

# MCALLEN AFT EYES ON THE BOARD

## PULLING IDEAS TOGETHER



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The Rio Grande Valley Central Labor Council met on Saturday August 30, 2014 from 1-3 p.m. at the McAllen AFT office. We had a delightful Labor Day event. Lunch (prepared by Luby's) was delicious. We talked about why the union and the AFL-CIO mean so much to the working man and woman. Dr. Daniel Buentello was presented with the Man of the Year Award for his service to the AFL-CIO. Remember, do not use your school IPAD to communicate with us. Your principal can read all your email on the school district equipment. Telephone or text me 607-0193.

### MCALLEN ISD REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING--AUGUST 25, 2014

All the Board members were present.

The following were approved:

Agreement between MISD and Communities in Schools of Hidalgo County.

Region One Purchasing Cooperative General Interlocal Membership Agreement for Special Services Child Nutrition & Library Cooperatives and Reporting of Management Fees.

Web based program by Plato Courseware for McAllen High School, Memorial High School, James "Nikki" Rowe, Lamar Academy, Achieve and Guidance

User License Agreement (DULA) with Region One Education Service Center for Texas Curriculum Mtg. Program Cooperative.

Approval of Renewal of Request for Restaurant, Food, Fundraising, Rentals and Catering, Field Trips and Related Products and Services.

Sole Source of Training and Instructional Materials for MISD International Baccalaureate North American Fees, Training and Instructional Materials for the MISD IB Program.

Sole Source Purchase Professional Services, Materials, Fees through College Board.

Child Nutrition Adult/Visitor meal pricing.

Agreement between JJAEP (Juvenile Justice) for Catering Services and MISD.

Memorandum of Understanding between MISD and South Texas Health System.

Training for Investment Services.

Network Cabling Services Re-Bid.

Renewal of Request for self-insured and Fully insured health plan and related services.

Renewal of Request for Wellness screening and related services.

Bond Counsel Services.

Read 180 professional development.

**There was no increase in taxes.**



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Approved Deer Oakes as a provider for Wellness. This service is at no cost to employees.

In addition, during April, May, and 1 week in June the Texas Education Agency hired an outside firm to do a survey (all schools in Texas) of how teachers felt about their school district (survey done as required by the Texas Legislature). Administrators from McAllen ISD also used the same survey which really changes the outcome. The survey has been published, and we are preparing the information for publication next week to all our active members and retirees. Your school district had to score 50% + 5 to have the survey results published--we made the goal. Roughly 30% of our members do not have email or a computer--thus we continue to send things home. I have given input to Texas AFT on how the survey should be revised next time.

**We suggest you do not use your iPad to communicate with us. The district has the right to read all email you send out on district equipment. We send you updates several times a week on your PERSONAL EMAIL. We also send out McAllen AFT News and McAllen AFT Eyes on the Board by mail New teacher pay is \$44,000 per year--those starting the "0" year.**

ONE OF MANY GOALS THE MCALLEN AFT EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS SET FOR YOUR PRESIDENT—reduce paper work--thus, if you receive a duplicate form to fill out again send me a copy. We have worked on this issue, but nothing has happened. PLEASE HELP US SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

### AUGUST 12, 2014

Regular McAllen ISD Board of Education Meeting--August 12, 2014--6 p.m.-9:20 p.m.

Board members absent were John Ball and Daniel Vela.

The following is a summary of the main topics in my opinion at the Board meeting:

New Assistant Principal at Memorial High School--Laura Flores

No pending and/or potential litigation.

No possible real estate acquisition.

Board approved an agreement between MISD and Communities In Schools of Hidalgo County--have a case worker at each of seven (7) middle schools.

Approved job description and position for an Audiologist and Audiologist Assistant for the Regional School for the Deaf.

New chiller replacement for Sanchez Elementary approved.

Board approved a Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Purchase--first job renovating the stadium--renovation of lighting at a cost of \$588,500. Will be a 14 week project--will start soon--will continue during the football season.

Approved a Memo of Understanding between MISD and South Texas Health System Family Residency Program.

An approval of renewal of Request for Proposal No. 2012-096 Self-Insured and Fully Insured Health Plan and Related Services.

Approved catering meals for Juan Diego Catholic High School, Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation, Boys and Girls Club, City of McAllen Parks and Recreation At-Risk Dinners.

Approved PDAS calendar and PDAS appraisers.