

## News Release

### **Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1**

Regular January Board of Education Meeting– January 20, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on January 20, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Regular January Board of Education meeting. Present were members Mark Blankenship, Bill Johnson, Teresa Tompkins, Keith Steiner, Sara Johnson & Kevin Lewis. Also present were Superintendent, Greg Irwin; Teacher: Gay Rench; Guests: Tom Dooly, WGEL Radio; Bill Walker, Greenville Advocate, Jennifer Garrison, Ramsey Elementary School Principal, Todd Nickel & Dave Koonce. All votes 6-0.

In Regular business the Board approved the Treasurer's report and Board bills as presented. During the visitor and staff communication portion of the meeting: Guests were announced. A report about the District's Sporting Clay Club was given by Todd Nickel.

Principal Rice and Dean Bauer updated the Board via written reports on the previous month's activities in their respective school buildings. Superintendent Irwin presented the Board with updates on the OBM & Life Safety work. Several Board policy updates were discussed along with the updates to the District's Certified Staff Seniority list. The '08-'09 School Calendar was amended with adjustments made for two emergency days used on Dec. 17, 2008, and Jan. 6, 2009. The District's best three month estimated ADA has improved 3% above 2007-'08 SY. The calendar for the 2009-'10 SY and 2008-'09 graduation dates will be approved in February.

The Board went to closed session @ 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel, finance & negotiations, and returned to open session @ 8:54 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. The Board approved the destruction of closed session tapes that are 18 mo. or older, and to keep closed session tapes from the previous six months closed.
2. The Board approved calendar amendments to the 2008-'09 District Calendar as presented.
3. The Board approved updates/revisions to BOE Policies: (#4:60, 4:70, 5:90, 5:150, 5:240, 6:60, 6:120, 6:230, 7:10, 7:20, 7:210, 7:240, 7:290, 7:300). Each policy listed is effective as amended 1/21/09.
4. The Board approved the maternity request of MGES Teacher Rhonda Elam as presented.
5. The Board approved the resignation of Superintendent of Schools Greg Irwin, effective at the close of the 2008-'09 SY, as presented. Superintendent Irwin has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools in the Georgetown-Ridge Farm CUSD #4 School District, beginning July 1, 2009.
6. The Board approved the evaluation of Principal Jimmie Rice for '08-'09 SY as presented.
7. The Board approved the evaluation of Dean Ryan Bauer for '08-'09 SY as presented.
8. The Board approved the resignation of MGES Secretary Maria Johnson, effective at the close the 2008-'09 SY, as presented.
9. The Board approved the posting of vacancies for the Mulberry Grove Superintendent of Schools and MGES Secretary, as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Next meeting: The Regular February meeting date has been changed from the original date. The Mulberry Grove Board of Education will now meet on Monday, February 23, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the MG CUSD #1 District Media Center.