

MCGREGOR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2007

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

Board Members Absent: Gary Hannemann

Administration Present: Kevin Houchin, John Hudson, James Lenamon

Guests Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Board 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

Motion was made by Carolyn Lillard and seconded by Herman Tucker, Jr. to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Kevin Houchin told board members that the period from October through December should be used for the 2008 Goal Development. Mr. Houchin asked the board to review the present goals and to formulate ideas for modifications or additions to consider during this development phase.

Mr. Houchin informed the board that the calendar for announcing board training hours has been shifted to December. Mr. Houchin disclosed several options available to the board to acquire mandatory Team Building Workshop hours. A discussion was held on which method would best fit the needs of the board and the district. The board expressed a preference for an evening meeting rather than a Saturday to conduct the workshop.

Board President Jack Keltner conducted a discussion of the board Procedure Manual and its implementation at regular meetings during the calendar year. Mr. Keltner said the board is compliant in all 24 of the board operating procedures reviewed in previous training sessions. Mr. Keltner suggested that the superintendent be allowed to inform the board at monthly meetings of operation items that need their attention. Individual board members wanting additional information on an operational issue may request it as needed. The superintendent can research the issue and schedule it for discussion at the next board meeting.

Mr. Houchin asked the board for their input on the possible effectiveness of some public relations efforts. Assistant Superintendent James Lenamon was asked to discuss *The Growl*, a publication of the McGregor ISD, that he prepared at the request of Mr. Houchin. Mr. Lenamon said the periodical contains information about new initiatives and programs, campus news, student successes, new faces, community involvement, MISD athletics and extracurricular activities, and A Look Ahead (an event calendar). Mr. Lenamon said other features could be added as needed. The colorful publication has been placed on the school web site for public information and viewing. Ideas on how to best make the publication available to parents and community members were discussed. Board

members were given a copy of the publication and asked for their comments regarding its format and content. Board members complimented Mr. Lenamon on the quality of this first issue.

Mr. Houchin told the board about Flash News. Flash News is a subscription web site that is used as a source of emergency information and news by KWTX-Channel 10, KXXV-Channel 25, and the *Waco Tribune-Herald*. The district would pay a fee negotiated for school districts by the ESC Region 12 to use the service. The district could place various types of information on the site for distribution. The news organizations view the site and can use materials placed there in their news reports.

Mr. Houchin mentioned a school marquee as another possible way to get information out to parents and community members. It was agreed that size and location of a marquee would determine its usefulness. Cost of a marquee is determined by its size and features.

Board Member Herman Tucker, Jr. concluded the discussion on public relation efforts by saying he supports actions taken to promote Bulldog pride and excellence in all programs.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Houchin said the auditors have been working at the school for the past two and one half weeks. Mr. Houchin said things look fine and he expects a good report when it arrives later in the year. Mr. Houchin said the district had a good year financially, and he expects the fund balance to go up when final numbers are in.

Some school personnel have undergone three weeks of very intense training in the new Read Right program. Early results with students have been promising with some students advancing two grade levels.

Work continues on the math initiative begun at the start of the year. Mr. Houchin met with the math initiative coordinator Sara Barrett and with math teachers recently to review progress. Mr. Houchin reports more work remains to be done.

The band will compete in the UIL Marching Contest at Waco ISD Stadium on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 6:15 p.m.

The rocket company SpaceX is hosting a community picnic and tour of its facilities on Saturday, October 13, 2007. The company recently donated hundreds of backpacks to the students of McGregor ISD.

The Fall Festival will be held at the Elementary on October 31, 2007.

Mr. Houchin reported that efforts to have the football scoreboard repaired have been unsuccessful to this point. The clock failed on the scoreboard just minutes before the homecoming game with West. Technicians from Spectrum, the maker of the scoreboard, have made two trips to McGregor to repair the time clock portion of the scoreboard during the last two weeks. The clock has worked for awhile then failed again. A portable time clock was secured from Daktronics to use as a backup for the first district game with Crawford. The portable clock is being used in the freshman game played tonight. A technician from Spectrum is to work on the clock again on Friday to hopefully finalize repairs. Mr. Houchin said the clock has been serviced yearly and has served the district well for the last 31 years. At the end of the season, some decisions may need to be made for replacement.

A security system for district facilities will soon be in place to protect district property from vandalism and theft. Campus administrators have been working with Ambold's on design for the new system.

There were no board member items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.