

**MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2006
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Executive Session (Employment, Compensation, Transfer and Dismissal of Personnel)**
- IV. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve September 25, 2006 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- V. Recognition of the Public**
- VI. Reports**
 - A. History Teachers' Grant – Linda Schilling and Scott Doerr**
 - B. Receipt of Tax Funds and T.I.F. Reimbursement from Village of Elkhart**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. School Board Resolution 06-01: Notification to Village of Elkhart**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Annual School District Audit Report (2005-06)**
 - B. Approve Baumann & Associates, Ltd. as School District Auditor for 2006-07**
 - C. IASB School Board Convention – Nov. 16-19, 2006**
 - D. Fall Housing Enrollment (Sept. 30) HS - 199 (2005 – 218)**
 - GS – 340 (2005 – 344)**
 - EGS - 66 (2005 - 78)**
 - E. Annual Application for Recognition of Schools**
- IX. Adjournment**

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President Meister called the meeting to order on October 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Mike Toohey, David Meister, Julian Wubben, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, and Jeff Haley. Laurie Rhodes arrived late. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Scott Doerr and Gene Newton were also present.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of employment, compensation, and transfer and dismissal of personnel. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to exit Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Laurie Rhodes to hire Charlie Matthews as MPHS custodian effective October 5, 2006 at an annual salary of \$17,500. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed tonight in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to adopt the Consent Agenda:

- A: Approve September 25, 2006 Minutes
- B: Approve Payment of Bills

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

MPHS History teacher Linda Schilling and EGS Principal Scott Doerr reported to the Board on their seven day trip to the Washington D.C. area June 20th through 27th. The trip was open to twenty-eight history teachers and funded by a grant written by the ROE at Macomb through the No Child Left Behind program. The purpose of the trip was for history teachers to see first hand the historical places they teach about, making it easier for them to relay the information to their students. Linda Schilling thanked ROE Superintendent Jean Anderson and MPHS Principal Russell Galusha for the opportunity to participate in this program. Lesson plans had to be written and a pre-test and post-test was required of the participants. This is a three year grant with trips the following years to San Francisco, Boston, and New York. The Board thanked Linda Schilling and Scott Doerr for their informative report.

Checks were received October 4th from the village of Elkhart totaling \$23,874.57. \$11,742.03 was the amount paid for the TIF overpayment from Logan County, and \$12,132.54 was the amount paid for the 2004 TIF increment payable in 2005. Julian Wubben questioned when the village of Elkhart would have received the 2005 tax money payable in 2006. As with the School District, the Elkhart TIF District should have begun receiving tax payments in July with the final payment being made by the middle of November. He noted that the TIF Intergovernmental Agreement specifies the village is to pay the TIF increment due the School District within a reasonable time after the village's receipt of the tax money. Mike Toohey questioned why the School District did not receive the total reimbursement shown on the spreadsheets and authorized by TIF attorney Tom Jacobs, who was responsible for the preparation of the Elkhart Intergovernmental Agreement. The 2001 TIF increment payable in 2002 amounting to about \$7,400 was not reimbursed to the School District. Superintendent Shelton will follow up on why the District wasn't reimbursed for the taxes payable in 2002.

Superintendent Shelton reported that the new high school addition punch list (general things yet to be completed with some mechanical, electrical, and plumbing items) was received from the architect today. The contractor will not receive the final payment until everything on the punch list is done.

President Meister read Resolution No. 06-01 (attached and made a part of these minutes) notification to the village of Elkhart.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to adopt Resolution No. 06-01 as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The FY06 financial audit that was recently completed shows the District financial profile designation in the early warning category. Superintendent Shelton explained this is due to the fact the ISBE formula to arrive at the profile score includes the high school addition construction expenses but does not include the \$1.2 million working cash bonds abatement money as revenue in the Building fund. This fact will be noted by the Superintendent on the comments portion of the financial profile sent to ISBE.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the FY2006 School District audit report prepared by Baumann & Associates as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to approve Baumann & Associates, Ltd. as the School District auditor for 2006-2007. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The IASB School Board convention will be held November 16th through 19th with all Board members scheduled to attend. Jeff Haley volunteered to be the Board Delegate.

The September 30th official fall housing enrollment with 2005 also noted is as follows:

MPHS	199 (218 in 2005)
MPGS	340 (344 in 2005)
EGS	66 (78 in 2005)

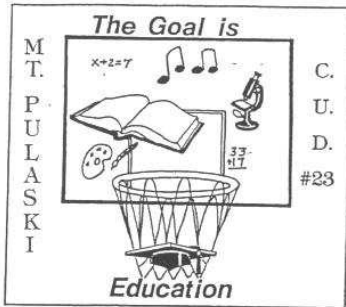
Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the 2006-2007 Applications for Recognition of Schools for Mt. Pulaski High School, Mt. Pulaski Elementary School, and Elkhart Elementary School. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Regarding ownership of the EGS property, Superintendent Shelton said as a result of legislation enacted in 1993 the School Board holds title to public school property acquired from a direct grant, gift, or donation.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Voice vote. All ayes. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By


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Resolution No. 06-01

Whereas, on May 12, 2004, the Board of Education of Mt. Pulaski Community School District No. 23 (“the School Board”) and the Village of Elkhart, Illinois (The “Village”) entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement in connection with the adoption by the Village of its Tax Increment Financing District No. 1 pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1) and

Whereas, pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Intergovernmental Agreement the School Board is required to give not less than nine (9) months written notice to the Village prior to a reduction in the number of classes at or the closing of Elkhart Grade School; and

Whereas, due to declining enrollment and low enrollment it is no longer educationally appropriate and fiscally responsible to continue operation of Elkhart Grade School grades 6,7, 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23, LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Elkhart Grade School grades 6, 7, 8 will be transferred to Mt. Pulaski Grade School in August 2007, and the Elkhart Grade School may be closed.

Section 2. That the President of the School Board is hereby authorized and directed to send by regular mail, and certified mail return receipt requested, written notice to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Elkhart of this Board’s decision to transfer Elkhart Grade School grades 6, 7, 8 to Mt. Pulaski Grade School in August 2007, and to possibly close the Elkhart Grade School.

Said notice shall be sent at least nine (9) months prior to the transfer of Elkhart Grades 6, 7, 8 or the closing of Elkhart Grade School, and shall be substantially in the form of EXHIBIT A attached hereto.

This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect forthwith upon its passage. Adopted this 16th day of October, 2006, by the following roll call vote.

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT:


President, Board of Education

