

MCGREGOR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2007

Board Members Present: Jack Keltner, Jim Bates, Mike Hollingsworth, Carolyn Lillard
Herman Tucker, Jr.

Board Members Absent: Gary Hannemann, Deidre Lauterbach

Administration Present: Kevin Houchin, John Hudson, James Lenamon

Guests Present: None

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Keltner. 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: None

President Jack Keltner asked the board if there were any items in the consent agenda that they wished to separate out from the other items for discussion or action. There were no requests for more discussion. Motion was made by Herman Tucker, Jr. and seconded by Jim Bates to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration was given for selecting the District Financial Auditor for the 2007-2008 School Year. Mr. Houchin said the auditors work for the board. He said that the auditors used by the District for the past several years offer help to district staff as needed throughout the year. Motion was made by Carolyn Lillard and seconded by Herman Tucker, Jr. to select Williams, Cunningham, Shavers & Christensen, L.L.P. as the District Financial Auditor for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Personnel, motion was made by Herman Tucker, Jr. and seconded by Jim Bates to accept the resignation of Michael Wagner. Mr. Wagner has been offered a teaching position by Baylor University. The motion passed unanimously.

Also under personnel, motion was made by Jim Bates and seconded by Carolyn Lillard to extend a contract to Jessica Pierce for 5th grade and to Josh Carty for high school assistant principal. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration was given for the Proposed Tax Rate to be used for the Public Meeting Notice. Following a brief discussion, motion was made by Jim Bates and seconded by Herman Tucker, Jr. to agree on a Proposed Tax Rate to put in the Public Meeting Notice for the 2007-2008 school year which includes \$1.04000 for Maintenance & Operations and \$0.15000 for Interest & Sinking for a Total of \$1.19000, and to hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 30, 2007 in the McGregor ISD Administration Building to discuss the school district's budget and to determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Last year's rate had a total of \$1.52110. Mr. Houchin said the proposed rate would maximize the amount of state funds available to the district without seeking voter approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Houchin told the board that a Local Policy Update is required prior to the start of the 2007-2008 school year due to the provisions of House Bill 3678. This new law commonly referred to as the Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act (RVAA) contains provisions for student expression. Mr. Houchin indicated that district has received two possible models for the new policy from TASB Policy Service and one other from the school legal firm, Schwartz & Eichelbaum. Following discussion, motion was made by Herman Tucker, Jr. and seconded by Carolyn Lillard to approve policy FNA (LOCAL) as presented by the school law firm, Schwartz & Eichelbaum. The motion passed unanimously.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Houchin discussed some board training opportunities that are available for team building and updates to the Texas Education Code.

The Preliminary School FIRST rating has arrived. The district received a Superior Rating by meeting 19 of 21 indicators.

The preliminary AEIS Ratings have arrived. McGregor Elementary and H.G. Isbill received a Recognized rating and McGregor High School and the District received an Academically Acceptable rating. Scores improved from the previous year.

Mr. Houchin gave a brief facilities update. He reported that the District has received two bids for demolition of part of the T.H. Jenkins campus. Estimates for roof repairs or replacement on parts of the campus are not complete. The possibility of conducting a facilities workshop was discussed to consider different options for the Jenkins campus as well as potential improvements to the H.G. Isbill campus. Board President Jack Keltner asked board members to check with members of the community about their opinion on possible actions being considered at the Jenkins campus.

There were no requests for future agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.