

**News Release**  
**Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1**  
Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
Regular April 2010 Meeting

The Mulberry Grove Community Unit School District #1 Board of Education met on Monday, April 19, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. for their regular monthly Board Meeting.

During the regular meeting monthly bills, minutes from the previous month & treasurer's report were approved for the Regular December BOE meeting. Present were members Mark Blankenship, Bill Johnson, Teresa Tompkins, Bill Johnson, Jim Quick and Tonya Jett. Also present were Elementary Principal Annette Hartlieb, Jr./Sr. High Principal Ryan Bauer and Superintendent, Mike Gauch; Guests: Teachers Shelly Brimberry, Candy Kirsch, WGEL's Tom Dooly and Bill Walker of the Greenville Advocate \*All votes 7-0 unless noted otherwise.

Building Principals gave reports from their respective buildings.

Old business was discussed including PRESS PLUS Policy manual updates, and negotiations with MGEA Teachers Association. Superintendent Gauch praised the association for their understanding and cooperation during negotiations due to the cloudy financial picture from the state. The Board and the MGEA met prior to the Board meeting and have tentatively agreed to a contract. Details will be released following legal review and ratification and approval by both the association and the Board of Education

During New Business Superintendent Gauch reported on OBM meeting and discussions with Johnson Controls on the QZAB project. The Health life Safety amendments are currently waiting on state approval before the district can move forward with the project. They also discussed projects for the maintenance crew for the summer. Mr. Gauch also informed the Board that he has submitted a "Hardship Exception" letter to the State Comptroller's office regarding the Transportation fund. He had not received any feedback from that submission at the time of the meeting. Superintendent Gauch notified the Board that he had applied for two grants for the district. One for lighting through Johnson Controls and one for cafeteria equipment through the ISBE.

The Board went to closed session @ 7:26 p.m. to discuss personnel, District finance & negotiations. The Board returned from closed session @ 8:20 p.m. Board action included the following:

1. Approved the Press Plus Policy updates as presented
2. Approved the destruction of all verbatim record of Board Meetings 18 months or older.
3. Approved to Hire Bobby Koontz as Asst. High School Boys Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 School Year.
4. Approved the Hire of Alisha Johnson as part-time KRP aide for the 2010-2011 School Year. Vote 5-0 (1 abstain)
5. Approved the hire of Regina Johnson as High School Cheer Coach for the 2010-2011 School Year. Vote 5-0 (1 abstain.)
6. Approved hire of Chris Johnson as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 School Year. Vote 5-0 (1 abstain)
7. Approved the Hire of Tommy Baro as High School Math Teacher for the 2010-2011 School Year.
8. Motion to Grant a one-year un-paid leave of absence to Mrs. Michelle Huhn.
9. Motion to grant an extension of Superintendent Mike Gauch's contract through the 2014-2015 School Year. This will be added as an addendum in the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27P.M.

Next meeting: The Regular May Meeting for the Mulberry Grove Board of Education will be Monday, May 17, 2010. The regular meeting will be held in the District Library @ 7:00 p.m.