

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Executive Session (Evaluation of Personnel, Bus Transportation Contract, Sale of Property, Administrative Evaluations)**
- IV. Tax Levy Hearing**
- V. Recognition of Public**
- VI. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve November 19, 2007 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- VII. Reports**
 - A. State Library Grant – Roberta Ingram**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Elkhart Grade School Sale**
 - B. Tax Levy Adoption**
 - C. Athletic Officials – Proposed Fee Changes 2008-09**
- IX. New Business**
 - A. Seniority List Approval**
- X. Items of Information**
- XI. Adjournment**

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
DECEMBER 17, 2007

President Meister called the meeting to order on December 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Laurie Rhodes, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, David Meister, and Julian Wubben. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principal Scott Doerr were also present.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for evaluation of personnel, bus transportation contract, sale of property, and administrative evaluations. 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 Laurie Rhodes, second by Jeff Haley to exit Executive Session at 6:55 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.

The Public Hearing for the 2007 tax levy was held. President Meister asked for any questions or public input on the proposed levy. Hearing none, the proposed levy will be adopted later in the meeting.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve medical leave for Art teacher Sarah Phillips. 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 Jeff Haley to approve Executive Session minutes 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 approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Approve November 19, 2007 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.

Mt. Pulaski Grade School Librarian Roberta Ingram reported that the transfer of between 2,500 and 3,000 items from the Elkhart Grade School has made a much stronger library at Mt. Pulaski. She explained some of the services offered by Rolling Prairie Library System, one of which is the very successful interlibrary loan program with daily delivery of requested books to the schools. The Board thanked Roberta for her report and dedication.

The District has received word from Zion Lutheran Church on the formal vote that was taken to purchase the Elkhart Grade School building and property. The sale closing with Zion is scheduled for Thursday, December 20th, at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee members Mike Toohey and Julian Wubben met with Superintendent Phil Shelton and Cathy Shull on Wednesday, December 5th to set the 2007 tax levy. The School District is located in five counties, and all of the County Assessor offices, except Logan County, provided the needed estimated EAV information. Logan County estimated a 5% increase in residential but had no idea what the farmland assessment would be. With the average residential increase 5 to 5 ½% and 5% for farmland in a couple of the counties, the total EAV is projected to be about 77.5 million. The TORT immunity tax rate was lowered considerably due to fewer employees and one less building. This results in less risk management salary charges; worker's compensation and property casualty insurance. The FICA and IMRF tax rates were also lowered due to fewer employees. The estimated tax rate is 4.78834 compared to 4.93439 for 2006. Superintendent Phil Shelton said with a declining EAV for the past six years, we're anticipating it will now go up. Mike Toohey and David Meister thanked Superintendent Phil Shelton and Cathy Shull for their time and effort with the number crunching for the levy.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to adopt the 2007 tax levy as presented with a 4.69% increase over the previous year's extension. 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 proposed athletic official fee changes as presented and amended by Scott Doerr for the 2007-2008 school year. 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 certified and non-certified seniority lists 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.

Superintendent Phil Shelton extended his appreciation to the City for the recent work they did in spreading salt on the high school parking lot for the girl's basketball tournament.

Superintendent Phil Shelton has received notification from the Energy Assistance Foundation that his grant application for electric rate relief assistance has resulted in a credit in the amount of \$5,000 to be applied to the Mt. Pulaski High School Ameren account and \$5,000 to be applied to the Mt. Pulaski Grade School Ameren account.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Doug Martin to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

Catherine J. Shull
Board Recording Secretary