

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

October 18, 2010

President Meister called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the unit office. Roll call was taken. Present were Doug Martin, Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, David Meister, Mike Toohey. Also present were Superintendent Phil Shelton, and Principal Terry Morgan.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to enter Executive Session for employment, and evaluation of personnel, Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

The board entered executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to exit Executive Session. Roll Call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to extend Superintendent Phil Shelton's contract through the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve executive session minutes as presented in executive session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to approve the consent agenda items

- A. Approve September 20, 2010 minutes
- B. Payment of Bills

Roll Call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

Reports

Superintendent Shelton mentioned that Brian Hinds is still in need of school bus drivers for regular routes and extra-curricular activities. Please contact the bus barn or unit office if anyone is interested.

Superintendent Shelton gave an update on the school facility sales tax in Logan and the surrounding counties. He will attend meetings in Sangamon County that will allow area schools to present how they will use the money if the tax is passed and implemented. He said we have about 8-10 students that live in Sangamon County. This tax could generate \$8,000- \$10,000 of which the district would use for abating taxes or building improvements. Logan County will be having an introductory informational meeting on October 26 at Lincoln Jr. High about the facility use tax. The question will be on the ballot for the November election in Sangamon, and Macon Counties.

Superintendent Shelton stated that the Regional Office of Education Health Life Safety inspection is set for October 28.

Unfinished Business

The ISBE energy conservation grant and Health Life Safety Amendment #9 were discussed. Superintendent Shelton said that the energy conservation grant application is now available. He said that this is a matching grant for what the district will spend. His suggestion was to use this to replace the two boilers at the grade school first and then possibly do the boilers at the high school. The boilers at the high school are older, but use less energy than the ones at the grade school. Approximate cost of the two grade school boilers will be @ \$100,000 of which the grant would pay \$50,000. He will have a report at the November meeting about the possible replacement of the High School boilers. Superintendent Shelton also discussed a separate maintenance grant that will soon be available. His suggestion will be to use this to replace the gym bleachers at the high school. The districts share of these projects could be paid for with the Health Life Safety fund over the next 2-3 years.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to proceed with the Health – Life Safety Amendment #9 to allow replacement of the Mt. Pulaski Grade School boilers. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

New Business

Superintendent Shelton said that the Illinois School Report Card is now available. The annual test score report will be in November.

The board reviewed the 2009-2010 school district audit. Mike Toohey pointed out that the district has very little debt and only has 10% of the total amount of debt that the district is allowed to have. This is due to the bonds that were issued to finance part of the new addition at the high school. Superintendent Shelton reminded the board that they are still waiting on construction grant money that could be used to pay down the bonds.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve the 2009-2010 School District Audit. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Shelton discussed Bauman and Associates and the good job that they do for the district in preparing the audit. He said they are very knowledgeable about school district finances and are very reasonably priced.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to approve Bauman and Associates as school district auditor for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

The board recording secretary position was discussed. Doug Martin thought that the board should decide if it wanted to continue to have the board member to do this or try to find someone to fill the position. The board agreed to try to find someone to fill the position. Superintendent Shelton will have more information at the next meeting.

Items of Information

Senior of the month for October was Samantha Nichols

Mitchell Holmes and Kyle Przykopanski both qualified for the IHSA sectional golf tournament.

The National FFA convention is in Indianapolis this week. 8 students are attending

Volleyball regionals are next Wednesday and Saturday in Argenta

We will be hosting the IHSA girl's super-sectional volleyball game on November 6 at 1 p.m.

Grade School students of the month are

Alec Hayes 8th grade

Elizabeth Siebert – 7th grade

Cody Schaal – 6th grade

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by

Doug Martin

School Board Secretary