

**MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY AUGUST 18, 2008  
6:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Executive Session (Employment, Compensation, Evaluation, Discipline of Personnel, Transportation Contract, Litigation, Special Education Students)**
- IV. Recognition of the Public**
- V. Adoption of Consent Agenda**
  - A. Approve July 21, 2008 Minutes**
  - B. Approve Payment of Bills**
- VI. Reports**
  - A. State Fair Trams**
  - B. Summer Maintenance Projects**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
  - A. School Board Policy Update**
  - B. Technology Update**
- VIII. New Business**
  - A. 2008-2009 Proposed Budget; Budget Hearing Date**
  - B. English Textbooks and Elementary Reading Program**
  - C. ACT Score Report**
- IX. Items of Information**
- X. Adjournment**

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President David Meister called the meeting to order on August 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Joe Olson, Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, David Meister, Julian Wubben, and Doug Martin. Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Gene Newton and Scott Doerr were also present.

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

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Julian Wubben to accept Bonnie Wachter's request to retire at the end of the 2009-2010 school year with the 6% retirement incentive granted. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Julian Wubben, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Jean Davis addressed the Board with a request to consider once again hosting a summer work camp; this time at the high school building which has air conditioning in the cafeteria. Lodging would be for about 450 people in the summer of 2010. The Board will consider the request, and it will be an agenda item for the September Board meeting.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Julian Wubben to adopt the items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approve July 21, 2008 Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills

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

David Meister gave a report on the success of the State Fair trams. It was a frustrating year in regard to the added paperwork required but very successful money wise due to the great weather. He thanked everyone involved in making this year's fund raiser so successful.

Superintendent Phil Shelton reported that the fence repair work and gate installation on the grade school playground is complete with the exception of the lock on the gate. The asphalt sealing and striping of the parking lots at both buildings should be done soon. He commented that the floors look great at both buildings thanks to all the work done by the custodians.

Updating the School Board policy was discussed. The process would involve looking at one section per month and comparing the District policy with the recommended IASB policies to determine if any changes need to be made.

Superintendent Phil Shelton reported that QNS is off to a great start with the installation of new computers and maintenance of the building networks. QNS has been efficient and very prompt in responding to any problems which arise.

The tentative budget for fiscal year 2009 was presented to the Board and will be on view in the Unit Office for thirty days prior to its adoption at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting following the budget hearing. Superintendent Phil Shelton said the closing of the building in Elkhart helped reduce expenses and allowed for some things which had been cut in the past to be put back into the budget; one such item being uniform rotation. Also, the District was able to purchase needed English K-12 textbooks this year which are a significant expense.

Julian Wubben commented that the FY 2008 ending balances were amazingly accurate with total expenses within 1% and revenue within 2% of what was budgeted.

Principal Scott Doerr reported on the preliminary high school ACT composite scores which show scoring in Science, Math, and English below the State average. He is working on increasing the composite score by restructuring of the English department and testing of freshmen students for Math placement. The use of learning standards in the subject matter is being stressed and is a part of the teacher's evaluation.

Principal Gene Newton reported on the K-5 Reading program and said he was very impressed with the tutorial training they received.

Superintendent Phil Shelton said Scott Doerr and Gene Newton have done a really good job working with the teachers on the selection of the English textbooks.

Motion by Julian Wubben, second by Diane Deppe to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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