MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
JULY 16, 2007

President Meister called the meeting to order on July 16, 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 was also present.

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

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

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to employ Deb Maus as MPHS Assistant Cook for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to employ Tara Davis as MPGS Assistant Cook for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to employ Ryan Deibert as MPHS Girl's Basketball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to employ Kristin Rucks as MPHS Girl's Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Laurie Rhodes to employ Lindsey Volle as MPHS Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. Answering present: Mike Toohey. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to employ Christopher Wilson as MPHS Soccer Coach for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to accept Karen Edgecombe's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to accept Jim Jumper's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Joe Olson to deny Bill Rucks' request to retire at the end of the 2008-2009 school term under the retirement benefits included in the present teacher contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Julian Wubben explained that the denial pertains to the retirement benefits requested and read the following section of the current teacher contract: "The number of certified employees considered for retirement benefits as set forth in this policy shall be three (3) eligible employees in any one (1) school year. Any additional requests for retirement shall be at Board discretion."

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to accept the resignation of Lynda Letterle as Assistant Secretary at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to approve the payment of bills and the June 18, 2007 amended minutes with a correction to show David Meister voted aye to the motion to eliminate the $35 an hour charge for cafeteria, kitchen, and gym use. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

David Meister discussed the work involved in recruiting volunteers to work the State Fair trams and the sizable amount of money earned, which is filtered back into the community and school district. He extended his thanks to Jeff Clements, the volunteers who have helped in the past, and the companies who donate the fuel for the tractors. Mike Toohey thanked David Meister for all the work he does on this project.

Superintendent Shelton reported that painting and waxing of floors at the two buildings this summer is on schedule. The priority projects for this fall will be an automatic generator at the grade school and ultimately at the high school; heating coils at the grade school will have to be replaced; and sealing of the asphalt parking lots.

Having viewed a web cast demonstration of the Edline parental access program, Superintendent Shelton recommended the Board purchase the software at a cost of $2,616. This cost is considerably lower than what was first quoted due to the fact there are two schools now instead of three.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to accept the Edline parental access proposal for web hosting at a cost of $2,616. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Shelton reported that the Education Fund finished the year with just a little bit more revenue over expenses. David Meister commented that Phil and Cathy always do a very good job with the budget. Julian Wubben said the report summary shows over $7,000,000 in year-end expenses, and that's less than ½% over what was budgeted. He said it's not an accident this is so close; it takes planning. With so many variables involved, it's amazing it's this close. He said the Board appreciates Phil and Cathy's work. Superintendent Shelton said he appreciates the support of the Board.

Annual membership in the Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Trust is up for renewal. The premium is $10,000 less than last year; mainly due to the closure of EGS.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to approve membership in the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Mecca-Tech is the company that helps school districts file reports to recapture Medicaid funds from the federal government. The current contract is up for renewal.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to approve the Mecca-Tech Service Agreement for 2007-2008 for the Medicaid Administrative Outreach program. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Shelton anticipates positive changes for the next school year. In the future things like block scheduling and Home Ec, Shop, and Spanish classes at the Junior High level will be discussed.

Jeff Haley asked about public interest for the EGS building. Superintendent Shelton said there has been no response at all. September 1st was established as the deadline for a response before we proceed with sale of the property.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

Board Recording Secretary