

News Release

Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1

Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Regular July Meeting, July 21, 2008

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on July 21, 2008 @ 7:17 p.m. The Board met for Regular July Business. Present were members Mark Blankenship, Kevin Lewis, Sara Johnson, Teresa Tompkins, Keith Steiner, & Mike Kendall. Also present were Superintendent, Greg Irwin; Teacher: Ryan Bauer, Guest: Bill Walker, Greenville Advocate. All votes 6-0, unless noted.

In Regular business the Board approved the Treasurers report (5-1* *Kendall) and Board bills as presented. Principal Reports were reviewed by Mr. Irwin & Mr. Bauer. Superintendent Irwin presented the Board with updates on the OBM & Life/Safety work completed this summer to date. These included repairs to the girls' locker room, refinishing of the High School Gymnasium & Stage area floors. Hallway lockers are scheduled for repainting, plumbing projects have been completed and the indoor batting cage is scheduled for installation mid-August. A new roof is being installed on the MGES building, including the Elementary Gymnasium. The Mulberry Grove School Buildings are in the process of tuck pointing and brick replacement work at this time. The District Technology team has completed several summer projects including infrastructure upgrades to expand the bandwidth capacity of the District, the technology office has been relocated near the Unit Office, and several new pieces of equipment have been installed in the District's classrooms. Superintendent Irwin attended the July 15th Bond County Board Meeting, along with representatives of the Bond Co. #2 School District to participate in a presentation on a proposed Educational Facilities Sales Tax at the County level. The Mulberry Grove Board of Education will be addressing a resolution of support along with a specific plan for implementation of facilities tax funds at its August 18th Regular meeting. Superintendent Irwin presented the Board information regarding recent bids for milk & bread products, both of which have shown a significant increase from the previous School Year.

The Board went to closed session @ 7:37 p.m. to discuss Personnel, and returned to open session @ 8:01 p.m. After discussing other Board business, the Board went into closed session to discuss: finance, negotiations, & personnel @ 8:56 p.m. The Board returned from closed session @ 9:23 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. The Board approved the hire of Ryan Bauer as MGJH/SH Dean of Students/Athletic Director for the 2008-'09 SY. Mr. Bauer will also remain Head HS Boys Basketball Coach for 2008-'09 SY.
2. The Board approved the JH/SH Volleyball coaching resignation for Jennifer Schuette effective 7/21/08.
3. The Board approved the hire of JH/SH Business teacher/JH Baseball Coach, Brian Cook for the 2008-'09 SY.
4. The Board approved the hire of JH/SJ Physical Education & Driver Education teacher/Head HS Baseball Coach, Justin Joiner for the 2008-'09 SY.
5. The Board approved the expenses for the IASB Conference in Chicago, November 20-23, 2008 as presented. (5-1*) * Kendall

6. The Board authorized transfer of name from Michael Gauch to Ryan Bauer regarding the MG JH/HS activity and credit card accounts effective August of 2008.
7. The Board approved bids for dairy products from Prairie Farms, Inc, Centralia, IL for the 2008-'09 SY as presented.
8. The Board approved bids for bread products from Lewis Bakeries, Effingham, IL for the 2008-'09 SY, as presented.
9. The Board approved the hire of Annette Hartlieb as MGES Principal for the 2009-2010 S, pending certification and registration with the Regional Office of Education.
10. The Board approved the hire of Bobby Koontz as JH Asst. Basketball Coach for the 2008-'09 SY.
11. The Board approved the hire of Johnny Webber s Head JH Basketball Coach for the '08-'09 SY.
12. The Board approved the hire of Heidi Woods as Head JH Volleyball Coach for the 2008-'09 SY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

Next meeting: The Preliminary Budget Presentation & Display – Monday, August 18, 2008. The Regular August meeting for the Mulberry Grove Board of Education will be Monday, August 18, 2008. The meetings will be held in the Mulberry Grove CUSD #1 District Media Center @ 6:30 & 7:00 p.m.