

The Regular Meeting of the McMullen County Independent School District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 7:30 P.M. in the Elementary Building, Tilden, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Franklin, President  
Michael Gunter, Secretary  
Marty Harris  
Chris Turner  
Karen Wheeler  
Joe Verastegui

MEMBERS ABSENT: Warren Wheeler, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT: Dave Underwood, Superintendent  
Rosalinda Cavazos, Principal  
Krystal Huschke, Business Manager  
Dale Patterson, Operations Director

VISITORS PRESENT: Paul Peeler, District Auditor  
Albert Soto, Lamar Womack & Associates

The Meeting was called to order by President Walt Franklin and the Prayer was offered by same.

Motion by Chris Turner, second by Karen Wheeler, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2011, as copies were mailed to Board Members for advance perusal, and to approve the Minutes as prepared. Carried. (Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No-Michael Gunter abstaining)

The Accounts Payable were then considered with a correction to Barcelona Sports as payment for merchandise instead of dues.

Motion by Michael Gunter, second by Chris Turner, to approve the Accounts Payable as corrected. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

The visitors were on the Agenda.

Principal Cavazos reported on the success of the FFA Career Development Event teams and the basketball teams. She noted that the elementary and junior high UIL academic students won the district competition in Nordheim and mentioned the upcoming elementary Christmas Play.

Superintendent Underwood reminded the Board of the upcoming staff Christmas party.

President Franklin opened the Public Hearing to discuss the Texas Tax Code Section 11.253, Taxation of Goods-In-Transit. After discussion and consideration, motion by Marty Harris, second by Michael Gunter, to adopt Resolution 12122011, providing for the Taxation of Goods-In-Transit pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 11.253. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No) *See Attached*

President Franklin continued the Public Hearing to discuss the 2010-2011 Academic Excellence Indicator System. Principal Cavazos reported that McMullen County I.S.D. received a rating of "Exemplary," the highest rating possible. She explained how the rating was accessed and commended the students and staff for a successful year.

District Auditor Paul Peeler reviewed the 2010-2011 Financial Audit with the Board. Motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Marty Harris, to approve the 2010-2011 Financial Audit as prepared. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

After discussion and consideration, motion by Chris Turner, second by Joe Verastegui, to approve Carina Sneed and Mia Bowser, as additional transfer students into the District for the 2011-2012 school year. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

After discussion, motion by Michael Gunter, second by Karen Wheeler, to approve a donation of \$1400 from Chesapeake Energy to help sponsor the annual McMullen County basketball tournament. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

After discussion and consideration, motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Chris Turner, to adopt a Cash Management and Treasury Services Resolution with SNB McMullen Bank. Carried. (Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No-Marty Harris abstaining)

After discussion and consideration, motion by Chris Turner, second by Michael Gunter, to adopt a corporate resolution with SNB McMullen Bank. Carried. (Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No-Marty Harris abstaining)

The 2011-2012 substitute teacher list was discussed.

After discussion, motion by Marty Harris, second by Chris Turner, to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) Policies as recommended by TASB Policy Services for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 92. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No) *See Attachment*

After discussion and consideration, motion by Michael Gunter, second by Chris Turner, to approve Lomar Womack & Associates as the architectural firm to employ for future renovations and new construction of District facilities, and to appoint Superintendent Underwood to negotiate fees. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

The "Framework for School Board Development" handout was discussed.

President Franklin announced Board member training hours each has accumulated. *See Attachment*

Superintendent Underwood discussed district goals, including safety issues and student enrollment.

After discussion, motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Marty Harris, to publish a request for interest and qualifications from independent audit services for fiscal year 2011-2012. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

After discussion and consideration, motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Michael Gunter, to submit a letter to the Comptroller of Public Accounts detailing McMullen County I.S.D.'s legal authority to exercise the power of eminent domain. Carried. (Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No-Joe Verastegui abstaining)

President Franklin called the Meeting into Executive Session in accordance with TX Government Code 551.071 for the discussion of litigation. TIME: 8:20 PM

President Franklin reconvened the Meeting into Regular Session. TIME: 8:25PM

Motion by Marty Harris, second by Chris Turner, to support the Texas School Coalition School Finance Litigation with \$1000. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

After discussion and consideration, motion by Joe Verastegui, second by Marty Harris, to approve a one-time stipend of \$250 for the McMullen County I.S.D. non-auxiliary staff members, excluding the superintendent, to offset lost benefits. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

President Franklin called the Meeting into Executive Session in accordance with TX Government Code 551.074 for the discussion of personnel. TIME: 8:28 PM

President Franklin reconvened the Meeting into Regular Session. TIME: 8:38PM

Motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Michael Gunter, to set the date for the next Regular Meeting for January 12, 2012, at 6:30 P.M. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Chris Turner, second by Karen Wheeler, to adjourn. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

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Walt Franklin, President

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Michael Gunter, Secretary

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