

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
September 22, 2014

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on September 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. John Stewart was late. Jeff Beccue was absent. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, student discipline, negotiations, bus transportation, and litigation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to exit Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Doug Martin opened the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Hamm gave a presentation on the district's finances. The meeting was closed at 7:08 p.m.

The meeting reopened in Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to hire David Ricketts as second shift custodian at the grade school for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve Tracy Dyer as volunteer strength and conditioning assistant. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey, to approve Consent Agenda items A & B.

A. Approve August 18, 2014, minutes

B. Approve payment of bills

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The May sales tax revenue has been received in the amount of \$22,049.49.

The District Crisis Plan meeting was held September 15, 2014, in the Unit Office. Those present were Lynn Freer, Steve Nichols, Doug Martin, Superintendent Todd Hamm, Terry Morgan, Gene Newton, and Jane Pharis. There were some minor changes being made.

Principal Gene Newton reported the ISAT test results. With the ISAT transitioning more toward Common Core he felt the scores possibly would be lower. We are meeting the state average. Principal Terry Morgan also talked about the ACT and PSAT test scores that were taken at the high school. Both the ACT and PSAT tests had the best scores in five years.

A FOIA request has been made by Lennie Jarrat regarding union dues.

On November 6, 2014, the Mt. Pulaski Grade School gym will be dedicated to Mr. Bob Gasaway between the 7th & 8th grade games. On December 2, 2014, the Mt. Pulaski High School gym will be dedicated to Mr. Ed Butkovich between the Jr. Varsity and Varsity basketball game. A reception will be held immediately following the game in honor of Mr. Gasaway and Mr. Butkovich in the high school cafeteria.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey, to approve the 2014-15 Mt. Pulaski School District #23 budget. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Todd Hamm contacted several schools in regards to extra-curricular funds that are left over from state appearances. All the schools stated they put the funds into the district account.

The roof at the grade school is not complete at this time. The doors are installed and will be painted.

Kevin Wills from First Midstate Inc. gave an update on the district's bonds and possibilities for the future if any should arise.

School Board petitions can be picked up and filed at the Logan County Courthouse. The first day petitions can be circulated is September 23, 2014. Three positions for a four year term are available for election. The filing period is December 15, 2014 through December 22, 2014.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to approve certified salaries for reporting purposes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The district audit has been done.

The IASB Fall Dinner meeting will be held October 2, 2014, at Decatur Eisenhower High School. If you are interested in attending please let Mr. Hamm know.

Principal Gene Newton reported the September Students of the Month are

6th – Emma Buenrostro

7th – Isabella Wade

8th – Lorene Wilham

The baseball team won the Logan County Tournament. Mr. Helm has 100% participation in 5th grade band and 71% participation in the 5th – 8th grade .

Principal Terry Morgan report the September Senior of the Month is Elizabeth Allen. Currently there are 186 students enrolled at the high school. The Varsity Volleyball team has a record of 10-1 and placed 1st at the Mt. Pulaski Fall Festival. There are 22 students on the soccer team and 7 students on the golf team. Homecoming will be held Saturday, September 27, 2014. Parent/teacher conferences will be October 9th and October 10th. PSAT testing for juniors will be Wednesday, October 15, 2014. The FFA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky will be held October 29, 2014 through November 1, 2014.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey, to re-enter Executive Session for discussion of student discipline, litigation, and evaluation of personnel at 8:19 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Mike Toohey, to exit Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Joe Olson, to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

