

**MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2008
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. TAX LEVY HEARING
7:05 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Executive Session (Employment, Resignation, Evaluation of Personnel, Transportation Contract, Litigation)**
- IV. Tax Levy Hearing**
- V. Recognition of the Public**
- VI. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve November 17, 2008 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- VII. Reports**
 - A. H.S. – Life Safety Work**
 - B. ISBE – Successful Review of School Lunch Program**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Tax Levy Adoption**
 - B. Section 2 - Board Policy Adoption**
- IX. New Business**
 - A. Section 3 – Board Policy Review**
 - B. Response to Intervention Plan (RTI) Approval**
 - C. Integrated Pest Management Plan**
- X. Items of Information**
- XI. Adjournment**

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MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
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President David Meister called the meeting to order on December 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Answering present: David Meister, Julian Wubben, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe, and Mike Toohey. Jeff Haley arrived late. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Gene Newton and Scott Doerr were also present.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Julian Wubben to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for employment, resignation, evaluation of personnel, transportation contract, and litigation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

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

The Public Hearing for the 2008 tax levy was held. President Meister asked for any questions or public input on the proposed levy. Hearing none, the proposed levy will be accepted later in the meeting.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to accept David Gibb's resignation as HS Head Custodian effective December 2, 2008. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes and the recommendation to keep all Executive Session minutes confidential. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to adopt the items on the Consent Agenda:

A: Approve November 17, 2008 Minutes

B: Approve Payment of Bills

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

Superintendent Shelton reported he is in the process of getting quotes on the Life Safety upgrade work to be done in the high school Science rooms. When this project is completed, installation of separation doors at the grade school will follow. A Life Safety amendment will need to be done for installation of security cameras at the high school.

Superintendent Shelton commended Principal Gene Newton and the grade school office and kitchen staff for the recent excellent review of the school lunch program.

School Board members Julian Wubben, Jeff Haley, Joe Olson, and David Meister reported on the sessions they attended at the recent School Board Convention in Chicago. As a first time School Board Convention Delegate, Diane Deppe reported on the interesting sessions that she attended.

The 2008 tax levy payable in 2009 was discussed. Logan County could not provide the needed estimated EAV information for farmland assessment; therefore, an EAV of 80,000,000 was used to determine the tax levy rate. FICA, IMRF, and Tort fund rates were once again lowered. David Meister noted that the District is operating with more than \$200,000 less tax revenue than seven years ago when the EAV began dropping due to the decrease in farmland assessment. He said without the expense cuts made by Superintendent Shelton and the closing of Elkhart Grade School, this would not have been possible.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to adopt the 2008 tax levy as presented with a 5.59% increase over the previous year's total extension. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to adopt Section 2 of the School Board Policy. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Section 3 of the School Board Policy will be reviewed by the Board and adopted at next month's meeting. Any concerns or questions should be directed to Superintendent Shelton.

Superintendent Shelton commended both Principals for their work on the RTI plan.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to approve the Response to Intervention District Improvement Plan as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

An Integrated Pest Management Program (identifying and reporting bugs found in the school buildings) is now required by the State.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to approve the District Integrated Pest Management Plan as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, and David Meister. Answering nay: Joe Olson. Motion carried.

Julian Wubben asked whether Elkhart owed the District any TIF money. Superintendent Shelton replied that \$134,000 TIF money is owed the District by the village of Elkhart, and he has been in contact with the District's attorney. This will be a January Board Agenda item.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Doug Martin to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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