



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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GEORGIA/ ALABAMA DISTRICT
MAXWELL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Minutes of Maxwell AFB School Board Meeting for the Month of April, 2019.

1. The regular meeting of the Maxwell AFB School Board convened at 1:00pm on Wednesday, 17 April 2019 in the conference room of the elementary/middle school located at 800 Magnolia Boulevard. Lt Col Mendoza called the meeting to order. Dr. Coleman made opening remarks and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. Attendance
 - Dr. Lisa B. Coleman Community Superintendent (Via VTC)
 - Lt Col Daniel Mendoza School Board President
 - Maj Melanie Martin School Board Member
 - MSgt Steven Martin School Board Member
 - TSgt Phillip DiRoma School Board Member
 - Ms. Rachel Zohn School Board Member
 - Ms. Katie Perkowski School Board Member

 - Others Present
 - Mr. Paul Hernandez Principal
 - Mr. Bill Fahy School Support Assistant
 - Ms. Liz Andersen Secretary (Recorder) School
 - Ms. Wanda Cooper Liaison Officer
 - Ms. Heather Mendoza Parent
3. Old Business
 - a. None
4. New Business
 - a. Lt Col Mendoza called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve the March School Board meeting minutes, Ms. Rachel Zohn seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- b. Dr. Coleman addressed the MilCon update. She reviewed the MilCon report packet of the new building. (See attachment). Lt Col Mendoza asked the question based on the projected turn over timeline of Sept. 2019 – Dec. 2019 would we be moving mid-school year? Dr. Coleman stated that we have not considered a mid-year move because Maxwell has Phase II, III and IV so there other thing to consider with the move.
- c. MSgt Martin asked with the consideration of a high school could there possibly be a delay on the demolition side? Dr. Coleman stated that she was not aware of any discussion to delay any part of the demolition, but she is aware that there are discussions of the possibility of there being a high school but that is occurring at a higher level and no information has been passed down. Lt Col Mendoza stated that the base leadership is trying to see what opportunities are there but formal release of information but they did have the second part of the education summit so those conversations are in the work but nothing to post or talk about yet.
- d. Lt Col Mendoza asked if Dr. Coleman was aware of a specific reason why the construction has been delayed. Dr. Coleman stated that she was aware of some weather issues, the cutting of a power line and then they hit a gas line as some of the small accumulative reasons for the delays but that she was not aware of a major reason for the delays.
- e. Ms. Rachel Zohn asked if it would be possible to have a tour of the new facility. Dr. Coleman stated that to tour the facility we need to be much closer to the opening because to tour it requires having all the workers stop working and it could be said that the reason for further delays was because they had to stop all the workers for the tour and because we are behind schedule she would be very hesitant to ask and she thinks it would be best to wait until we are closer to completion.
- f. Dr. Coleman briefed the slide on budget, Maxwell it at about 47% and should be closer to 50% and at 80% by July with about 20% to last until the new fiscal year.
- g. Dr. Coleman stated that on Monday Mr. Hernandez received a call from Mr. Tom Brady congratulating him for making Principal of the Year for DoDEA worldwide. We are all very excited and would like to stand and give him a round of applause!
- h. Dr. Coleman briefed on the new hires for March, Mr. Bill Fahy has been offered the position of AO and is waiting on his final offer and Ms. Ida Simmons is a LIMM aide. Our current vacancies are .5 custodial and an educational aide. Lt Col Mendoza mentioned that there has been some murmuring about there being a high turnover in MEMS staff, but in the last year as a school board it doesn't seem like there has not been a high turnover. Mr. Hernandez stated that when he first arrived there were massive vacancies, 17 when he walked in the door but last year we had 2 leave and 1 get a transfer over the summer. Some of the other vacancies are from transfers within the building but looking into next year there should be a small turnover. Dr. Coleman also stated that due to the community that we serve, it is very transitional and has a high turnover rate but since Mr. Hernandez has been here there has been a significant decrease in turnover.

