

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Installation of New Board Member and Oath of Office – Diane Deppe**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Executive Session (Employment, Resignation, Evaluation and Dismissal of Personnel, Transportation Contract)**
- V. Recognition of Public**
- VI. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve February 25, 2008 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- VII. Reports**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Building Improvement Needs**
 - B. 2008-09 Staffing and Curriculum Planning**
- IX. New Business**
 - A. Graduation Dates – Grade School and High School**
 - B. 2008-09 School Calendar (April Approval)**
 - C. 2008-09 Semester and Quarter Dates**
 - D. Property Casualty Insurance Renewal**
- X. Items of Information**
 - A. Congratulations to 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Team and Coaches for the IESA State Championship**
- XI. Adjournment**

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
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Vice-President Julian Wubben called the meeting to order on March 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. The installation and oath of office of newly appointed Board member Diane Deppe followed. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, and Diane Deppe. President David Meister was absent. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Gene Newton and Scott Doerr were present.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to enter Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for employment, resignation, evaluation and dismissal of personnel, and the transportation contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to accept the resignation of Kimberly Wiggers de Otte as MPHS Spanish teacher effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to accept the resignation of Jaime Ernst as District Music teacher effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to accept the resignation of Donna Koehler as MPHS Co-Cheerleading sponsor effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to reemploy the following non-tenure teachers for the 2008-2009 school year: Ralph Allen, Ryan Deibert, Sheila Myers, Kristin Reynolds, Heath Houck, Brian Alexander, and Michelle Clark; and grant tenure status to Karen Allspach and Sarah Phillips for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to adopt the Consent Agenda A. and B:
A: Approve February 25, 2008 Minutes
B: Approve Payment of Bills

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

Prioritization of building projects to be scheduled will be done at the April or May Board meeting.

Currently the vacancies for 2008-2009 are: MPHS Spanish, MPHS Chorus, MPHS/MPGS Band, MPHS Co-Cheerleading, MPGS Junior High Special Education, and MPGS Elementary teacher. Principal Gene Newton reported that if new Junior High courses such as Spanish and Basic Economics are implemented, it won't be until after the next school year.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to set this years graduation dates as Friday, May 30th, for Mt. Pulaski Grade School and Saturday, May 31st, for Mt. Pulaski High School with a starting time of 7:00 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

The tentative school calendar for next year was briefly discussed. The calendar will be given to the faculty for their input before it is voted on at the April Board meeting. The first day, a teacher institute, would be Monday, August 18th, and the first semester would end Friday, December 19th, just before the Christmas break.

With the same insurance coverage quoted and a 4% increase in the buildings and contents values, the property/casualty insurance premium is about \$2,500 less than last year due to the closure of EGS.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to approve the property/casualty insurance renewal with Selective Insurance, brokered through Dimond Brothers Insurance Co., with an 8% reduction in premium effective March 21, 2008. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Congratulations was extended to the MPGS 7th grade Volleyball team and coaches for their recent IESA State Championship.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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