

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
December 14, 2015

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on December 14, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Todd Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. for the discussion of employment, litigation, land acquisition, Superintendent Evaluation, and student discipline. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin opened the Tax Levy Hearing at 7:05 P.M. Superintendent Hamm gave a report on the taxes. After asking the public if there were any questions, the meeting was closed at 7:08 P.M.

Ms. Michele Clark, Life Science teacher, along with some of her students approached the Board to talk about the "Our Legacy" groups at the high school. Each grade is broken down into groups with 2 leaders. This program is to get students to think about what they want their legacy to be when they have graduated. Brian Batchelder, Sam Koehl, and Will Stewart spoke about how the program is also to help "ghost kids" to become more involved with their peers.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to adopt Consent Agenda items A, B, & C.

- A. Approve November 16 and December 4, 2015, minutes
- B. Approve Payment of bills
- C. Sales Tax Revenue Report for August 2015 - \$21,030.40

Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay.

With the lease renewal coming up the Board is reevaluating how many buses are needed for the district. Charlie Hickey proposed we get 8-71 passenger buses, 1-53 plus 2 (handicapped with air), and 1-28 passenger bus. He would also like to see the white activity buses used more instead of teachers using their private vehicles and being reimbursed for mileage.

Discussion was made on fire extinguishers being purchased for every classroom in the district. The approximate cost would be \$50.00 per extinguisher.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to adopt the 2015 Tax Levy. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Kevin Handy of Graham & Hyde Architects addressed the Board on options for the windows being installed. A 3M film was discussed but using this would void the warranty on the window. Another option was to have a film put between the panes of glass which would not affect the warranty. John Stewart asked if the stairs on the north side of the school could be replaced with metal steps as well as new railing being installed.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to appoint the firm of Cassiday Schade, LLP, as special counsel to represent the district in conjunction with Miller, Hall & Triggs, in the matter of WCSIT vs. MPCUSD #23. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to approve the Seniority List with corrections. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to hire Sarah Farris as unit secretary. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Stefanie Geitz as part time music teacher for 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to hire Valerie Cecil and Danielle Williams as co-coaches for MPHS cheerleaders for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Aramark will be handling the uniforms for our custodians. Each custodian will receive 11 pair of pants and 11 shirts. The cost to the district will be \$200.00 a month.

Principal Gene Newton reported the November Students of the Month:
6th – Luke Farris, 7th – Chloe Olson, and 8th – Emma Aylesworth.

December Students of the Month are
6th – Elana Bruns, 7th – Abby Hamilton, and 8th Isabella Wade.

Principal Terry Morgan distributed his “Good News” information sheet on the things happening at the high school. Senior of the Month is Lizzie Ford. Both the girls and boys basketball teams will be playing in tournaments over the Christmas break. Finals will be held December 17th and 18th.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Ashley Combs, to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary