

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE  
JUNE 18, 2007

President Meister called the meeting to order on June 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Doug Martin, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, David Meister, Julian Wubben, and Laurie Rhodes. Superintendent Phil Shelton was also present.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to enter Executive Session for employment, compensation, evaluation, dismissal of personnel, and litigation. 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 Joe Olson, second by Laurie Rhodes to exit Executive Session at 7:14 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 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to employ Kimberly Wiggers as the MPHS Spanish teacher and Scholastic Bowl sponsor 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 increase Scott Doerr and Gene Newton's insurance benefit to \$365/month 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 Jeff Haley to accept Roberta Ingram's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2008-2009 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 Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to increase Superintendent Phil Shelton's TRS benefit to 10.3753% July 1, 2007 and set a salary of \$115,575 for 2007-2008 with an increase in salary of 5 ½% for 2008-2009, and 5 ½% for 2009-2010. 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 Laurie Rhodes to approve the semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes and recommendation to keep all Executive Session minutes confidential. 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 May 21, 2007 Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills
- C. Approve Cathy Shull as School District Treasurer FY 2008

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 Shelton commented that utility expenses for FY07 were within \$500 of the budgeted total; \$9,000 under budget on natural gas usage due to the mild winter but \$8,500 over budget on electricity usage due to the rate increase.

The high school custodians, summer student workers, MPHS Principal Scott Doerr, MPGS Principal Gene Newton, and Superintendent Phil Shelton moved about half of the equipment and boxes from EGS to MPHS and MPGS last Tuesday. Next Thursday a U-Haul truck will be rented again to move the remainder.

Last week a letter was mailed to all four taxing bodies in Elkhart about the possibility of the transfer of the EGS property to the village, the library, Elkhart, and Hurlbut townships. To date there has been no response. Sale of the property will be pursued if the taxing bodies do not express an interest in the use of the building and grounds by September 1, 2007.

Due to the uncertainty of State finances and the decline in farmland assessment, painting and waxing of floors will be the majority of the maintenance work this summer. The boiler replacement project is on hold until we see what's going to happen with finances.

Jeff Haley asked about the trophy situation at EGS. Superintendent Shelton said once we see how the building is going to be used, we will have a better idea of what we are going to do with the trophies. The trophies will be secured in the building for now.

The School Board convention is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Board members are to notify Superintendent Shelton in the next day or two if they can't attend.

A final recommendation for the purchase of parent access software will be forthcoming from the Principals and should be ready for approval at the July Board meeting.

Participation fees for band and gym usage for Zion Lutheran School were again discussed. Superintendent Shelton suggested an annual flat fee of \$1,500 all inclusive instead of charging each student. A review could be done each year to see how this works as far as covering expenses. It was also mentioned that Zion could access each participating student to recover this fee.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to access an annual flat fee of \$1,500 from Zion for band instruction and gym usage. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. Answering nay: Jeff Haley, Julian Wubben, and Joe Olson. Motion carried.

The facility use policy was again discussed. Superintendent Shelton said there needs to be a way of controlling the use of the gyms. Club sports games and tournaments should be charged an hourly rate. If a club sport has entry fees, a donation or admission fee charged, they should pay a fee for the use of the gym.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Laurie Rhodes to adopt the Board Facility Use Policy as presented to reflect a gym usage fee of \$15 per hour. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes and Julian Wubben. Answering nay: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, and David Meister. Motion failed.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to eliminate the \$35 an hour charge for cafeteria, kitchen, and gym use and state the administration and/or Board of Education has the right to refuse any request. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. Answering nay: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Julian Wubben, and Joe Olson. Motion failed.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Julian Wubben to amend the current Administrative Procedure Policy dealing with Community Use of School Facilities #8: That a fee should be charged for club or non-profit organizations where admission is charged – an hourly fee of \$15 an hour or an all day fee of \$100 (in excess of four hours). District administration reserves the right to waive this at their discretion. Practices are excluded from this charge. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Julian Wubben, and Joe Olson. Answering nay: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. Motion carried.

The State is once again withholding over \$62,000 in Transportation fund money due the District. This money won't be received until July or August. The State is to advance two State Aid payments but will probably be late on special education payments totaling over \$26,000. Now that attendance is below 600 students, the District qualifies for a \$31,000 federal government REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) grant. Most of the money will be spent on textbooks.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to approve non-certified salary increases at an over-all average of 4.3%. Also, the health insurance amount paid by the Board will be increased to \$365 per month. 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 Doug Martin to approve the 2006-2007 amended school calendar 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 Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the Resolution to permanently transfer \$21,000 interest from the Working Cash fund to the Transportation fund. 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 Joe Olson 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 Mike Toohey to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

Board Recording Secretary

