

MCALLEN AFT EYES ON THE BOARD

BIG CHANGES IN YOUR MCALLEN EDUCATION WORLD



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MCALLEN ISD SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 2015--4 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

All Board members present.

The Board met to discuss the details of the new bond. It was quickly apparent that the Board wanted to discuss reducing the amount of the bond. Board member Sam Saldivar felt that he needed more information in how each school repair figures were arrived at. Kevin Hitchcock, District Engineer, was asked to respond. He is putting together the information needed for each facility.

Board members continued to discuss there should be equity across the board for every campus. Debbie Aliseda indicated that she wanted the cost broken into three or four propositions, addressing different needs with separate bonds.

The Board discussed delaying the vote and scheduling town hall meetings to provide more information as well as hear other concerns.

Concerns to think about are as follows:

1. Salaries--How will the bond decision affect employee raises? When you see the Board members ask them about retaining top employees!
2. A new hospital district in the immediate future will cost all of us living in Hidalgo County more taxes.
3. A new court house (over the weekend a cost of \$161 million was mentioned in the

Monitor) will cost all of us living in Hidalgo County more taxes.

4. The new development recently taken in by McAllen at Ware and Monte Cristo will not give the city budget any taxes for 30 years. The new development will be composed of 3,000 acres, homes from \$120,000, to \$500,000. The more expensive homes will be gated and a new IDEA Charter school will be in the development. Another IDEA campus is just 2 miles away?

In addition, South Texas College, will go to the voters in just a few years for another bond for expansion.

Here are the following list of concerns from staff:

1. Salary raises
2. Lack of conference periods and planning time
3. Lack of 30 minutes duty free for lunch
4. Excessive meetings
5. And you suggest more

The Bond Election is a complicated plan. The Board must have had a large amount of input from the citizens of the McAllen to make detailed changes. As a professional organization we want what is best for the children of the community. We feel more secure with a in-depth study of the bond plans and town meetings. The members of the Board were respectful of each other.



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REGULAR MCALLEN ISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 26, 2015

Reform Goals were approved for high schools 2014-2015. Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Day Waiver was approved.

Approved an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Purchase.

Approved a bid for Library Books, Audiovisual Materials and Instructional Reading materials catalog Bid. Approval of December Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014 and Ending June 30, 2015.

Discussion and possible approval of MOU with UT Austin School of Social Work. Lamar options gym floor presented to the Board.

WORKSHOP MEETING WITH CITY OF MCALLEN AND MCALLEN BOARD OF EDUCATION ON JANUARY 20, 2015

Discussion of Stadium

Discussion of Joint Partnership/ Synergy Subcommittee

Discussion /Update on Facilities Forecast Advisory Committee

Discussion of McAllen ISD/City of McAllen After School Program. **Future meetings coming.**

REGULAR MCALLEN ISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2015

(information was gathered during the meeting, from open records, and agenda pages)

Debbie Alisida was absent.

House Bill I High School Reform Goals for 2014-15 were discussed by Asst. Superintendent, Rachel Arcaute, making the presentation. Copies are available for \$40 or you may see a copy at Central Office, McAllen campuses, and the McAllen Public Library.

McAllen ISD enrollment was reported as 25,108.

The Bid for library books, audiovisual materials, and instructional reading materials catalog bid was presented by Arcaute.

Mike Barrera, Assistant Superintendent, presented the renewal of gasoline products and delivery services. The expenditures for purchases from January 29, 2012 to January 28, 2013 were approximately \$725,069.36. January 29, 2013 to January 8, 2014 were approximately \$690,224.14 and from January 9, 2014 to January 11, 2015 were approximately \$511,661.78. The anticipated expenditures for the next term are \$800,000.

LOBBY DAY—McAllen AFT is going to Austin on March 9, 2015. We will travel on a bus (going early and coming back late). Meals are provided and visits with legislators and senators are booked to let you express your concerns.