

**MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2007
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. BUDGET HEARING
7:05 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Budget Hearing**
- IV. Executive Session (Employment, Retirement, Resignation, Compensation, Evaluation of Personnel, Litigation, Special Education Transportation and Sale of Property)**
- V. Recognition of the Public**
- VI. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve August 20, 2007 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- VII. Reports**
 - A. MPEA Back to School Dinner, Sunday, September 30, 5:30 p.m., High School Cafeteria**
 - B. Linda Schilling – Summer Grant Trip to Reno, Nevada and California**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Edline Implementation**
 - B. 2007-08 Budget Approval**
 - C. Resolution to Sell Elkhart Grade School Property**
- IX. New Business**
 - A. 6th Day Enrollment HS 195 (Fall 2006 - 199) - GS 385 (Fall 2006 – 402 Combined)**
 - B. Health Insurance Renewal**
 - C. Abe Lincoln Dinner Meeting, Thursday, October 4, 2007, Mt. Zion High School**
 - D. Teacher Evaluation Process**
 - E. Approval of Annual Recognition of Schools Application**
- X. Items of Information**
- XI. Adjournment**

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President David Meister called the meeting to order on September 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Mike Toohey, David Meister, Laurie Rhodes, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, and Jeff Haley. Julian Wubben arrived late. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Scott Doerr and Gene Newton were also present.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Laurie Rhodes to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for employment, retirement, resignation, compensation, evaluation of personnel, litigation, special education transportation, and sale of property. Roll call

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

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

The meeting reconvened in Open Session, and the FY08 budget hearing was held. President David Meister asked for any comments or questions from the public regarding the proposed budget, and there were none.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Joe Olson to accept Ashley Austin's resignation as high school Cheerleading sponsor. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Julian Wubben to approve Donna Koehler and Brian Alexander as high school Co-Cheerleading sponsors for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve Jason Beard as a full-time Special Ed Aide for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approve August 20, 2007 Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills

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

The MPEA is hosting a dinner on Sunday evening, September 30th, in the high school cafeteria for all employees, Board members, and their spouses/guests. Superintendent Phil Shelton said he hopes as many Board members as are able will attend. President David Meister extended his thanks to the MPEA for their invitation to the Board members.

Linda Schilling, high school History teacher, reported to the Board on her summer grant trip out west to Reno, Nevada and San Francisco, California. Lesson plans had to be written and tests were required of the participants. She received the CD teaching strategies from last year's trip to Washington DC, making her the benefactor of 58 other lesson plans besides her own. She said she feels very fortunate to have been involved in this grant program for the past two years. She's been able to travel and see first hand the historical places she teaches about. Hopefully, she will be able to apply for the grant

and participate in the New York and Boston grant trip next year. Mike Toohey said it sounds like she earned her way on the trips. Superintendent Shelton and the Board appreciated and thanked Mrs. Schilling for her report.

Superintendent Shelton reported that Edline training of staff has begun as well as instituting Grade Quick for all teachers. Grade school Principal Gene Newton took the training on-line last Wednesday. He said Grade Quick, Edline, and Skyward will be linked together and the learning done in layers. October 4th and 5th he is planning an introduction Edline session for parents during the parent-teacher conferences. Depending on the response, there might be additional introduction sessions for the parents. President David Meister thanked the Principals and all the staff for the work involved in the implementation of this program.

The FY08 budget was discussed. There are still a lot of unknowns as far as State funding. Some adjustments in Special Ed revenue and expenses have been made. Superintendent Phil Shelton thanked Cathy Shull for her detailed work on the budget. Mike Toohey and David Meister thanked Superintendent Phil Shelton and Cathy Shull for all their work on the budget. Mike Toohey said Phil and Cathy always do a pretty accurate accounting of the budget, as Julian Wubben points out at the end of the year.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to approve the 2007-2008 budget as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The Board will discuss the terms of the sale of the Elkhart Grade School property at the October meeting. A minimum selling price with an auction or sealed bids will have to be determined. Then a Resolution for the sale of the property needs to be adopted, with the sale taking place within sixty days of the passage of the Resolution.

Sixth day enrollment figures are 195 at the high school and 385 at the grade school. Grade school Principal Gene Newton said twenty-three new students have moved into the District and enrolled at the grade school this year. Superintendent Phil Shelton said he thinks the transition has gone well with the teachers and students from Elkhart.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Laurie Rhodes to approve the District's group health insurance coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield effective October 1st with a 1.5% decrease from the current premium. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The Abe Lincoln dinner meeting will be held Thursday, October 4th, at the Mt. Zion High School. Board members are to contact Superintendent Phil Shelton by Thursday or Friday of this week if they plan on attending so reservations can be made.

A different evaluation process for teachers has been approved by the MPEA. It requires approval by the School Board and the ISBE.

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the Mt. Pulaski High School and Mt. Pulaski Grade School 2007-2008 Applications for Recognition. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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