

**MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 20, 2008
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Executive Session (Employment, Compensation, Evaluation of Personnel, Litigation, Bus Transportation Contract, Special Education Due Process Hearing)**
- IV. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve September 22, 2008 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- V. Recognition of the Public**
- VI. Reports**
 - A. IASB School Board Convention – November 21-23, 2008**
 - B. IASB School Board Members Day, November 15, 2008**
 - C. Roberta Ingram – State Library Grant**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. IHSA Bass Fishing Tournament**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Resolution Adopting a Section 403b Tax Deferred Annuity Plan**
 - B. School Board Policy Review & Revision (Section 1)**
 - C. School District Audit – 2007-08 Fiscal Year**
 - D. Approval of School District Auditor – 2008-09 Fiscal Year**
 - E. School District Report Card & Test Score Review**
- IX. Items of Information**
- X. Adjournment**

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President David Meister called the meeting to order on October 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Jeff Haley, David Meister, Doug Martin, and Diane Deppe. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Gene Newton and Scott Doerr were also present.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Doug Martin to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for employment, compensation, evaluation of personnel, litigation, bus transportation contract, and Special Education due process hearing. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to exit Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Haley to hire Eric Leever as Mt. Pulaski High School Girl's Basketball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year contingent on completion of IHSA certification. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Doug Martin to approve HS Math teacher Denise Farnam's maternity leave request of January 16 to April 27, 2009 but deny her request for the use of professional days for her WYSE contract responsibilities. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Haley to proceed with Special Ed due process procedure. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Doug Martin to approve Executive Session minutes reviewed tonight in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to adopt Consent Agenda items:

- A. Approve September 22, 2008 Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Gale Clark addressed the Board regarding the complaint he and his wife filed with the State Board of Education against the School District because of the decision not to provide transportation for their three year old special needs daughter to her babysitter in Williamsville, which is outside the District's boundaries.

President Meister, on behalf of the School Board, stated that this was a Board decision. The School Board is committed to provide for the education of all students in the District. The training of a new babysitter, who resides in the District, to address the special needs of this child has been offered. The cost of transporting this child outside of the School District boundaries would be significant.

Any School Board members unable to attend the upcoming IASB convention are to notify Superintendent Shelton within the next couple of days so cancellations can be made and refunds requested.

It was noted that November 15th is being recognized by the ISBE as School Board Members Day.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Doug Martin to appoint Diane Deppe as Board Delegate to the IASB convention. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Grade School Librarian Roberta Ingram gave her annual report to the Board. With the successful automation of the School District's libraries, book circulation by the students at the Grade School has greatly increased. High School Librarian Kathy Miller said circulation at the High School is up as well. Superintendent Phil Shelton and the Board thanked both Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Miller for all their work during the tedious process of automating the libraries and for their encouragement of students to read.

High School Principal Scott Doerr met with Mr. Malone regarding his proposal to implement the sport of Bass Fishing at the High School. Principal Doerr said there is a potential for scheduling conflicts and he didn't feel it was necessary to pull from the sports we already have to fund another sport. The program needs researched further to see how many schools eventually get involved with this sport. Superintendent Shelton said the reality is the District can't afford to lose any participants out of track or baseball, and the sport of Bass Fishing would be a long term financial commitment.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Haley to deny the request to add Bass Fishing as an extra-curricular sport at Mt. Pulaski High School. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Due to new IRS regulations regarding 403(b) tax deferred annuity plans, an administrative policy along with a contract for annuity companies to sign must be in place prior to January 1, 2009. President Meister read Resolution No. 08-02 for adopting a section 403(b) tax deferred annuity plan.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to adopt Resolution 08-02 for a Section 403(b) Tax Deferred Annuity Plan. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The Board was given Section 1 of the School Board Policy titled School District Organization for their review. Any recommendations or changes to consider should be directed to Superintendent Shelton prior to its adoption at the November Board meeting.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Haley to approve the FY08 audit report as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to retain Baumann and Associates as the auditor for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Principals Gene Newton and Scott Doerr reported on ISAT, PSAE, and ACT test scores. Elementary Math scores have improved with the adoption of Saxon Math, but Writing scores need improvement. This will be addressed in the January teacher workshop. Thirty-six High School Juniors took the PSAE and ACT tests last year. Both Reading and Math scores dropped, but Science went up. Making these test scores part of the performance grade at the elementary level and initiating some type of incentive program at the high school level were suggestions made by the Principals to improve test scores. This might make students more aware of the importance of the tests. The Board thanked the Principals for their reports.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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