

MCGREGOR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Board Members Present: Jim Bates, Mike Hollingsworth, Carolyn Lillard,  
Deidre Lauterbach

Board Members Absent: Gary Hannemann, Jack Keltner, Herman Tucker, Jr.

Administration Present: Kevin Houchin, John Hudson, James Lenamon, Bob Balshaw,  
Paul Miller, Cheri Zacharias

Guests Present: Gary Zacharias

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Carolyn Lillard. The meeting has been duly called, and a notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551, and that a quorum of board members were present.

Invocation: Mike Hollingsworth

Audience with Public: Gary Zacharias spoke to the board about facilities.

Campus and District Plans for 2007-2008 were presented for discussion. High School Principal Bob Balshaw briefly highlighted the implementation of the Young Marines Program, mandatory tutorials, the NovaNet Lab, summer school, and the Read Right Program. He is pleased with his staff's efforts to get the year off to a good start.

Junior High Principal Paul Miller praised the hard work put in by his students and staff to attain Recognized Status for last year's testing scores. Mr. Miller said this was done by teaching the TEKS and not the test. Mr. Miller indicated that about 30 students took summer school this year and all passed. Mr. Miller said the promotion policy approved last year by the board causes students to take their studies more seriously or face the consequences of summer school. To serve an increasing number of ESL students, Mr. Miller said that Mrs. McPherson will work with those students on a full time basis. A new reading teacher has assumed some of her prior duties.

Elementary Principal Cheri Zacharias reported excellent attendance at her summer school this year. She said that the Kamico software used this year has helped teachers get needed data on student needs on a same day basis. Mrs. Zacharias indicated that Geneva Watley has been training on her campus with students on the new Read Right Program. Students and parents are excited about the program.

Assistant Superintendent James Lenamon presented the District Improvement Plan to the board for comments or questions. Motion was made by Mike Hollingsworth and seconded by Jim Bates to approve the Campus and District Improvement Plans as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Jim Bates and seconded by Mike Hollingsworth to approve as presented the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: payment of bills, approval of minutes, and approval of the 4-H Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

A Financial Management Performance Report Public Hearing was held. Nobody from the

public was present. Superintendent Kevin Houchin described the new documents and requirements necessary for the report this year. The district received a Superior Achievement rating.

Consideration was given for bids for Property and Business Insurance Coverage for 2007-2008. Motion was made by Mike Hollingsworth and seconded by Deidre Lauterbach to accept the proposal by Naler Insurance Agency for the business coverage at a premium cost of \$48,820. The motion passed unanimously.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Houchin indicated that enrollment is up by 37 students over last year. Enrollment is up by 7 students at the elementary, 20 students at the junior high, and 10 students at the high school. The three largest classes in the school at this time are the second grade with 108, the sixth grade with 105, and the fourth grade with 103 students. Mr. Houchin said the district has been experiencing steady growth recently with enrollments of 1,157 in 2004, 1,178 in 2005, 1,189 in 2006, 1,222 in 2007, and 1,259 currently.

Two students at McGregor High School have been named National Merit semifinalists in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. Representing McGregor High School on this distinguished list are Billy Etheredge and Ruston Thompson. Each has the opportunity to continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards that will be offered in the spring. These McGregor High School students along with over 1.4 million juniors in the nation entered the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Semifinalists advance to the finalist level by fulfilling several requirements. The pool of semifinalists represents the highest scoring entrants in each state. Finalists will be named later this spring. McGregor High School student, Stephanie Simcox, advanced to the commended level in the same competition.

Mr. Houchin reported that the high school and junior high were broken into on a recent weekend. Both campuses are now looking at alarm systems or combination alarm/camera systems for improved security.

Mr. Houchin passed out some data to board members concerning coaching gathered at the request of Board Member Mike Hollingsworth. Information about the MISD staff and their coaching assignments was included in the materials. Also included was some information obtained from other member schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.