

Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting – Preliminary Budget Report/Regular August Business
August 20, 2007 @ 6:30 & 7:00 p.m.

News Release

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on August 20, 2007 @ 6:30 & 7:00 p.m. The Board meetings were held for the purpose of conducting the Preliminary Budget Report for 2007-'08 and Regular Board of Education Business for the month of August. Present were members Mark Blankenship, Teresa Tompkins, Kevin Lewis, Sara Johnson, Bill Johnson, & Keith Steiner. Also present were Superintendent, Greg Irwin; Principals: Jimmie Rice & Michael Gauch; Teacher; Kim Elam; Guest: Bill Walker, Greenville Advocate. All votes 6-0 unless noted.

The Mulberry Grove BOE opened the Preliminary Budget Presentation @ 6:40 p.m. Superintendent Irwin presented the Board and audience a summary review of the District's finances and tentative budget for the 2007-'08 SY. The Tentative budget will be on display for thirty (30) days. The District Budget Hearing will be held on September 24, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.. The Regular August Board of Education meeting began @ 7:07 p.m. In regular business the Board approved the minutes of Regular July BOE Meeting, Monday July 23, 2007. The Board approved the Treasurer's Report and Board bills as presented by Superintendent Irwin.

Monthly reports were presented by Elementary Principal Jim Rice, and JH/SH Principal Michael Gauch. Mr. Gauch discussed recent PASE Scores and the trend toward improving test scores over the past five years. All grade levels tested (3-11) made State AYP. Superintendent Greg Irwin presented the Board with an update on District business, OBM projects & activities for the months of July & August. Discussions included goal setting topics for the Board and administration for the 2007-'08 SY. Goals included but were not limited to: updating the District School Improvement Plan and updating the School Technology Plan. Additional goals were set for inclusion of several on-line projects for the District. These projects include on-line billing, scheduling, and communications between the school and home.

The Board went to closed session @ 7:46 p.m. to discuss personnel, District finance, and negotiations. The Board returned from closed session @ 8:41 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. The Board approved extending a contract for a ½ time PreK teaching aide for the 2007-'08 year.
2. The Board approved extending a contract for a ½ time Special Ed. Bus/classroom aide for the 2007-'08 SY.
3. The Board approved the hire of JH Cheerleading Coach Rhonda Elam for the 2007-'08 SY.
4. The Board approved the hire of H.S. Asst. Volleyball Coach Karen Clark for the 2007-'08 SY.
5. The Board approved the hire of volunteer JH Softball Coach Teresa Tompkins for 2007-'08 SY.
6. The Board approved via Resolution the 10-Year Extension of the Greenville/Smithboro Enterprise Zone as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Next meeting: The Mulberry Grove Board of Education will meet for the Annual Budget Hearing & Regular September Board of Education meeting on Monday, September 24, 2007. The meetings will be held in the District Media Center @ 6:30 & 7:00 p.m.