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ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 2013

Danny Vela left half way thru the meeting.

No one was there representing TSTA, ATPE, and TCTA-- professional organizations.

McAllen AFT made a presentation during Public Comment about Share My Lesson.

The following are the basic facts of the meeting:

The following Assistant Principals have

completed Appraisers training: Jacob Camacho, Miguel Carmona, Ramiro Castillo, Cynthia Cervantes, Lorena Madrigal, and Tahnee Netro.

Cost of charter buses--\$150,000. This is an estimated cost depending on school teams making it to regional and state championships, etc.

Support Systems to ensure students, teacher and principal achievements.

McAllen ISD has committed \$51,450 (\$7,350 per middle

school) and the Texas Valley

Communities Foundation has promised \$56,448. This covers workshop expenses for students and parents.

Under House Bill 5, Section 46, and effective 2013-2014, all Texas school districts must self-evaluate their performance, and the performance of each campus,

in community and student engagement, and compliance. Each district must assign itself, and each campus, a rating of Exemplary, Recognized, Acceptable, or

Unacceptable. Districts must report the ratings to TEA and the local community. The dis-

trict must evaluate the following areas: Fine Arts, Wellness and

Physical Education, The 21st Century Workforce Development Program, Second Language Acquisition Program, Digital Learning Environment, Dropout Prevention

Strategies and educational programs for Gifted and Talented students.

Under Texas Education House Bill 5 graduation plans for the incoming freshmen of 2014-15 have changed. Upon entering 9th grade in 2014-2015, a student must indicate (in writing) the endorsement he/she intends to earn. The endorsement



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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), Business and Industry, Public Services, Arts and Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. For some students, the road to being College and/or Career Ready will begin with a mentorship program in 8th grade. The District is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce in establishing a Big Brothers/ Big Sisters program.

In accordance with TEA budget and accounting procedure guidelines the District's official budget includes the following:

Audited Fund Balance--
\$63,894,301

Revenues--\$206,180,385

Expenditures--\$216,925,258

Ending Fund Balance--
\$53,149,428

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

John Ball was absent, Erica de la Garza Lopez and Sam Saldivar left toward the end of the meeting.

There was no one representing the other professional organizations--TCTA, ATPE, and TSTA.

Parental Involvement Day-- November 21, 2013--was presented and MISD parents were honored.

A proclamation regarding Let's Move! McAllen ISD was read and a demonstration by coaches was given.

A presentation regarding the Alonzo De Leon Soccer Complex was done. The complex should be finished by August 2014.

A facilities report was presented. We should see more details early next year (possible bond issue). A list of the Materials Allotment Team Members is located on the McAllen ISD Web under the school board site.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Just a few things to remember! When you email us, please let us know your complete name, school, phone number, and details of your issue.

We want to help you as soon as possible. Many of our members (ladies) have changed their names, moved to new schools, and have very similar names.

If you are going on a driving trip during the holiday, don't forget that if you need roadside assistance there is a telephone number to call on the back of your Texas Driver's license 1-800-525-5555. In addition, take extra water and other essentials.

Scholarship information will be out to all our members in December. You must have been a member for a complete year to be eligible.

We have a total of four (4) scholarships given by McAllen AFT—two (2) for graduating seniors—\$500 each and two (2) for members returning to school—\$500 each, the AFL/CIO state scholarship —\$1,000 and the national AFT scholarships—amount varies.

The AFL-CIO Scholarship, McAllen AFT Scholarship for members and graduating seniors are on our web page.

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