

**MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2007
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Executive Session (Litigation, Teacher Contract Negotiations, Dismissal, Non-Renewal of Personnel, Transportation Contract, Property Casualty Insurance Contract, Employment and Evaluation of Personnel)**
- IV. Recognition of the Public**
- V. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approve December 18 Minutes**
 - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
 - C. Special Meeting to Discuss Teacher Contract Negotiations**
 - D. Appointment of Designated Representative of the School Board Secretary- Linda Blue, Phil Shelton, Cathy Shull**
- VI. Reports**
 - A. Skyward Family Access and Edline.com**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Bus Transportation Contract Renewal**
 - B. Future Use or Sale of Elkhart Grade School Property**
 - C. Annual Health/Life Safety Visit (Jan. 5th)**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Employment of High School Principal 2007-08**
 - B. Property Casualty Insurance**
 - C. 2006-07 Seniority List Approval**
 - D. Non-Renewal of Part-Time Teachers (3), Non-Tenure Teachers (7) and Technology Assistant Position**
 - E. High School Course Approval – Natural Resource Conservation and Management**
 - F. Reading Improvement Teacher Position**
- IX. Items of Information**
- X. Adjournment**

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
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MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
JANUARY 22, 2007

President Meister called the meeting to order on January 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Laurie Rhodes, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, David Meister, and Julian Wubben. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Russell Galusha, Scott Doerr, and Gene Newton were also present.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Doug Martin to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for litigation, teacher contract negotiations, dismissal, non-renewal of personnel, transportation contract, property casualty insurance contract, employment and evaluation of personnel. 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 Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 7:05 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 at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to accept MPHS Principal Russell Galusha's resignation effective the end of the 2006-2007 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 Jeff Haley to hire Ryan Deibert as MPHS Assistant Softball Coach for the 2006-2007 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 Julian Wubben, second by Joe Olson to adopt the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve December 18th Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills
- C. Special Meeting to Discuss Teacher Contract Negotiations -
January 30th - 6:00 p.m.
- D. Appointment of Designated Representatives of the School Board Secretary -
Linda Blue, Phil Shelton, Cathy Shull

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 District uses the Skyward student records software. Skyward also offers the family access program, which can be compared to the Edline.com program discussed earlier in the year. The administrators will be looking at these two systems this Spring and choose one for implementation next year.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Mike Toohey to approve the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 bus transportation contracts with Brian Hinds, Hinds Bus Service, as presented with a 7 ½ % increase in the base contract amount for 2007-2008 and a 3 ¼ % increase in the base contract amount for 2008-2009. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. Answering nay: Jeff Haley. Motion carried.

Since the last School Board meeting Superintendent Shelton hasn't met with or been contacted by any taxing bodies regarding the sale of the EGS property. He will try to make some contacts.

The annual ROE health/life safety visit held January 5th resulted in some very minor violations. A written response will be sent to the ROE within 45 days of the visit for the following:

MPHS – Volleyball case without safety glass; cracked wire reinforced glass at the front entrance; an exhaust fan needed in the 1927 boy's restroom.

MPGS – A fire extinguisher with an overlooked 2005 tag; an exit door that sticks.

EGS – Wire glass window on north side of school is cracked.

It was noted that the District is still waiting on payment from Paul Williams whose car fire while parked beside the EGS building resulted in the cracked window.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to hire Scott Doerr as MPHS Principal 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.

Superintendent Shelton reported on the District's current property casualty insurance with Ace Westchester, which was brokered through Dimond Brothers Agency in Arcola. Ace Westchester has denied payment of the recent storm damage claim, and Superintendent Shelton said there are more exclusion pages to the policy than the actual policy itself. After talking with Dimond Brothers Agency, the claim is being reopened and investigated. He said he is very disappointed with the service received from Ace Westchester and recommends pursuing another property casualty insurer within the next month or two. It was noted that the policy the District had with the previous carrier, Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance, covered losses resulting from interruption of service; and the current coverage written with Ace Westchester does not include this coverage. Basically, the coverage should have remained the same when the Broker placed it with another carrier upon renewal last May. If payment is not made to the District for the \$4,500 claim less the \$2,500 deductible, an errors and omissions claim will be made against the company.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to approve the 2006-2007 seniority lists dated November 2006 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 to not reemploy the following part-time teachers for the 2007-2008 school year: Holly Barksdale, Jean Beccue, and Cheryl Poffenbarger. 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 not renew contracts for the following non-tenured teachers for the 2007-2008 school year: Jessica Bartlett, Leslie Becker, Jason Brown, Ryan Deibert, Shelley Kieffer, Jenna Kloba, and Angela Taylor. 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 not renew the contract for the 2007-2008 school year for Assistant Technology Coordinator Angela Bates. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Shelton said in regard to the part-time teachers and non-renewal of full-time teachers, they will be notified by certified mail and a hand delivered letter. This dismissal is an honorable dismissal as a result of the closing of the building at Elkhart and the reduction of the number of teachers.

MPHS Principal Russell Galusha presented information on a Natural Resource Conservation and Management course he felt would be beneficial to the Ag curriculum, especially with some of the State mandates. This class would be open to any grade level, and FFA membership is encouraged but not required.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to approve the Natural Resource Conservation and Management one semester high school course 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.

Superintendent Shelton explained the reasoning behind the new Reading Improvement job description. The Reading Improvement teaching position has been a part-time job for the last few years due to the decrease in grant money received from the State to fund the position. The Principals have proposed expanding the position to a full-time position with expansion of duties and placement on the salary schedule.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Julian Wubben to approve the full-time Reading Improvement job description for the 2007-2008 school year 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.

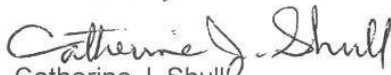
Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to enter Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for evaluation of personnel. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Julian Wubben to exit Executive Session at 9:39 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.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben 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 Jeff Haley, second by Julian Wubben to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By



Catherine J. Shull
Board Recording Secretary

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JANUARY 30, 2007

President Meister called the meeting to order on January 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Doug Martin, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, David Meister, Julian Wubben, and Laurie Rhodes. Superintendent Phil Shelton was also present.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to enter Executive Session for discussion of teacher contract negotiations and Superintendent evaluation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Laurie Rhodes to exit Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Jeff Haley to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

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