

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 17, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District No. 1 of Bond and Fayette Counties was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Bill Johnson, Mark Blankenship, Mike Kendall, Kevin Lewis, Keith Steiner, and Teresa Tompkins. Also present were Superintendent Greg Irwin, Principals Jim Rice and Mike Gauch, Todd and Julie Nickel, Dave Koonce, Kevin Heid – First Mid-State, and Bill Walker – Greenville Advocate.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by Steiner to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 Regular BOE Meeting. Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, Tompkins, B. Johnson, Steiner, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, including repayment of loans. Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, Tompkins, Steiner, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by Tompkins to approve Board Bills as presented. Kendall, Lewis, Steiner, B. Johnson, Tompkins, Blankenship, YES: Motion Passed.

Board Member Sara Johnson arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Visitor/Staff Communication:

1. Kevin Heid – First Mid-State
2. Todd Nickel – Shooting Team

Motion by Kendall, seconded by Tompkins to approve a Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund of the District. Tompkins, S. Johnson, Steiner, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Blankenship, seconded by Lewis to approve a Resolution providing for the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds for the District. S. Johnson, Steiner, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

Principals Jim Rice and Mike Gauch presented the Principal's Reports.

Mr. Irwin presented the Superintendent's Report:

A. OBM

1. OBM Committee met on Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.
2. Life/Safety Amendments have been approved by ISBE

B. Technology Update: Tech Plan has been completed for review, next meeting 4/9/08

C. Superintendent Irwin In-service:

East Central Illinois Technology Conference – February 29th, Lakeland College – Mark and I attended – Several breakout sessions – topics included: Pod casting, multimedia projects, webpage design

D. ROE Compliance Visit: March 13th – Mini Compliance

E. Update regarding Bushue Human Resources, Inc. – Insurance bidding process started, newspaper ads in and meeting with Travis Bushue 3/17/08 a.m., renewal contracts at same rate as previous contract \$375 quarterly

Motion by Blankenship, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the Insurance Consulting Agreement with Bushue Human Resources, Inc. of Effingham, IL effective April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2011 @ \$375 quarterly (same rate as previous contracts).

Steiner, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, Tompkins, S. Johnson, YES: Motion

Passed.

- F. SEPCO Intergovernmental Agreement renewal for 2008-09 SY, \$100 dues (same rate).

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Tompkins to approve the renewal of the annual SEPCO Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2008-09 SY, \$100 dues (same rate as previous contract). B. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, Steiner, Lewis, S. Johnson, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

- G. Thank you to Ms. Fuehne, Mr. Paine, and Mrs. Neathery, all cast members and support for a fine job re: The Curious Savage Play – Nice work by all involved!
- H. Vanguard Energy Services: Natural Gas Contract update – contract sent and accepted
- I. District Audit Information – Recommend we accept the terms of the original agreement presented by Glass & Shuffett, Inc. of Centralia @ \$5,000 for Auditing Services for the 2008-09 SY.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the original contract from Glass & Shuffett, Inc. for district auditing services for the 2008-09 school year as presented, increase cost of \$200 from 2007-08, cost for 2008-09 @ \$5,000. Tompkins, S. Johnson, Steiner, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

- J. Amendment to the District Calendar – Current amendment includes one (1) Act of God Day for our last snow day. Last student attendance day would be May 30th, and last official day would be the June 2nd Teachers' Institute Day.

Motion by B. Johnson, seconded by S. Johnson to approve the amended District Calendar as presented. B. Johnson, Blankenship, Tompkins, Steiner, Kendall, S. Johnson, Lewis, YES: Motion Passed.

- K. ISBE Approval for the District to become a CPDU – Now able to assist our teachers in earning credits for renewal of certification via professional development activities in-district.
- L. Letter from the Secretary of State – Awarded \$287.15 for FY 08 School District Library Program Grant.
- M. Shriner’s Club will be hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Illinois Child Identification Program starting @ 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 22nd @ MG Athletic Fields, Cafeteria & Library.
- N. FFA Banquet – Tuesday, March 25th @ 6:00 p.m., MG Cafeteria
- O. National Honor Society Induction – Thursday, March 27th @ 7:00 p.m., MGHS Gym

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Tompkins to go into Closed Session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss District Finances, Personnel, Negotiations, Possible Litigation. Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion by S. Johnson, seconded by Tompkins to return to Open Session at 9:45 p.m. and approve the minutes of the Closed Session. Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion by S. Johnson, seconded by Steiner to approve the request from the Sporting Clay Club for assistance in developing a program grant. All funds subject to

approval via the District's HS Activity Account as presented. Steiner, S. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, Tompkins, B. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Blankenship to approve the letter of resignation from MGHS Math Teacher Lauren Fuehne effective at the end of the 2007-08 SY. B. Johnson, Kendall, Lewis, Tompkins, S. Johnson, Steiner, Blankenship, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Kendall to approve the letter of resignation of Coaching Assignments (Head Junior High Basketball & Head HS Baseball) from MGJH Teacher Caleb Thompson effective at the end of the 2007-08 SY. Steiner, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, Tompkins, B. Johnson, S. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Tompkins to approve the maternity leave request for teacher Michelle Carroll as presented. Lewis, B. Johnson, Tompkins, Steiner, S. Johnson, Kendall, Blankenship, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by S. Johnson to approve the hire of Karla Harre as MG CUSD No. 1 Counselor beginning in the 2008-09 SY as presented, with 10 days prior and 10 days following a 9-month contract. B. Johnson, Tompkins, Steiner, S. Johnson, Kendall, Blankenship, Lewis, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by Tompkins to approve the hire of Michelle Huhn as MGJH Language Arts Teacher beginning in the 2008-09 SY as presented. Tompkins, Steiner, S. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Blankenship, seconded by Tompkins to approve the hire of Spanish Teacher Karen Neathery pending certification for the 2008-09 school year as presented.

Steiner, S. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by Steiner to approve the hire of Teresa Tompkins as ½ Assistant MGHS Softball Coach for the 2007-08 SY as presented. S. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, Steiner, YES; Tompkins, ABSTAIN: Motion Passed.

Motion by S. Johnson, seconded by Tompkins to approve the hire of Gonnie Morgan as ½ Assistant MGHS Softball Coach for the 2007-08 SY as presented. Blankenship, Kendall Lewis, B. Johnson, Tompkins, Steiner, S. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Steiner by Resolution to repay the loan from Transportation to the Education Fund in the amount of \$20,000, with the remaining funds going to the Working Cash Fund. Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, Tompkins, Steiner, S. Johnson, Blankenship, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by S. Johnson to release from duties the non-certified coaches at the end of their respective seasons. Lewis, B. Johnson, S. Johnson, Steiner, Blankenship Kendall, YES; Tompkins, ABSTAIN: Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by S. Johnson to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. Motion carried by acclamation.

President

Secretary