

News Release

Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1

Regular February Board of Education Meeting– February 23, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on February 23, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the Regular February 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: Katrina Eirhart & Candy Kirsch; Guests: Tom Dooly, WGEL Radio. All votes 7-0.

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 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 an updated Pest Management Plan, current Insurance coverage for the District and professional development activities of the superintendent. Mr. Irwin also reviewed the proposed calendar for 2009-'10, amendments to the 2008-'09 Calendar, building trades information from Okaw Vocational Center, and set graduation dates for the 2008-'09 SY. MGJH Eighth grade Promotion is scheduled for May 21, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. and MGSH Graduation is scheduled for May 23, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m. Special Education costs for the District are below what was anticipated for the SY. The Board of Education Employee recognition dinner has been scheduled for April 17, 2009.

The Board went to closed session @ 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel, finance & negotiations, and possible litigation and returned to open session @ 9:50 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. The Board approved the District Pest Management Plan with provisions for termites.
2. The Board approved calendar amendments to the '08-'09 District Calendar as presented.
3. The Board approved MG CUSD #1 Calendar for the 2009-'10 SY as presented.
4. The Board approved graduation dates for the 2008-'09 SY as presented.
5. The Board approved the evaluations of the MG CUSD #1 Certified Staff as presented.
6. The Board approved the evaluations of the MG CUSD #1 Non-Certified staff as presented.
7. The Board approved the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools as presented.
8. The Board approved the hire of Glass & Schuffett, Centralia as District Auditors for the 2008-'09 SY, @ \$5,200.
9. The Board approved the necessary repairs to the MGES playground including replacement of the surface in concrete, as per bid of Bill Rench @ \$34,000 as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Next meeting: The Mulberry Grove Board of Education will meet on Monday, March 16, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m., for the Regular March monthly meeting, the meeting will be held in the MG CUSD #1 District Media Center.