

The Regular Meeting of the McMullen County Independent School District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 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
Jim Teal
Karen Wheeler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julio Garcia

STAFF PRESENT: Frank Franklin, Superintendent
Jay Smith, Principal

VISITORS PRESENT: Rosie Cavazos
Kori Smith
Lynann Starr
Mary Franklin
Richard Dockery
Barbara Paul
John Malendro
Elvia Stanley
Sylvia Swisher

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

Motion by Jim Teal, second by Michael Gunter, to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, as copies were mailed to Board Members for advance perusal, and to approve the Minutes as prepared. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

The Accounts Payable were then considered.

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

President Franklin recognized the visitors and afforded them the opportunity to address the Board. Kori Smith and Lynann Starr expressed their disagreement and disappointment with their respective children not being selected by the Faculty Council to be inducted into the National Honor Society. The remaining visitors were in attendance to observe the Meeting.

The Shared Services Agreement with the Regional Day School for the Deaf was discussed. Motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Warren Wheeler, to approve the Shared Services Agreement with the Regional Day School for the Deaf. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

After discussion, motion by Jim Teal, second by Michael Gunter, to deposit the annual Valley Telephone Cooperative rebate into the Honorary Educator's Scholarship Account. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

The Meeting was temporarily recessed to allow Board Members to attend the annual Masonic Lodge "Teacher Appreciation Dinner" in the school cafeteria.

Following the meal, Board Members returned to the Meeting.

President Franklin called the Board into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.072 for the discussion of real estate. TIME: 7:12 PM

President Franklin reconvened the Meeting into Regular Session: TIME: 7:53 PM

Motion by Marty Harris, second by Warren Wheeler, to extend an offer of \$200,000 for the Swisher property with the following stipulations:

- 1) Life estate until Ms. Swisher's death or her absence from the residence for 180 days
- 2) Thirty days will be allowed for removal of personal belongings from the property upon cessation of the life estate
- 3) Property to be surveyed and an environmental inspection is to be provided

Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

President Franklin recognized Mr. John Malendro, Thomas Y. Pickett's representative, who was on the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Malendro explained how the gas and oil values are determined for ad valorem tax purposes and gave his projection of values for the upcoming tax year.

Superintendent Franklin discussed proposed changes to be made in the National Honor Society bylaws and in the selection/non-selection of inductees into the organization.

Warren Wheeler left the Meeting at this time.

Principal Jay Smith reported on the success of the golf, tennis and track teams. He reported on TAKS results for grades three, five and eight and discussed upcoming events.

President Franklin called the Board into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.071, for private consultation with the Board's attorney. TIME: 9:07 P.M.

President Franklin reconvened the Meeting into Regular Session. TIME: 9:58 P.M.

Warren Wheeler returned during the Executive Session.

Motion by Marty Harris, second by Warren Wheeler, to approve the "settlement agreement," as prepared by the school attorney in the complaint styled, "McMullen County I.S.D. v. L.T. b/n/f B.T. and A.T., Civil Action No. 5:08-CN-00023" and the due process hearing against the District styled, "L.T. b/n/f B.T. and A.T. v McMullen County I.S.D., TEA Docket No. 079-SE-1207." Carried. (Vote: 4 Yes, 2 No-Walt Franklin and Karen Wheeler)

President Franklin called the Board into Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.074 for the discussion of personnel. TIME: 10:02

President Franklin reconvened the Meeting into Regular Session. TIME: 10:11

Motion by Karen Wheeler, second by Michael Gunter, to offer the entire teaching staff one-year contracts for the 2008/2009 school year, with the exception of Mrs. Lum, who would still require a probationary contract for the 2008/2009 school year. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

Superintendent Franklin reported that \$5,000 from McMullen Bank, for projects, was added to the scholarship fund and that improvements to the parking lot at the track had been planned. He then discussed the follow-up review of the Appraisal Standards Review (ASR) of McMullen County Appraisal District and the Submission for Preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act pertaining to the District changing the election dates. He also reminded the Board of the upcoming Valley Telephone Annual Meeting and the County Health Fair.

Motion by Michael Gunter, second by Jim Teal, to set the date for the next Regular Meeting for Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

Motion by Marty Harris, second by Warren Wheeler, to adjourn. Carried. (Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No)

Walt Franklin, President

Michael Gunter, Secretary

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