

News Release
Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Regular October Meeting

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on October 20, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Regular October Board of Education meeting. Present were members Mark Blankenship, Kevin Lewis, Bill Johnson, Teresa Tompkins, Keith Steiner, Sara Johnson & Mike Kendall. Also present were Superintendent, Greg Irwin; Principal: Jimmie Rice; Teachers: Candy Kirsch, Mary Rice, Becky Criner & Tricia Stephens; Guests: 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, the Mulberry Grove Elementary School Aimsweb team presented the BOE with an overview of the Aimsweb program being implemented at MGES. The team explained the methods of testing students and the quick turn-around and application of student driven data to help individual students address any deficiencies they might have before major academic problems occur. Aimsweb will be used as part of the District's RtI Plan in the future as well. Congratulations once again to the JH Girls (Eagles) Softball team. The Lady Eagles placed fourth in the IESA State Tournament and finished the season with a 17-2 overall record. Congratulations to MGES teacher Becky Criner on being named Walmart "Teacher of the Year." Mrs. Criner teaches third grade at MGES, and we are certainly proud of her accomplishment.

Superintendent Irwin presented the Board with updates on the OBM & Life Safety work. The MGES roofing and tuck pointing projects are near completion at this time. Mr. Irwin presented the Board with additional information regarding updates to the District's Risk Management Plan, Dual Credit Classes w/ Kaskaskia College, the State Library Grant, the District's Cooperative Emergency Drill Plan, School Facilities Tax information, District and Building School Report Cards, and School & District School Improvement Plans.

The Board went to closed session @ 8:55 p.m. to discuss Personnel, finance & negotiations, and returned to open session @ 9:47 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. The Board approved the District Title I report as presented.
2. The Board approved State Library Grant application retroactive to 9/22/08 as presented.
3. The Board approved the cooperative Emergency Drill Plan with the MG Fire Dept. 2008-'09.
4. The Board approved the MG District's Risk Management Plan updates as presented.
5. The Board approved the annual renewal of the fire alarm monitoring agreement with Moran, Inc.
6. The Board approved the release of the School & District Report Cards, effective 10/21/08.

7. The Board approved the intergovernmental agreement for dual credit classes w/ Kaskaskia College for the 2008-'09 SY.
8. The Board approved the hire of MGES Elementary basketball coach Aristede Ephron for '08-'09.
9. The Board approved the hire of MGES Cheerleading Sponsor Becky Criner for the 2008-'09 SY.
10. The Board approved the hire of Heidi Woods as MGJH Head Volleyball Coach for 2008-'09 SY.
11. The Board approved the project proposal from J & R Mechanical for a new freezer unit as presented.
12. The Board approved the project proposal from Bill Rench Concrete Construction as presented; for door work, side walks & a pad as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

Next meeting: The Regular October meeting for the Mulberry Grove Board of Education will be Monday, November 17, 2008. The meeting will be held in the MG CUSD #1 District Media Center @ 7:00 p.m. This meeting will include a presentation of the Tentative 08 Levy during the Superintendent's Report.