

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
OCTOBER 15, 2007

President Meister called the meeting to order on October 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: David Meister, Julian Wubben, Laurie Rhodes, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, and Mike Toohey. Jeff Haley arrived late. Also present was Superintendent Phil Shelton.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for employment, resignation, compensation, evaluation, discipline of personnel, and sale of property. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to accept the resignation of Debra Maus as high school cook effective 9/24/07. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve Executive Session minutes reviewed tonight in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister.

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

- A. Approve September 24, 2007 Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills

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

The IASB School Board convention in Chicago is November 15th to 18th. All Board members and the Superintendent are scheduled to attend. Doug Martin volunteered to be the Board Delegate this year.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to appoint Doug Martin as Board Delegate to the IASB convention. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

President Meister read School Board Resolution 07-01 regarding the sale of the Elkhart Grade School property. The sale is scheduled for November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elkhart Grade School gym. A \$5,000 earnest money deposit will be due at the time of the sale. If the buyer doesn't follow through with the purchase of the property, the earnest money will be forfeited. A minimum bid for sale will be set.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to adopt Resolution 07-01 for the sale of the Elkhart Grade School property with Exhibits B and C and a minimum bid at sale of \$40,000. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Edline implementation is going well. The Grade Quick report card program has been implemented. Some parents viewed Edline during parent/teacher conferences and said they appreciate the information they can now receive. This will be another source of communication between teachers and parents.

Superintendent Phil Shelton reported that the annual audit has been completed. From the auditor's perspective, everything went well with the audit and the financial records. The financial profile shows "warning" once again this year due to the State Board's formula of not recognizing the 1.2 million Working Cash bond money as revenue into the Building Fund where the final high school addition expenses were paid out of. Next year's audit should show a lower operating expense per student due to the closure of Elkhart Grade School and a better financial profile with the completion of the high school addition project last year.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to approve the FY07 audit report as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to approve Bauman & Associates, Ltd. as the School District auditor for 2007-2008. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Julian Wubben to approve Mike Maske Auction Service as the auctioneer for the sale of the Elkhart Grade School property. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Phil Shelton reported that the school district report card information has been received and is available at each building. The information not only shows how the students are doing but how the teachers are doing as well. Overall the test scores are good. However, he is concerned about the scores at the high school because they have leveled off too much. The elementary scores do show improvement. David Meister said he is confident the Superintendent will get the test results back up at the high school level.

The ten-year Health/Life Safety study done by architects Graham & Hyde technically should have been done by the end of 2005 as the last one was in 1995. The process involves approval of the study by the School Board, and then it goes to the ROE and State Board. The cost for the fire doors and fire detectors needed at both buildings should be less than \$30,000.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to approve the ten-year Life Safety survey report. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Julian Wubben to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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