

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
May 18, 2015

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on May 18, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Jeff Beccue was sworn into office. Roll call was taken. Present were Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, Charlie Hickey, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Todd Hamm and Principal's Gene Newton and Terry Morgan.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to enter Executive Session for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, student discipline, negotiations, and bus transportation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 7:05 P.M.. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Doug Martin re-opened the meeting in Open Session at 7:05 P.M.

Barbara Maske addressed the Board on behalf of MPEA in regards to a decision to overturn a suspension of a student on April 20, 2015.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to raise Amy Dyer's pay to \$8.75 per hour. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Agenda items A & B.

A. Approve April 20, 21, and 28, 2015 minutes

B. Approve payment of bills

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

The January sales tax has been received in the amount of \$17,773.23.

The ISBE audit for Title I & Title II is being appealed. The district is currently moving toward school wide assistance under Title I.

Annual renewals such as IESA, IHSA, etc. will be voted on under Consent Agenda.

The Board along with Superintendent Hamm has met with the district lawyer in connection with the Meridien Wind Farm. The attorney was available at the meeting to answer any questions the Board had. The school district will stand to gain \$12.5 million if a contract is signed. After some discussion the matter will be addressed again next month.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to post RFQ's for architectural services. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. John Stewart was absent. No nay. Motion carried.

St. Mary's School Health Program has been terminated. Decatur Memorial Hospital has contacted the school to offer their Health Program services.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to accept the Decatur Memorial Hospital contract for the school nurse. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue and Doug Martin. John Stewart was absent. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Charlie Hickey, to offer the weighted CEO-LTEC course beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Joe Olson – Present. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, recommendation for the Board to approve line item transfer of \$10,000 from function 10-2320-100 to 10-2310-100, a line item transfer of \$2,500 from function 10-2320-300 to 10-2310-300, and line item transfer of \$7,500 from 10-2320-400 to 10-2310-400. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to ratify teacher contract for the 2015-16 school year between Mt. Pulaski School District and MPEA. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the Student Handbook 2015-16 changes as presented. Roll call vote. Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to hire Justin Dunakey, Hank Hamilton, and Sam Mileham as summer student workers. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to reappoint Anna Beckers as Recording Board Secretary for FY16. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, for FY 2016 non-certified salary increase of 3%. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Answering nay, Jeff Beccue. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to rehire Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. of Peoria to perform the FY 2015 District Financial audit. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The Board will be increasing the pay for Substitute Teachers. Action will be taken next month.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution 2015-16. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported the May Students of the Month are

6th – Anna Schoth

7th – Madison Blaum

8th – Brian Scanlon

Mr. Helm's 5th-12th grade band students raised over \$3,200. The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse donated \$200 to the band program. Mr. Siebert's 4th grade class used technology earlier in the year to skype with a gentleman from Haiti. Last month they used a different kind of technology. The 4th grade class went to the high school to have Mr. Waterkotte's students teach them how to sew dresses. The kids were able to sew 35 dresses to be sent to children in Haiti.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the April Senior of the Month was Maggie Olson. May Senior of the Month is Beau Collier, and Senior of the Year is Elizabeth Allen. Baccalaureate will be held May 20th at 7:00 p.m. and graduation on May 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Ashley Combs, to adjourn at 8:03 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary