

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 of Bond and Fayette Counties, Illinois was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Dianne Neathery, Teresa Tompkins, Keith Steiner, Jeff Koontz, and Nathan Mollett. Also present were Superintendent Brad Turner, Principal Bob Koontz, Teacher Tricia Stephens, Will Glass from First Mid-State, Dave Bell from the Greenville Advocate, and Tom Dooly from WGEL Radio.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Mollett to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 Regular BOE Meeting, January 31, 2017 Board Retreat, and February 16, 2017 Special Board Meeting. Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Koontz, seconded by Steiner to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Steiner, seconded by Tompkins to approve Board Bills as presented. Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

Mr. Turner presented the Superintendent's Report.

Old Business

- a. PRESS Policy Updates – Second Reading and Adoption

New Business:

- a. Board Retreat Update
- b. 17-18 Calendar
- c. Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund of the District

- d. Resolution providing for the issue of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
- e. Intergovernmental Agreement with Regional Safe Schools for FOCUS and TriStar Academy for the 2017-2018 school year.
- f. Intergovernmental Agreement with New Approach and Aspire Alternative Education Program for the 2017-2018 school year.
- g. Approve Seniority Lists for Certified and Non-certified staff for the 2016-2017 school year.
- h. District Bullying Policy Review
- i. Summer Projects
- j. ISBE Lawsuit

Motion by Steiner, seconded by Koontz to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of policy updates from PRESS. Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Mollett to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar, as presented. Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Mollett, seconded by Koontz to approve a resolution abating \$81,000 from the Working Cash fund of the district. Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Steiner to approve a resolution providing for the issue of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, of the district, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bond, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Koontz, seconded by Mollett to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Safe Schools for FOCUS and TriStar Academy for the 2017-2018 school year. Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Mollett, seconded by Steiner to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with New Approach and Aspire Alternative Education Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Steiner, seconded by Koontz to approve the certified and non-certified staff seniority lists for the 2016-2017 school year. Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Mollett, seconded by Steiner to approve the District Bullying Policy, as presented. Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Koontz, seconded by Mollett to approve the list of summer facility projects, as presented. Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Koontz to approve a Resolution and commit \$1,000 to join a lawsuit against the State of Illinois to compel the State to adequately and equitably provide financial support to Illinois school districts in order to provide a “high quality” education, as stated in the Illinois Constitution. Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Steiner to go into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Any action will follow in open session. Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, YES: Motion Passed.

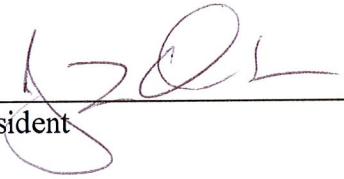
Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Koontz to return to Open Session at 8:08 p.m. and approve the minutes of the closed session. Neathery, Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Steiner, seconded by Koontz to hire Brianna Smith as HS Girls’ Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Tompkins, Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Mollett, seconded by Steiner to hire Zoe Zinkgraf as a Personal Aide at MGES. Steiner, Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.

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Motion by Tompkins, seconded by Koontz to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Steiner,
Koontz, Mollett, Neathery, Tompkins, YES: Motion Passed.



President



Secretary