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## 2013-14 BUDGET PASSES

### McAllen ISD Regular Meeting, June 24, 2013

Board Member Vela left after the 1st closed session.

#### The following are the main points in the meeting:

- The budget for 2013-2014 passed last night. The pay mentioned previously--\$1,200 for teachers and librarians was approved. Other employees will receive 2.5% of their midpoint.
- New McAuliffe Assistant Principal is Elizabeth de la Cruz.
- New Early Achieve Early College High

School Assistant Principal is Dalia Olivarez.

- New McAllen High School Girls Athletic Coordinator is Roy Gonzalez.
- New Memorial High School Girls Athletic Coordinator is Lorena Lopez.
- New Rowe High School Girls Athletic Coordinator is Raul Vega.
- New Elementary English Language Arts Coordinator is Roel Garza.
- New Secondary English Language Arts Coordinator is Raquel Martinez.
- Changes in jobs for principals are still not complete at levels.

Administration was given permission by the Board to hire an Assistant for Kevin Hitchcock, Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, and another person named Budget & Cost Specialist.

### MCALLEN ISD Special Board Meeting-- Budget--June 10, 2013--3 p.m. and MCALLEN ISD Regular Board Meeting--6 p.m.

Quite a few things were similar at these two (2) meetings so we have combined them.

The meeting began at 3 p.m. The entire budget was reviewed. **Teachers and Librarians will receive a 2.5% increase or \$1,250 (at the mid-point).**

**New teachers with 0 experience will get**

**\$43,050.** At the 6 p.m. meeting the McAllen ISD Board of Education approved the salaries for 2013-2014.

**The salary increase for non-teaching professionals, para-professionals and auxiliary staff is 2.5%** from their midpoint as per their classification within the compensation plan, not to exceed maximum.

The salary increases or general pay increases will also include implementation/equity adjustments that are being recommended by TASB HR Services for some staff across all pay groups.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- The new Assistant Principal at Memorial High School



## CONTINUED UPDATES

- New McAuliffe Assistant Principal--pulled from agenda
  - New Cathey Assistant Principal--Laura Madrigal
  - New De Leon Assistant Principal--Samuel G. Casades
  - New Fossum Assistant Principal--Ignacio Ruiz, Jr.
  - New Lincoln Assistant Principal--Christian Quintallia
  - New Travis Assistant Principal--Melisa Lara
  - New McAllen Hi Assistant Principal--Alejandro Gonzalez
  - New Memorial Assistant Principal--Yvonne Caldwell
  - New Rowe Assistant Principal--Elizabeth De Leon
- New Rowe School Improvement Facilitator--Corina Saenz

Many items were approved at the first Board meeting of the month.

The ornamental fencing project at Milam will be complete by the end of the summer.

### ADDITIONAL JUNE INFORMATION

Sonia Casas (moved from Travis) will be principal at Thigpen/Zavala.

Carlos Hernandez (ask to be transferred from Brown) will be an Assistant Principal at McHi.

No one has been named to be the Principal at Perez. Former Principal at Perez moved to Mission as their 504 Coordinator.

### REVIEW OF BOARD MEETING IN MAY FOLLOWS TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS GONE ON DURING THE

### MCALLEN ISD SPECIAL MEETING--BUDGET--MAY 27, 2013--3 P.M.

Just to be clear regarding the budget--the pages of the budget are marked DRAFT, therefore, Dr. Ponce says that he does not have to give McAllen AFT a copy of the budget pages using an Open Records Request. We listened carefully, but perfect died long ago.

The budget is pretty much complete. There was a discussion of raising the beginner teacher pay to \$43,000. The discussion of teacher pay ranged from 1% to 3%. The other professional positions are unclear to us. Without paper work we cannot tell, and we don't want to mislead you. Those in the paraprofessional positions, trades, custodial, etc. may get something like 1 to 2.5%.

There are some 86 teachers who have 32 years of experience. Dr. Ponce addressed this talent of experience as something that needed to be dealt with. Personally we say stay as long as you can--the better your retirement.

Other information was discussed as to what to do about aging buildings--sounds like a bond issue. Voting on the budget will be on June 24, 2013. we will continue to be present at the June meetings.

### MCALLEN ISD REGULAR MEETING--MAY 27, 2013--6 P.M.

New administrators approved by the Board:

- New Seguin Principal--Gerardo Gonzalez (former Asst. Principal)

New Assistant Principal at Memorial is Moses Rabt.

- The new Improvement Facilitator at Brown is Linda Cantu.
- Former Mayor Richard Cortez and the City of McAllen donated \$5,000 to the Memorial High School Art Dept. for additional work to the mosaic on 2nd Street.
- An interlocal agreement between McAllen ISD and Hidalgo County will save money on parking lot and paving projects.
- Approved a Competitive Sealed Proposal for Milam Fencing Project.
- Approved final payment to Ameresco Inc. for Energy Services. With the help of this project McAllen ISD did work for \$16 million that would have cost \$20 million.
- Final payment was made for to Park Place Recreation Designs, Inc. for Gonzalez Elementary play ground equipment.

Approved Ticket Sales, Management Software and Related Services. Purpose is to purchase sports tickets and merchandise from On-Line-Store.

**We will back with Eyes on the Board in late July.**