
**MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2007
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
 - II. Roll Call**
 - III. Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Evaluation, Dismissal, Employment, Compensation of Personnel, and Administrative Evaluations)**
 - IV. Recognition of the Public**
 - V. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve January 22, 2007, and January 30, 2007 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
 - VI. Reports**
 - A. November Ice Storm Claim – Payment Received**
 - B. Elkhart Grade School Property**
 - VII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. 2007-08 Staffing and Curriculum Planning**
 - VIII. New Business**
 - A. Review of School Board Policy 8:21 – Use of School Facilities**
 - B. Abe Lincoln Dinner Meeting – Thursday, March 1, Argenta-Oreana High School**
 - IX. Items of Information**
 - X. Adjournment**
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President Meister called the meeting to order on February 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, David Meister, Julian Wubben, Laurie Rhodes, and Doug Martin. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Scott Doerr, Russell Galusha, and Gene Newton were also present.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for discussion of contract negotiations, evaluation, dismissal, employment, compensation of personnel, and administrative evaluations. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to accept Shelley Kieffer's resignation as MPGS Early Childhood teacher effective February 23, 2007. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to accept Rebecca Liesman's resignation as EGS part-time cook and teacher's aide effective February 21, 2007. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Linda Hulett as part-time cook and librarian aide at EGS for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to accept Donna Koehler's resignation as MPHS scholastic bowl coach effective May, 2007. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to accept the resignation of Jason Brown as EGS junior high track coach. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to adopt the Consent Agenda:
A: Approve January 22 and January 30, 2007 Minutes
B: Approve Payment of Bills

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

Superintendent Shelton reported that a check for \$1,473.75 has been received for partial payment of the ice storm damage claim, with an additional \$696 for food spoilage expected to be paid by Ace Westchester Insurance or the broker Dimond Brothers.

Superintendent Shelton and David Meister met with the Elkhart Library Board, who did express some interest in use of the EGS building. Superintendent Shelton has yet to meet with the Elkhart village board or other taxing bodies involved. He said details for use of the building will have to be worked out, and we'll see what develops.

David Meister reported on the upcoming post prom fundraiser. His wife Terri has taken over responsibility for post prom activities from the Legion Auxiliary who has been in charge of this event for many years. The cost of a ticket is \$7.50 for a "chicken dinner on the run". Tickets are to be purchased in advance, and dinners can be picked up at the MPHS cafeteria between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 18th. The prom will be held at the American Legion, and the post prom will be held in the high school cafeteria. Mike Toohey commented that this is quite an undertaking for Terri and thanked her and the previous Auxiliary volunteers for their service.

Superintendent Shelton reported that staff assignments will be finalized in March: Technology Assistant, Reading Improvement, and Social Studies positions. Since a part-time Music teacher position was eliminated for the 2007-2008 school year, Superintendent Shelton recommends discontinuing offering music instruction and participation in music concerts to those not enrolled at MPGS. David Meister said he would like to take a month to think about it. The rest of the Board was asked for their opinion. Mike Toohey said his initial thought was to discontinue; now he's not sure. Julian Wubben agreed with Superintendent Shelton. Jeff Haley agreed with Superintendent Shelton. He said the District's resources should be allocated to those who attend school here. Joe Olson agreed with Superintendent Shelton. Principal Scott Doerr said the majority of the junior high students at EGS do participate in music and will be coming to MPGS next year.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Julian Wubben to discontinue offering grade school music instruction to students who are not enrolled at MPGS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Use of school facilities by non-school related groups as it relates to club sports and Zion Lutheran using the gym for volleyball and basketball was discussed. A Board policy is in place for the use of school facilities, but has not been enforced. If for no other reason than the increase in utility rates, this policy needs to be enforced; and the rate charged for use of the gym increased. A certificate of insurance from the group using the gym will also have to be provided. It will be up to the building Principals to enforce the policy. An updated Board policy for use of school facilities with increased rates will be reviewed, up for approval at the March Board meeting, and adopted at the April Board meeting. It was noted that the District cannot be expected to continue subsidizing club volleyball without charging fees and requiring a certificate of insurance.

The Abe Lincoln dinner meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1st, at Agenta-Oreana High School. Due to a teacher negotiation meeting scheduled for that same evening, Superintendent Shelton and some Board members will be unable to attend.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to enter Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for discussion of contract negotiations and evaluation of personnel. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to exit Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to not renew the contract for Amy Nation for the 2007-2008 school term. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, 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: Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Joe Olson to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By


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