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VOTING MEANS EVERYTHING

Voting is very important. It means better things for your children.

Focus on the three candidates we are supporting.

John Ball, Place 3

He is 36 and an attorney. His wife is a teacher, but is staying home taking care of their two (2) small children. He is committed and focused on all the children's public school education in McAllen.

Dalinda (Dolly) Gonzalez Alcantar Place 6

She is 32 and a teacher for 10 years. She is presently working at MChi as a tutor for at risk kids. If you will remember, Dolly was featured in our Texas Teacher for the designing of apps for iPad and iPhones.

Dolly's husband Marco is a teacher at DeLeon Middle School.

Marco and Dolly have a 3rd grader and a three (3) year

Sam Saldivar Place 7

Sam is 50+ and an Executive for State Farm. He has two grown children who attended McAllen public schools. His wife, Judith, is an immigration attorney in McAllen. He was a boy scout leader and served on many boards in the City of McAllen.

MISD Board members work many hours on a volunteer basis. These individuals work without compensation. If you don't vote, we will be in a world of hurt, with what is happening in the Texas Legislature right now.

MISD Regular Meeting, April 8, 2013

Monday, May 8, 2013--Grievance

On Monday at 9 a.m. Tony Harris's Level 3 Hearing was held in the Administration Building. The Board voted 6-0 and denied Tony's grievance.

In true Tony style, he handled the result with professionalism. As an individual, I felt greatly for Tony. The grievance policy is very hard to work with—his only choice. Much of the evidence looked very bad for administration. Dr. Caporusso was



MORE INFORMATION

absent.

Monday, May 8, 2013-- Regular MISD Board Meeting 6 p.m.

Dr. Caporusso was absent.

1. Gonzalez PTO contributed \$134,085 for new playground equipment. Saldivar moved to accept the funds for the school district.

2. Discussed approval of the amended and restated interlocal equipment from the City of McAllen and MISD District Tennis Facility. It was mentioned that students be given preference in the day time.

3. Milam project was approved with a 5-0 vote.
Farias left the meeting.

4. Discussed resurfacing of tennis courts for Brown, Morris, and Rowe.

5. Discussed running track overlay and repair at Memorial. Bid rejected 5-0.

6. Marquees discussed.

7. McAllen High Gym should be finished by June--might be longer.

8. Lockers for McAllen High Gym discussed.

9. Discussed Worker's Compensation Insurance Self-Funded Claims Admini-

stration.

10. Discussed continuation of collection of taxes contract with Hidalgo County Tax Office.

Mrs. De Shazo, Board President, read a letter from the Board giving full faith and confidence in Dr. Ponce. Only Dr. Caporusso had not signed the letter--but would. Thus ends the current evaluation of Dr. Ponce.

Another budget meeting will be April 22, 2013.

Tuesday, May 9, 2013-- District Insurance Committee--7:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m.

Representatives of staff from all levels listened to 10 presentations for health insurance and pharmacy. Each presenter had an hour to discuss their offer. We saw no prices--that comes later. I ask why the health plan had a \$5 million surplus--design changes gave the plan the surplus. With many changes to health insurance in 2014 because of the national plan who knows what will happen.

The PCI Clinic is working well and helping with the surplus we need to protect us from new changes we don't understand.

MCALLEN ISD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY

April 22, 2013 at 3 p.m.

Farias absent and Vela came late.

1. Curriculum and Instruction was discussed. Administration wants to add one (1) additional asst. principal and 1 additional counselor in middle schools. We would suggest that an additional administrator will be about \$60-\$70 + health benefits valued at \$30,000.

2. Talked about all day kinder.

3. Talked about bilingual.

4. Mentioned that the population of students has declined

--roughly 1,000. 5. Talked about adding a ELA Coordinator, ELA Social Studies Coordinator, and new lead assessment teacher.

6. Talked about improving Career and Technology.

7. Discussed cutting down on after school and Saturday work for teachers.

MCALLEN ISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MONDAY APRIL 22, 2013 AT 6 p.m.

1. A large number of students were honored for their successes in Career and Tech, sports, and Agriculture.

2. 2. Many items on the April 8 agenda had been already approved.

3. 3. Approval of training or Travis Middle School (for teachers).

4. Gonzalez playground work moving quickly.

5. Discussed cutting down on after school and Saturday work for teachers.