

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
AUGUST 20, 2007

President Meister called the meeting to order on August 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, David Meister, Julian Wubben, Laurie Rhodes, Doug Martin, and Joe Olson. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Scott Doerr and Gene Newton were also present.

Motion by Laurie Rhodes, second by Julian Wubben to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for employment, resignation, retirement, compensation, evaluation of personnel, and special education transportation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to hire Jason Beard as MPGS Special Ed Aide on an hourly as needed basis for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to hire Cathy J. Miller as MPHS Assistant Secretary for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Doug Martin to accept Brandon Stone's letter of resignation as MPHS Science teacher. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to hire Michele Clark as MPHS Science teacher for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to change the MPGS part-time hourly Aide position to Special Ed teacher Barbara Lindley to a full-time Aide position for the 2007-2008 school year and transfer Sandy Remmert to that position. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to hire Amy Dyer as MPGS Early Childhood Aide for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Laurie Rhodes to hire Barbara Maske for the first year Assistant Drama Director position at MPHS for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to deny Bonnie Wachter's request to retire at the end of the 2008-2009 school term under the retirement benefits included in the present teacher contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, 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: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to adopt the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Laurie Rhodes, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

David Meister reported on the State Fair trams. Due to the extreme heat the attendance on the trams was down with about \$7,000-\$8,000 less revenue than last year. Many volunteers showed up, no one got hurt, and there were few mechanical breakdowns. Mike Toohey gave a big thanks to David and Jeff Clements for all the time and work involved to make everything run smoothly.

Superintendent Shelton reported that he hasn't heard anything from the taxing bodies in Elkhart regarding the EGS property. The next step is to line up procedures to follow that are necessary to sell the property.

The required 10-year Health/Life Safety study will be given to the Board at the September meeting. The main thing noted was the need for a set of fire doors at the bottom of the stairs going to the lower junior high level by the cafeteria. With the location of the chair lift, this could be a problem in regard to traffic congestion. A previous life/safety amendment was for the remodeling of the science room at the high school. The money levied for the FPS fund is used to pay for this work.

Rob Siebert and the Principals will be taking the initial training for the Edline parental access program and then the teachers. It was noted that it seems to be very user friendly and simple to use. Once the staff is comfortable with the program, a letter will go out to the parents explaining how they can track their student's performance. Superintendent Shelton said it is the administration's job to make sure everyone is involved in the Edline implementation.

The tentative budget for the fiscal year 2008 was presented to the Board and will be on view in the Unit Office for thirty days prior to its adoption at the September Board meeting. It reflects a balanced budget with an estimated \$152,000 revenue over expenses in the Education Fund. Superintendent Shelton said this year has probably been the worst to put a budget together due to the lack of information available from the State, with the increase in State Aid being one of the major unknowns at this time.

A proposal from Long Elevator for a maintenance agreement for \$1,600 a year was discussed. It was noted by Jeff Haley that this agreement is for a minimum of five years and does not specify how often inspections are done; it only states regular inspections. Superintendent Shelton said he is not a big fan of maintenance agreements. A new law requires annual inspection of all elevators and wheel chair lifts to be done by the State Fire Marshall's office with a \$30 fee. The city of Chicago is exempt from the requirement.

Principal Gene Newton reported that 75-80% of elementary students have registered, with 23 new students to the District. He thinks the enrollment figure will be around 400.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Doug Martin to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

Board Recording Secretary