

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE McCURDY SCHOOL OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

June 18, 2009

Members present: Kelly Armstrong, Robert DeVargas, Al Hernandez, Manuel Valdez, Deborah Anderson, Chris Martinez, Bethany Carpenter, Anthony VanderVossen

Members absent: Ruth Montoya, Ricardo Cordova, Bishop Max Whitfield, and Marilyn Peabody

Others present: Dan Garcia, Ken Martinez, Pam Miller, Mike Hibner, Jenny Duran, Pat Valerio, Lori Valdez, Vickie Luviano, Ruth Stambach, Eric Vigil, Chris Valdez, Alexandria Valdez, Dolores Salazar, Sandra Martinez, and students Kim Baros, Teresa Sanchez, Alexina Ortiz, Novela Salazar, Lindsay Redman, Dillon Trujillo, Vicky Castillo, and Alyssa Martinez

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER. Chairperson Deborah Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and Rev. Dan Garcia led in prayer. The Board of Trustees introduced themselves to the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. The request from the Student Senate to talk about the Dress Code was moved to item number 3 on the agenda. Manuel Valdez moved, seconded by Al Hernandez to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as amended. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION FROM STUDENT SENATE REGARDING DRESS CODE. Dillon Trujillo, Student Senate President, expressed concern over the newly revised Dress Code for the upcoming school year. The Student Senate provided a letter to the Board earlier asking that the Dress Code be reconsidered and changed to allow the students to follow the previous dress code. Three parents also spoke against the revised dress code stating that they do not approve of their children having to wear only McCurdy School T-shirts during the school year. Anthony VanderVossen moved, seconded by Robert DeVargas that Superintendent Dan Garcia hold a meeting with Principal Martinez, Principal Miller, five parents, and one student representative from each grade level and return with a proposal to the Board. Motion carried.

At this time, Superintendent Dan Garcia and Chairperson Deborah Anderson recognized Ms. Ruth Stambach who was in the audience. Ms. Stambach was thanked for attending tonight's Board meeting. She taught at McCurdy for 36 years and is back to volunteer for the summer.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

Kelly Armstrong moved, seconded by Anthony VanderVossen to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2009 Board meeting as presented. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 27, 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

Kelly Armstrong moved, seconded by Anthony VanderVossen to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2009 Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

It was the consensus of the Board to consider the minutes of this meeting for approval in two parts, namely: Regular Session and Executive Session. Kelly Armstrong moved, seconded by Anthony VanderVossen to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of the May 20, 2009 Board meeting as presented. The motion Carried. The minutes of the Executive Session Meeting which began at 8:10 PM on May 20, 2009 were revised with the following: on page 4, strike paragraph #6 from the minutes; page 5, under ACTIONS amend the wording to read "hire as Elementary/Middle School Principal"; and add wording on second paragraph that a performance review be conducted "with principals' input; and remove wording on same paragraph "after the first semester (90 days)". Anthony VanderVossen moved, seconded by Kelly Armstrong to approve the minutes from the Executive Session Meeting as amended. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY 20, 2009 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MEETING.** Kelly Armstrong moved, seconded by Anthony VanderVossen to approve the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held at 5:15 PM on May 20, 2009 as presented. The motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.** Rev. Dan Garcia provided a written report to the Board. Listed on the report were itineration dates. The United Methodist Women's vice-president has invited six students to share their McCurdy experience at the annual gathering in Albuquerque in October. The

principals and Vickie Luviano have been informed and will select students in early October.

An update of the work teams was provided. The Student/Parent Handbook has been completed and sent to the printers.

Effective July 1, Bishop Whitfield has named Rev. Greg Kennedy, new pastor of St. John's Church, Santa Fe, as his representative to the McCurdy Board of Trustees. He is coming to Santa Fe from St. Paul's Church, Abilene, TX.

The University Senate will meet next week and Dan will attend the meeting.

#### REPORT FROM MIKE HIBNER, DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE.

Mike gave the Board copies of a letter received from the State of NM Environment Department dated April 24, 2009. The letter states the McCurdy School Water System has exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Uranium in all three wells. Discussion took place about possible ways to take care of this problem. One suggestion was to hook up to city of Espanola water system. More information will be provided to the Board as it becomes available from the State Environment Department.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT. Pam Miller, Business Manager, explained that there are currently \$104,000 in past due bills. As of today, 151 students have enrolled for the upcoming school year. Pam highlighted the written report she provided. Discussion took place regarding the current financial situation of the school. Anthony VanderVossen moved, seconded by Bob DeVargas to request withdrawal of \$279 or maximum amount available for withdrawal from the McCurdy School Foundation and use \$75,000 of that money for payroll and any other monies needed from that amount be approved by the Finance Committee prior to use. The motion carried. Deborah Anderson will contact David Duran, Foundation Board President to begin the process of withdrawing said funds.

RECESS FROM REGULAR SESSION. Chairperson Deborah Anderson recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board of Trustees convened in to Executive Session at 8:32 PM until 9:12 PM.

Anthony VanderVossen moved, seconded by Al Hernandez to approve the hiring of Bob Dryja as high school science teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion carried.

NEXT MEETING. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Student Center Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT. Chairperson Deborah Anderson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eufemia Romero  
Recording Secretary

Bethany Carpenter  
Board Secretary