cites the recent PDK/Gallup poll that showed Americans overwhelmingly want more focus on school funding and less on high-stakes testing, 78 percent said student engagement is a better way to measure student progress than test scores, and 63 percent of Americans oppose vouchers. Both houses of Congress have passed different versions of legislation to reauthorize

the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which became NCLB, and now a conference committee will have to iron out the differences. AFT supports a final bill that targets funds to public schools educating large populations of disadvantaged students and resets accountability to support and improve schools, rather than continue the test-and-sanction policies that have narrowed the curriculum but not the achievement gap.

Add your own voice to this call for common-sense changes in federal education policy! You can send your message to your two U.S. senators and your U.S House member here

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/back-to-school-back-to-esea>. You and your students are back in school for the 2015-16 academic year, and members of Congress need to get back to work, too, on an NCLB fix that improves conditions for teaching and learning in our classrooms.

