

MCGREGOR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 20, 2007  
7:00 PM

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

Board Members Absent: None

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 notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 51, and that a quorum of board members were present.

Invocation: Gary Hannemann

Audience with Public: None

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

The following motion was made by Herman Tucker, Jr., "I move that the board add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 81." The motion was seconded by Carolyn Lillard. The motion passed unanimously.

Under personnel, motion was made by Herman Tucker, Jr. and seconded by Carolyn Lillard to accept the resignation of Julie Fugitt from her position of special education resource teacher effective December 21, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Also under personnel, motion was made by Carolyn Lillard and seconded by Herman Tucker, Jr. to extend a contract to Melanie Kline for the position of special education resource teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

A public hearing was held to Tax Goods in Transit. There was not anyone from the public present for the hearing. Superintendent Kevin Houchin explained that the Legislature in its 2007 session enacted a new law as an addition to the property tax code creating an exemption for certain goods in transit. Similar to the freeport exemption, local taxing units may elect not to participate in the exemption. Mr. Houchin said that by adopting the resolution government bodies are taking official action to continue taxing goods in transit just as was done under law prior to the new legislation.

Motion was made by Carolyn Lillard and seconded by Gary Hannemann to adopt a resolution as presented to continue taxing goods in transit. The motion passed unanimously.

The McGregor ISD Board of Trustee training hours for for 3-1-07 through 12-19-07 are:  
Jack Keltner received 16.25 hours  
Herman Tucker, Jr. received 11.5 hours

Deidre Lauterbach received 13.75 hours  
Carolyn Lillard received 12.5 hours  
Gary Hannemann received 15 hours  
Mike Hollingsworth received 10.25 hours  
Jim Bates received 9 hours.

All board members exceeded the required 8 hours of training for the period.

Consideration was given to the 2008 Goals for the district. Mr. Houchin said the goals were scheduled to be adopted at the January meeting. President Jack Keltner asked board members to review the goals and to report to him any additions or changes they would like to make. Mr. Keltner will present the suggestions to the board for discussion prior to final adoption of the 2008 goals at the January meeting.

Mr. Houchin passed out a copy of the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument to board members. Board members were instructed by Mr. Keltner to complete the instrument and to return them to him for compilation of data. Members were asked to submit comments whether positive or negative on the documents. Mr. Houchin said there is a state component to the evaluation based upon PEIMS data that will have to be attached to the final evaluation document.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Houchin gave a brief facilities report. Mr. Houchin told the board that a meeting is scheduled with Mike King of Huckabee & Associates on January 10th to begin plans for improvements to the junior high campus. The development process will take several months. Planned work will likely not begin until possibly April or May. Mr. Houchin said the scoreboards at the high school gym and football field are in bad shape and need to be replaced. He was directed to proceed.

Mr. Houchin said the agenda for the January meeting would not only include his evaluation but also contracts for the athletic director, band director, and administrators. Goals for 2008 will be finalized and approved as another agenda item.

Mr. Houchin passed out a report from McLennan Community College addressing the performance of all area high school graduates enrolled at MCC.

Under board items, Herman Tucker, Jr. offered congratulations to the recent winners at the Temple Art Show.

Deidre Lauterbach and Gary Hannemann both praised the production work of Assistant Superintendent James Lenamon in developing *The Growl*. The colorful and informative publication is available on the district web site, is e-mailed to district staff, and is printed and placed for viewing at the administration office. Mr. Hannemann asked if the publication will have any connection to the annual. Mr. Houchin said the yearbook has a new sponsor this year and she is making efforts to improve that publication and to increase sales to students. Mr. Lenamon said the yearbook will be in full color this year. He said some the the pictures he uses in *The Growl* come from the yearbook staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.