

The Regular Meeting of the McMullen County Independent School District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. in the Elementary Building, Tilden, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Franklin, President  
Warren Wheeler, Vice-President  
Michael Gunter, Secretary  
Marty Harris  
Joe Verastegui  
Karen Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Teal

STAFF PRESENT: Frank Franklin, Superintendent  
Scott Higgins, Principal  
David Mendez, Attorney  
Paul Peeler, District Auditor  
Suzi McClaugherty, Business Manager

VISITORS PRESENT: Clint Walker, Jennifer Walker, Catie Blaha, Lee White, Jane Villareal, Mario Garza, Debora Garza, Sarah Casas, Laura Ridgeway, Erma Garza, Wally Garza, Marty Engelking, Rosalinda Engelking, Jayne Varga, Elvia Stanley, Doug Shipe, Johnny Garcia, Jolynn Gisler, Pamela Henicke, Tasha Beckett, Sarah Tindall & Bruce Thomas

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

Motion by Marty Harris, second by Warren Wheeler, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, as copies were mailed to Board Members for advance perusal, and to approve the Minutes as corrected. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

The Accounts Payable were then considered.

Motion by Michael Gunter, second by Karen Wheeler, to approve the Accounts Payable as presented. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

Jim Teal entered the Meeting at this time.

President Franklin recognized the visitors and gave them the opportunity to address the Board.

Several parents spoke concerning the safety of their children while attending school.

Parent Clint Walker, who was on the Agenda, spoke at length of his concerns about the safety of his children. He passed out a flyer to Board Members concerning "Sex Offender Registration."

President Franklin called the Board into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.071, to consult with the Board's attorney, and Texas Government Code 661.082, to consider a complaint or charge against a student or personnel. TIME: 6:40 pm

President Franklin reconvened the Meeting into Regular Session. TIME: 7:18 PM

Upon returning to the Regular Session, President Franklin thanked the visitors for coming and bringing their concerns to the Board. The group was informed that the Superintendent would make certain that the student in question would not be in the elementary building. The visitors applauded and thanked the Board, then exited the Meeting.

District Auditor Paul Peeler reviewed the 2007-2008 Financial Audit with the Board. Motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Jim Teal, to approve the 2007-2008 Financial Audit as presented. Carried. (Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No)

Mrs. McClaugherty and Mr. Peeler left the Meeting at this time.

After discussion, motion by Jim Teal, second by Karen Wheeler, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Atascosa/McMullen Safe School Healthy Students Consortium, as recommended by the administration. Carried. (Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No)

Superintendent Frank Franklin presented each Board Member with a certificate of appreciation honoring them during School Board Appreciation Month and noted that the cafeteria staff had prepared a special meal for the Meeting.

Principal Scott Higgins reported on the success of the basketball teams and training for NOVANET, a program for student credit recovery, and for TAKS, SAT and ACT prep.

Superintendent Franklin discussed the "Winter Governance and Legal Seminar" in Corpus on February 19-21 and informed the Board he would be in Austin for the Superintendent's "Mid-Winter Conference" January 25-28.

After discussion, motion by Marty Harris, second by Joe Verastegui, to approve the superintendent's evaluation and extend his current contract by one year. Carried. (Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Michael Gunter, to set the date for the next Regular Meeting for February 23, at 6:00 P.M. Carried. (Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Michael Gunter, second by Warren Wheeler, to adjourn. Carried. (Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No)

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Walt Franklin, President

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Michael Gunter, Secretary

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