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MISD BOARD MEETINGS

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May 26, 2014—
Special (2 p.m.) and
Regular (6 p.m.)
Board Meetings.

All Board members
were present at 2
p.m. and 6 p.m.
The points listed be-
low are a summary
of what I thought
was important. Call
US at 682-1143 or
email me at mcalle-
naft2@yahoo.com if
you need more in-
formation.

The new Instruc-
tional Support Offi-
cer is Bridget Vieh.
(Rowe High School

will miss her--
hearing a replace-
ment name but not
official). Vote was 7-
0.

The new Coordinator
of Elementary Lan-
guage Arts is Myra
Burns. Vote was 7-0.

There is still one (1)
budget meeting to
go. A 2% raise was
mentioned for em-
ployees. As Admini-
stration stamps the
budget DRAFT, I can-
not get a copy from
Open Records.

Police officers have

been put in the vari-
ous pay grades--no
longer separate from
the rest of the em-
ployees.

If all goes well, "0"
teacher pay will be
\$44,000. Those who
have years 1, 2, 3 will
have a pay raise of
\$500 each year--
difficult to hear what
was said--no micro-
phones used (was in
the 2 p.m. meeting).

The Stadium plans
were discussed. The
Bond Committee will
discuss stadium and
other plans on Thurs-
day, May 29, 2014.
Work should begin
soon.

Gonzalez Elementary
PTO donated
\$37,000, \$47,500,
and \$50,000 for im-
provements at Gon-

zalez (playground
equipment, com-
puters, clinic re-
pairs, teacher
training and much
more). The Board
accepted the dona-
tions.

The Castaneda
Family donated
\$10,000 to Casta-
neda Elementary.
The Board ac-
cepted the dona-
tion.

The Ben Milam
PTO donated
\$16,000 to Milam
Elementary. The
Board accepted
the donation.

The Board spent
about 45 minutes
discussing the size
of the new Mar-
quees on 24 cam-
puses. The size
increases the cost.



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There was just a quick mention of stipends for math and science. Nothing at this time.

MCALLEN ISD REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MAY 12, 2014

All board members were present.

New Principal at Bonham Elementary School--Olga Snelling

New Principal at I & G Guidance Center--Efrain Amaya

Highpoints of the meeting:

No real estate property purchased.

No pending and/or Potential Litigation.

\$1.558 million in taxes collected in March 2014.

Presentation of Health and Wellness Services. Trustee Erica de la Garza Lopez lead the discussion.

Approved of Proclamation 2014 Instructional Materials for 2014-15 Math, Science, and Tech Applications. Hilda De Shazo lead the discussion. Vote was 7-0.

Discussed Renewal of Request for Qualifications--General Legal Counsel Services. May 26 meeting for approval.

Approval of Setting public meeting date on budget and vote on proposed tax. May 26 meeting for approval.

Approval of Renewal of Request for Proposal--Sign Language Interpreter Services Re-bid. May 26 meeting for approval.

LEGAL WORK FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR 2014-15

We have done 150 cases for members this school year. The cases were about every issue you can think of.

Cost for this year is approximately \$25,000-\$35,000. The bill can go higher--our financial year ends June 30, 2014.

TELL SURVEY OF ALL EDUCATORS IN TEXAS

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014 IS THE LAST DAY TO TAKE THE TELL SURVEY AND LET YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR STUDENTS WORK ENVIRONMENT.

The TELL Survey must have more than 50% of the educators in the district participate in the survey for the information to be made public. Please tell every educator you work with to take the survey.

At this time in McAllen our percentage is 46.69. SO CLOSE! If any school or individual is in need of new access codes, please call 1-800-310-2964 or go to www.telltexas.org and click on the Need Help? tab (also in the blue border at the top of the page). Please stand up for yourself! Your survey is very important to the children of McAllen schools.