

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR SESSION**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Executive Session (Evaluation, Employment, Compensation, Dismissal of Personnel, Bus Transportation Contract, Litigation)**
- IV. Recognition of Public**
- V. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve March 17, 2008 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- VI. Reports**
 - A. Graduation Dates and Board Member Assignments**
 - B. Grade School Musical**
 - C. Abe Lincoln Governing Meeting – Tuesday, May 6, 2008**
 - D. Pre-K Evaluation**
 - E. State Fair Trams**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. 2008-09 Calendar Approval**
 - B. School Board Committees and Assignments**
 - C. Building Maintenance Priorities**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Bus Transportation Contract Renewal**
 - B. Title I District Plan Approval**
 - C. Resolution to Transfer \$26,000 from Working Cash Fund (interest) to the Transportation Fund**
 - D. IHSA Membership – 2008-09**
 - E. IESA Membership – 2008-09**
 - F. Portable Bleachers for Veterans Park**
 - G. Sports Co-ops – High School Girls Basketball, High School Girls Softball**
- IX. Items of Information**
- X. Adjournment**

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
APRIL 21, 2008

President David Meister called the meeting to order on April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Mike Toohey, David Meister, Julian Wubben, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe, and Jeff Haley. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Gene Newton and Scott Doerr were also present.

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

President David Meister read the following statement: Richard Hebenstreit has filed a lawsuit naming the Mt. Pulaski School District, Post Prom Committee volunteer Amanda Pharis, and Fun Enterprises, Inc. as defendants. The Post Prom activities are supported by community donations of prizes, money, food, and time. Adults who participate at the Post Prom are volunteers. Until 2007, last year, the Post Prom was held at the American Legion.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to allow the Mt. Pulaski Post Prom Committee to hold the Post Prom activities at the High School gym and cafeteria on April 26-27, 2008. The Post Prom activities are not and have never been a school sponsored activity. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Amanda Pharis addressed the Board regarding the lawsuit brought by Richard Hebenstreit and requested the support of the school system.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to hire Brooke Eeten as Elementary teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to hire David Helm as District Music teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Dianne Deppe to hire Julie Wubben as High School Spanish teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering present:

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to hire Jean Beccue as Junior High Special Education teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to accept the resignation of Kristin Reynolds as Elementary Girls P.E. teacher effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve a 4% non-certified salary increase for 2008-2009 and a \$10/month increase in the health insurance benefit. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to re-employ the following High School coaches: Boys Basketball-Jim Jumper; Asst. Boys Basketball-John Niebrugge; Baseball-Gale Clark; Asst. Baseball-Brent Grisham; Soccer-Chris Wilson; Girls and Boys Track-Jim Jumper; Volleyball-Donna Dulle; Cheerleading-Brian Alexander; Golf-Darrel Wernsing and Deron Powell. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to re-employ the following Grade School coaches: Boys Basketball-Brent Grisham; Girls Basketball-Jamie Anderson; Baseball-Brent Grisham and Gale Clark; Softball-Jenna Kloba; Volleyball-Donna Dulle; Asst. Volleyball-Charissa Howe; Boys Track-Bill Rucks; Girls Track-Kathleen Tarrant; Cheerleading-Karen Allspach. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to adopt the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve March 17, 2008 Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills

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

Graduation dates and Board member assignments are as follows:

MPGS	Friday, May 30 th	Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey
MPHS	Saturday, May 31 st	Julian Wubben, Doug Martin, Joe Olson

Principal Gene Newton reported that the recent Grade School Musical went very well with a large attendance at each performance.

Board members wishing to attend the IASB dinner meeting Tuesday, May 6th, at the Beach House Restaurant in Decatur are to contact Superintendent Phil Shelton so reservations can be made.

Principal Gene Newton reported that the recent ISBE evaluation of the Pre-K program included some recommendations that will be implemented. He also said ECE special needs kids will be working together more with Pre-K.

Jeff Clements and David Meister met with coaches, activity sponsors, and administrators about changes in the organization and accountability of the workers for the State Fair trams.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Board of Education Committee assignments are as follows:

Building	Jeff Haley, Joe Olson, David Meister
Finance	Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Julian Wubben
Negotiations	Doug Martin, David Meister, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey
Staff Relations	Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey

Building maintenance priorities were discussed. High School rerouting of the hot water piping could be done in stages with a better cost estimate possible at the May Board meeting. Resurfacing of the parking lots and security lighting is a priority. Superintendent Phil Shelton said if a capital program is approved with the school maintenance grants, it would help with the costs.

Superintendent Phil Shelton plans to have a transportation renewal contract with Brian Hinds to present to the Board for their approval at the May Board meeting.

A Title I District plan must be submitted to ISBE each year in order to receive funding.

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

A transfer of Working Cash Fund interest to the Transportation Fund is necessary because the State Board of Education and the State is late in releasing transportation payments.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to approve the Resolution to transfer \$26,000 Working Cash Fund interest to the Transportation Fund. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve membership in the IHSA And IESA for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.
Portable bleachers for Veterans Park was discussed.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to pay 50% of the cost of either 2-5 row bleachers, \$5,779 total cost; or 1-10 row bleachers, \$10,134 total cost. The cost is shared with the Mt. Pulaski Park District Board and is payable after July 1, 2008. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey,

Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Tri-City has an interest in a co-op with Mt. Pulaski High School Girls Basketball and Softball; however, transportation costs may make this impossible. Students have to participate and support the sports if they are to continue. This will be a discussion and action item for the May Board meeting.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Mike Toohey to enter Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for evaluation, employment, compensation, dismissal of personnel, bus transportation contract, and litigation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to approve a 4% base salary increase for 2008-2009 for Principals Gene Newton and Scott Doerr and a \$10/month increase in the health insurance benefit. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Julian Wubben to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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Board Recording Secretary