- i. Mr. Hernandez presented the principal's report stating that current enrollment is at 382 and it keeps going up. We are also in the middle of our standardized testing and it should continue into the next week. We have many things going on right now such as the Book Fair and Month of the Military Child with our parade happening on Friday at 2pm. The Blue Ribbon School application has been submitted but we will not get the result back until September of 2019.
- j. Lt. Col Mendoza address the next topic on the agenda, the school board elections. It has been suggested to add additional polling stations at Gunter and the School Age Center. There will be 3 slots open, Ms. Rachel Zohn and Maj Melanie Martin are up for re-election. It was also stated that the school board is actually seven spot but at the present time only 6 spots are filled. May 8th was decided as the election date but this was later changed to May 15th. Ms. Wanda Cooper the School Liaison Officer stated that she had received permission to have polling stations at the 2 youth centers including the bios next to them. Ms. Cooper will put out the boxes and then collect them. So the people who wish to run will need to be nominated and then fill out a bio form.
- k. Lt Col Mendoza address the second educational summit held at Troy University on the 11th of April. Some of the issues raised were what kind of federal financial aid was available to help local schools. Also, the student that live on the base, is there a way for them to be able to choose the school they go to off base. The focus of the summit was primarily the schools off base and a side bar on the DoDEA School and what that might look like. They discussed the Interstate Military Compact Commission which is where if a child is in certain programs such as the gifted program and they move to another state they can still be in that program in the new state. They also looked at the roll of non-profits in public school and across the base ways to improve the public schools.
- l. Lt Col Mendoza addressed the upcoming field day on the 17th of May the Montgomery Bicycle Club is going to come out and teach the students about bicycle safety on base.
- m. Lt Col Mendoza asked Mr. Hernandez to explain what the 8th hour initiative is and what the immediate and long-term impact is to the staff. He also wanted to know if it will stay for the remainder of the year and continue into next year. Mr. Hernandez stated the we are in the process of changing the Master Labor Agreement and one of the changes is that we can have the teacher work an additional 24 hours a quarter here on site beyond what they currently do. So teachers have always worked an 8 hour day with some of that done at home. But now we are having them do it on site. The teachers voted on the times and decided to stay an extra 30 minutes a day. Lt Col Mendoza ask how it has been received by the teacher. Mr. Hernandez said overall there has not been a lot of complaints except for a few that had appointment that conflicted with the time. Maj Martin wanted to know if any teachers had a problem with childcare and Mr. Hernandez stated that no one has brought up that issue.
- n. Maj Martin addressed the issue of providing buses to the youth center for the kids that do afterschool activities. As it stands there is a group of kids that can't participate due to there being no buses to pick them up after the activity and then take them to the youth center. Is there a way to provide them a bus? Mr. Hernandez asked Ms. Cooper if she could inquire about this and see if it could be possible. Some of the questions and concerns that were brought up where, what would be the cost? How many kids would participate? Who would pick up the expense? Ms. Cooper will check into this and let us know.

- o. Ms. Wanda Cooper the SLO asked what kind of information the board wanted her to provide. It was stated that the board would like to know of things happening on base for families and students. Ms. Zohn asked if she was able to gather any information concerning the number of students living on post that go to high schools off post. Ms. Cooper stated that there are currently 66.
- p. Maj Martin asked if the school calendar for SY2019/2020 is available. Dr. Coleman stated that they had just been released and Mr. Hernandez will send it out to parents.
- q. Mr. Hernandez also introduces Dr. Paula Franklin our new MFAC councilor and stated that she is very good and has jumped in with both feet. The kids really like her and seem to be responding well to her.
- r. Lt Col Mendoza asked if there were no other formal topics and Dr. Coleman just reminded everyone that the last School Board Meeting and Awards Ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 1st at 1:00pm. Lt Col Mendoza moved to adjourn the meeting and Maj Martin seconded it and all were in favor.

Lt Col Daniel Mendoza
School Board President

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