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FINAL REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2013-2014

MISD BOARD MEETINGS

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MONDAY JUNE 9, 2014--McAllen ISD Budget Meeting--3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Absent—John Ball, Larry Esparza, and Sam Saldivar.

There was a presentation by Norma Zamora-Guerra regarding communications plans for 2014-15. District needs a Web Content Master position. Over the years it seems no one wants to do this position--it will be interesting to see who assumes this challenge. The web site needs to be updated and organized in a much better fashion.

MARQUEES

There was another long discussion regarding programmable marquees.

EMPLOYEE RAISES

There was a back and forth discussion about the cost of giving employees a raise. There was little talk about administrators raise. Miss Lopez, Asst. Superintendent for Business and HR, discussed the fact that more teachers with experience will be hired. It was also mentioned that police officers will have more competitive salaries.

FOOD NUTRITION

In the discussion it was

mentioned that the department will be reorganized. There have been many ups and downs money wise in this department.

CONSTRUCTION

Rowe High School's Cafeteria will be remodeled. Kitchen will be remodeled. There will be many construction projects across the district.

RADIOS

New radios will be purchased that work with other equipment for better safety.

CURRICULUM

There will be robotics classes in 6th grade at some middle schools.

Chess will be an activity for students at 6 elementaries, 2 middle schools, and 1 high school. Rules will be followed--no pass no play.

Mobile apps will be developed by students from Brown, Lincoln, Travis,

and De Leon.

MONDAY JUNE 9, 2014--Regular McAllen ISD Budget Meeting--6 p.m.-9:45 p.m.

Absent were John Ball and Sam Saldivar

The following are some of the main discussions points:

Socorro Espinoza, New Chief Human Capital Officer. A 5-0 vote.

Jeanette Nino, New Coordinator of Secondary Science. A 5-0 vote.

Approved a \$1,000 raise for teachers/librarians. Some teachers are grandfathered for now from maxing out at 20 years (just a little hint that they may not be grandfathered soon). Other employees will receive 2% of their midpoint. Those hired as a "0" year teacher will earn \$44,000.

The three (3) McAllen High Schools received



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\$24,993,214 in 2014 scholarships (may be more).

Auto Collision approved for dual enrollment (estimated to have 18 students).

Approved Travis Middle School to go back to PDAS Evaluation for teachers.

District is in negotiation with Pepsi to replace Coke. It seems Pepsi is giving a better deal.

Dr. Barrera, Asst. Superintendent, presented the climate survey of staff. The results indicated that most loved McAllen ISD.

McAllen ISD Regular Board - Meeting June 23, 2014

All board members were present

- New Principal at Nikki Rowe High School-Paz Elizondo, Jr.
- Coordinator for Career & Technology- Diana A. Peña

Highpoints of meeting:

Discussion of proposed budget and tax rate

Connie Lopez reported the district is holding follow-up meetings with the community to discuss the budget proposal for 2014-2015 and the tax rate. This year there is no proposed increase in the tax rate. In fact, there will be a \$9.58 decrease in taxes.

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

- Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) - \$53,833,253

- Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) - \$3,045,953

Superintendent's Report

The McAllen Education Foundation is offering The Teacher Innovative Grant. Information is available on the district's website under MEF. Staff may apply as individuals or as a team. Winners will be announced at an assembly on August 18, 2014.

The district is offering summer technology professional learning. Training events will be July and August. Course offerings:

- Early Tech
- Developing Tech
- Advanced Tech.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Rio Grande Regional Hospital and McAllen ISD. A partnership is being established for diabetes and asthma education. The hospital has agreed to provide nine days of screening for students in an effort to address these health concerns. Vote was 7-0

Approval of PDAS for Travis Middle School. Vote 7-0.

Approval of the McAllen ISD May Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year Beginning July 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. Vote was 7-0.

Approval of the McAllen ISD District Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Vote 7-0.

This School Board Meeting lasted a total of 45 minutes. It was a very short meeting with very little discussion aside from financial reports. There will a special board meeting at 5PM July 28, 2014.