

**News Release**  
**Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1**  
Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
Regular August 2009 Meeting

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on August 17, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m. for a Tentative Budget Meeting and at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting August meeting. During the Tentative Budget Meeting Superintendent presented the budget and discussed with the board the financial picture for the upcoming year. The meeting was closed pending a motion in the regular meeting to approve the tentative budget.

In Regular business the minutes & treasurer's report were approved for the Regular June BOE meeting of June 9, 2009. Present were members Mark Blankenship, Bill Johnson, Teresa Tompkins, Keith Steiner, Bob Ketchum, Jim Quick and Tonya Jett. Also present were Superintendent, Mike Gauch; Principals: Annette Hartlieb and Ryan Bauer ; Guests: Teachers, Kandy Kirsch and Rhonda Elam & Bill Walker, Greenville Advocate, and Tom Dooly of WGEL.  
\*All votes 7-0 unless noted otherwise.

Principals Annette Hartlieb and Ryan Bauer presented a monthly report regarding activities at their respective buildings, including professional development and summer activities. Superintendent Gauch reviewed updates from the District's Summer Projects. Mr. Gauch commented on a good job done by the janitorial /maintenance staff on the projects over the summer. Mr. Gauch also discussed QZAB funding, which was part of old business.

During New Business Mr. Gauch discussed the budget concerns for the Pre-K program grant. He stated that "We were funded at 100% last year and with the shortfall in funding, Greenville took a large financial hit as the writer of the grant" Gauch further noted, "I have spoke with Mr. Streiker and agree that we cannot ask them to shoulder this burden alone this year". "We will continue 3 sections of our program, however, we will fund 1 of those sections". Our partnership on this grant with Bond County # 2 is something I want to continue and we should share a portion of the burden with them. Mr. Streiker and I have a good working relationship and I am confident we can get through this year. I cannot rule out some tough decisions on our end if this continues for years to come.

The Board went to closed session @ 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel, District finance & negotiations. The Board returned from closed session @ 8:23 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. The Board approved the tentative budget for the 2009/2010 school year
2. The Board approved the moving of the district checking account from a DDA account to a "First Rate Checking" account at First National Bank to improve interest rates
3. The Board approved the hiring of Bobby Koontz as Asst. Boys High School Basketball for the 2009/2010 school year.
4. The Board approved the hiring of Aristede Ephron as Head Boys Jr. High Basketball Coach for the 2009/2010 school year.
5. The Board approved the hire of Teresa Tompkins as Asst. Jr. High Girls Softball Coach for the 2009/2010 School Year. (**This vote was 6 yes with 1 abstention**)

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Next meeting: The Regular August Meeting for the Mulberry Grove Board of Education will be Monday, September 21, 2009. The meeting will be held in the District Library @ 7:00 p.m. There will be a Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.