

MCGREGOR ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2007

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

Superintendent Kevin Houchin gave an analysis of the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget. Some of the highlights for the budget year include: the budget finishing in the black with revenue exceeding expenses, the District earning about \$122,000 in interest income for the budget cycle, a Chapter 41/42 Partnership in conjunction with the ESC Region 12 and participating schools that makes about \$200,000 in funds available for technology, the refunding of the school bonds to save the District about \$15,000 per year for the life of the bonds, and the purchase three new buses. Mr. Houchin explained to the board that the process of refunding the bonds made the budget appear larger than it really was due to accounting procedures required. The budget had to show about \$5,000,000 in revenue offset by \$5,000,000 expenditures as part of the refunding process.

Mr. Houchin discussed the Proposed 2007-2008 Budget with the board. The budget includes \$10,526 more for expenses than the previous school year. More of the revenue in the proposed budget will come from the state and less from the local tax effort with a proposed drop of \$0.33 in the local tax rate. The proposed budget includes an additional \$240,000 to be spent on instruction, much of which is dedicated to teacher and campus staff salary increases. The proposed budget contains a decrease in the amounts spent on counseling, transportation, campus administration, and maintenance. Mr. Houchin explained that transportation costs should be down since no new buses are expected to be bought this year. Following the discussion, Mr. Houchin answered any board questions.

There was not anyone in attendance from the community for the Public Discussion of the 2007-2008 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate.

Motion was made by Herman Tucker, Jr. and seconded by Mike Hollingsworth to adopt the 2007-2008 Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Under consideration of adoption of the 2007-2008 Tax Rate, Herman Tucker, Jr. made the following motion, "I move that the Board of Trustees of the McGregor Independent School District adopt an ordinance to hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the tax year 2007 at a total rate of \$1.19, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$1.04 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and

\$0.15 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts."

The motion was seconded by Carolyn Lillard. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.