

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
JUNE 19, 2006

President Meister called the meeting to order on June 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. Joe Olson arrived late; Jeff Haley and Tina Smith were absent. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Russell Galusha and Scott Doerr were present.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Laurie Rhodes to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of employment, compensation of personnel, and the transportation contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, and David Meister.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Laurie Rhodes to rehire all District Coaches for the 2006-2007 school year with the exception of MPHS cheerleading, MPGS cheerleading, EGS volleyball, and EGS track depending on numbers. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Julian Wubben to hire Heath Houck as MPHS Ag teacher and FFA advisor for the 2006-2007 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Julian Wubben to adopt Consent Agenda Items A through D:

- A: Approve May 15, 2006 Minutes
- B: Approve Payment of Bills
- C: Summer Student Workers
- D: Approve Cathy Shull as School District Treasurer FY 2007

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

Superintendent Shelton reported there has been quite a bit of progress on the high school addition since the exterior brick was finished last week. Windows have been installed, painting has been completed in all areas except the cafeteria, tile in the kitchen has been laid, and terrazzo flooring is scheduled to be started the first week of July.

The project should be completed by July 31st. The only change order received after the bid was accepted was a deduction. There will be a change order coming up for about \$3,124.12 for "hold opens" which includes cafeteria doors and a larger box required by AmerenCilco for the electrical upgrade. There should be another cost deduction for eliminating ceilings in the mechanical rooms. The electrician had price increases in copper material since the bid; however, that is a problem to be worked out between the architect and the contractor and is not a School District problem.

A special Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 5th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Unit Office to approve the next payment for the contractor.

Kindergarten enrollment next year is at 32 or 33 at MPGS and 3 or 4 at EGS. Due to the low EGS kindergarten number it will be necessary to combine kindergarten and first grade classes next year. Laurie Rhodes said there are lots of advantages for combined classes; and in big cities it's the "in thing" to do.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to combine the kindergarten and first grade classes at EGS for the 2006-2007 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Shelton said he needs more information before the District moves ahead with a computer lease. This will be tabled until the July meeting.

At the conclusion of each school year, an amended final school calendar is sent to the State.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the 2005-2006 final amended school calendar. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Trust is up for renewal with a 4% increase in premium and an expected dividend to almost offset the increase.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve membership in the Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Trust for the 2006-2007 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Mecca-Tech is the company responsible for handling the paperwork involved with federal reimbursement to the District for the Medicaid program. The District receives an estimated \$20,000 a year with a 5% service fee paid to Mecca-Tech.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the Mecca-Tech Service Agreement for 2006-2007 for the Medicaid Administrative Outreach and Fee for Service programs. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Xcell Mechanical Systems has been efficient and dependable with preventative boiler maintenance service for all three buildings. The boiler maintenance contract is up for renewal with an annual increase in price from \$2,890 to \$3,532.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Joe Olson to approve the boiler maintenance agreement with Xcell Mechanical Systems for an annual cost of \$3,532.00 paid in two installments. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The price for cafeteria tables and chairs for the high school was obtained through the State of Illinois purchasing program which assures the lowest price and includes freight charges.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the purchase of chairs and tables for the MPHS cafeteria with Virco through the State of Illinois purchasing program for a total cost of \$16,960.38. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Julian Wubben had some brief financial observations and questions. According to the District's tax data summary the EAV has dropped from \$86,016,896 in 2001 to \$74,923,076 in 2006. This yearly drop in EAV means the total tax money collected has dropped significantly from \$3,880,050 in 2001 to \$3,651,968 in 2006. It was noted that this 2006 tax figure does include the working cash and life safety bond money. Julian asked Superintendent Shelton if the District has received the Elkhart TIF money yet. Superintendent Shelton replied that the money has not been received, but he was told the money would be forthcoming.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By


Board Recording Secretary