

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 22, 2007

The Working Cash Hearing (Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds) of the Board of Education of Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District No. 1 of Bond and Fayette Counties for the 2007-08 School Year was called to order at 6:34 p.m. Members present were Mark Blankenship, Mike Kendall, Kevin Lewis, Bill Johnson, and Keith Steiner. Also present were Superintendent Greg Irwin, Principals Jim Rice and Mike Gauch, Kim Elam and Candy Kirsch – MGEA, and Bill Walker from the Greenville Advocate. Board Member Sara Johnson arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Superintendent Irwin presented resolution materials.

Motion by B. Johnson, seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried by acclamation.

The District Calendar Waiver Hearing of the Board of Education of Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District No. 1 of Bond and Fayette Counties was called to order at 6:55 p.m. Members present were Mark Blankenship, Mike Kendall, Kevin Lewis, Bill Johnson, Keith Steiner, and Sara Johnson. Also present were Superintendent Greg Irwin, Principals Jim Rice and Mike Gauch, Kim Elam and Candy Kirsch – MGEA, and Bill Walker from the Greenville Advocate.

Superintendent Irwin presented the resolution for District Calendar Waiver.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Blankenship to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried by acclamation.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District No. 1 of Bond and Fayette Counties was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present were Mark Blankenship, Bill Johnson, Mike Kendall, Kevin Lewis, Keith Steiner, and Sara Johnson. Also present were Superintendent Greg Irwin, Principals Jim Rice and Mike Gauch, Kim Elam and Candy Kirsch – MGEA, and Bill Walker from the Greenville Advocate.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by S. Johnson to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007 Annual Budget Hearing and Regular BOE Meeting as presented. B. Johnson, Kendall, Lewis, S. Johnson, Steiner, Blankenship, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Kendall to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, including loans. Kendall, Lewis, Steiner, Blankenship, S. Johnson, B. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Steiner, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the Board Bills as presented. Blankenship, B. Johnson, Kendall, Lewis, Steiner, S. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

A note of thanks from the Johnson Family for flowers was read.

Mr. Irwin presented a Certificate of Excellence from the IASA.

Mr. Rice presented the Elementary update and Mr. Gauch presented the JH/SH update.

Mr. Irwin presented the Superintendent's Report:

1. Old Business
 - a. OBM – Clean-up for P/T Conference; Boiler Inspection
 - b. Waiver of District Calendar – Lincoln's Birthday, reconfirming previous action

2. New Business
 - a. Approval of Resolution for Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds as Presented
 - b. Approval of Joint Agreement with Okaw Vocational System 2008-09
 - c. Approval of Press+ Contract as Presented (Half-Year Expense - \$650)
 - d. Approval of the application for the State Library Grant as Presented
 - e. Approval of the Mulberry Grove CUSD No. 1 Title I Plan as Presented

Motion by Kendall, seconded by S. Johnson to approve the Calendar Waiver of Lincoln's Birthday. School will be in session and the observance will be on President's Day as presented. Steiner, S. Johnson, B. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by S. Johnson, seconded by Steiner to approve the Resolution of Intent to Issue Working Cash Bonds in the amount of \$200,000, as presented. Blankenship, S. Johnson, Lewis, Steiner, B. Johnson, YES; Kendall, NO: Motion Passed.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the Joint Agreement with Okaw Vocational System, Vandalia, for the 2008-09 School Year as presented. B. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, Steiner, S. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Kendall, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the IASB 'Press+ Contract' (half year expense - \$650) as presented. Blankenship, Kendall, Lewis, Steiner, S. Johnson, B. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by S. Johnson to approve the application for the State Library Grant as presented. Steiner, Blankenship, S. Johnson, Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Steiner to approve the Mulberry Grove CUSD No. 1 Title I Plan as presented. Lewis, Steiner, S. Johnson, B. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by B. Johnson, seconded by Lewis to go into Closed Session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss district finances, personnel, and negotiations. Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by S. Johnson to return to Open Session at 9:05 p.m. and approve the minutes of the Closed Session. Motion carried by acclamation.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the hire of Rhonda Elam as Elementary Cheerleading Coach for the 2007-08 School Year. B. Johnson, Steiner, S. Johnson, Kendall, Lewis, Blankenship, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Kendall to upgrade the current extra-curricular bus rate of \$8.65/hour to \$10.00/hour effective 10/23/07. Lewis, B. Johnson, Steiner, S. Johnson, Blankenship, Kendall, YES: Motion Passed.

Motion by Steiner, seconded by S. Johnson to approve the hire of Johnny Webber, pending the approval of the High School Principal, as the 2007-08 Assistant JH Boys'

Basketball Coach. Kendall, Lewis, B. Johnson, Steiner, S. Johnson, Blankenship, YES:

Motion Passed.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Kendall to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried by acclamation.

President

Secretary