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Regular McAllen ISD Board Meet- ing—September 9, 2013

Daniel Vela was absent.

We made a brief presentation at the Public Hearing held last night on the old CSCOPE. Senate Bill 1474 says that a hearing must be held regarding the selection of materials.

1. Teacher input must be included--AFT said teachers have not been asked for their input.

2. District must

provide district employees with the opportunity to express opinions regarding the initiative--AFT said other district employees have not been asked for their opinions.

3. Meeting of the McAllen ISD Board of Education must be held in regard to this initiative and any alternatives that were considered. Members of the public and district employees should have been given the opportunity to comment regarding this initiative.

AFT said meeting was held but no meaningful input was provided.

The hearing went on for over an hour. Only Erica de la Garza Lopez asked in depth questions. So now, in addition to \$1 million already spent on old CSCOPE. The Board will spend \$117,700+ on new CSCOPE plus \$20,000 spent last summer on curriculum writing.

The new name for CSCOPE is Texas Curriculum Management Program Cooperative TEKS Resource System.

The final vote will come on September 23, 2013.

New Assistant Principal at Cathey is Mr. Benevides. Vote was 6-0.

The Board approved supporting the bond issue for South Texas College (\$159 million).

College and Career Night will be September 16, 2013.

Administration is asking for a maximum class size waiver for 2013-2014.

Health plan rates were presented. We are sending this information home for you to review.

HEALTH RATES ARE ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

McAllen ISD August 26, 2013-- Regular MISD Board of Education meeting



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Sam Saldivar was absent.
New Navarro Elementary Asst. Principal--Marla Valdez

New Wilson Elementary Asst. Principal--Donna Bzibzik (sp)

New Brown Middle School Asst. Principal--Laura Sequet (sp)

New Morris Middle School Asst. Principal--Jessica Estringel

New Director for Child Nutrition--Alexandra Molina (from La Joya)

Dr. Ponce's friend Dr. Steve Flores (Harlingen Superintendent) is the finalist for Superintendent in Round Rock.

Most items on the agenda had already been approved at the August 12, 2013 meeting.

The Board approved \$117,000+ for CScope continuing. Erica de la Garza Lopez was the only board member voting no.

McAllen ISD Special Board Meeting August, 2013 at 12 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

1. McAllen City Commissioners Scott Crane (District 1) and Trey Pebley (District 2), Mike Perez (City Manager) and Brent Branham (Deputy City Manager) appeared before the Board and discussed the following: Purchasing 12 acres from MISD, adding additional baseball fields, improve tennis facilities, improving Morris/Perez Park area with sod, trees, sprinklers beginning in 60 days (\$700,000); Hike and Bike trails on Benson Road; improving area around Crockett Elementary; working on redo of Stadium for Palm Bowl (\$3 million) ; drainage by Lincoln Middle School; a \$15 million bond election. 2. Karina Chapa gave a presentation on Dual Language. 3. Superintendent lead a discussion on 21st Century Learning, Human Capital, Emotionally Safe

Learning Environment, District Culture, and Community and Family Engagement. (The issues in #3 are part of the Superintendent's evaluation.)

Board Meeting August 12, 2013 at 6 p.m.

New Assistant Principals: Navarro Elementary--no action; Travis Middle--Steven Edlin; Memorial High School--Ramiro Castillo. Discussion of Zipp-Slip--new parental communication tool. Administration says CSCOPE needed because of IB--reviewing options. Flexible school day approved for 2013-2014. Approved fees for IB. Approved agreement for facilities assessment. Approved purchase of 5 new 71 passenger buses--cost \$441,745.

MCALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2013-2014 Health & Dental Plan Contribution & Rates

Effective October 1, 2014
(Administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas)

Monthly Rates	Basic Plan	High Plan	Dental Plan
Employee Only	\$52.00	\$128.00	\$0
Employee & 1 Child	\$218.00	\$256.00	N/A
Employee &	\$363.00	\$470.00	N/A
2 Persons Employed-Family	\$221.00	\$386.00	\$20.00
Employee & Family	\$430.00	\$572.00	\$42.00