

News Release

Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1

Regular March Board of Education Meeting
March 16, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on March 16, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Regular March Board of Education meeting. Present were members Mark Blankenship, Bill Johnson, Teresa Tompkins, Keith Steiner, Sara Johnson, Mike Kendall & Kevin Lewis. Also present were Superintendent, Greg Irwin; Principal/Dean: Jim Rice & Ryan Bauer; Teachers: Annette Hartleib, Katrina Eirhart & Candy Kirsch, Counselor Karla Harre; Guests: Bob Ketchem, Tonya Jett and Bill Walker, Greenville Advocate. All votes 7-0 unless noted.

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 and general correspondence reviewed.

Principal Rice and Dean Bauer updated the Board regarding activities in each school building. Both administrators discussed recent professional development activities involving faculty & staff and a variety of student activities. Superintendent Irwin presented the Board with updates on the OBM & Life Safety work, reviewed intergovernmental agreements with SEPCO & the ROE Alternative Schools for 2009-'10SY. Mrs. Karla Harre presented the Board with information regarding the District's Counseling program and related student activities over the past quarter.

The Board went to closed session @ 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel, finance & negotiations, and possible litigation and returned to open session @ 9:08 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with SEPCO for the '09-'10 SY as presented.
2. The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the ROE 3 Alternative School for the 2009-'10 SY as presented.
3. The Board approved a mutual agreement with the MGEA allowing use of sick leave for teacher Justin Joiner as presented.
4. The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the ROE 3 New Approach & Freshman Academy Programs as presented.
5. The Board approved a 3-year contract for Mulberry Grove Elementary Principal Annette Hartleib with a starting salary of \$60,000 beginning August 1, 2009.
6. The Board approved the resignation of Ryan Bauer as District Athletic Director and HS Head Basketball Coach effective at the close of the 2008-'09 SY.
7. The Board approved a 3-year contract for Mulberry Grove JH/SH Principal Ryan Bauer with a starting salary of \$65,000 beginning July 1, 2009.

8. The Board approved a 3-year contract for Mulberry Grove Superintendent of Schools Michael Gauch with a starting salary of \$90,000 beginning July 1, 2009.
9. The Board approved the hire of HS Asst. Softball Coach Teresa Tompkins for the 2008-'09 Season as presented.
10. The Board approved the hire of HS Asst. Baseball Coach Brian Cook for the 2008-'09 Season as presented.
11. The Board approved the hire of Laci Lewis as Mulberry Grove Elementary third grade teacher for the 2009-'10 SY as presented
12. The Board approved the hire of Marcy Mollett as Mulberry Grove Elementary Title I teacher for the 2008-'09 SY as presented.
13. The Board approved the hire of Tammy Jolliff Mulberry Grove Elementary Office Secretary for the 2009-'10 SY beginning July 1, 2009.
14. The Board approved the resignation of Denyse Blankenship as Head HS Cheerleading Coach as presented.
15. The Board denied a request for a field trip by the District Scholastic Bowl Team due to the length of the Trip.
16. The Board approved the Implementation of the Illinois Electronic Transcript Program as presented.
17. The Board approved a Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement between the Board and Kerher Bros, Inc. as presented.
18. The Board approved Mr. Bauer's scheduling additional driver's education time as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Next meeting: The Mulberry Grove Board of Education will meet on Monday, April 20, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m., for a Special Meeting to seat new Board members & Board officers. The Regular April monthly Board of Education meeting will follow @ 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the MG CUSD #1 District Media Center