

MT. PULASKI COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #23
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MT. PULASKI UNIT OFFICE
AUGUST 24, 2009

President David Meister called the meeting to order on August 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Doug Martin, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, David Meister, and Mike Toohey. Joe Olson was late. Also present were Superintendent Phil Shelton and Principals Terry Morgan and Gene Newton.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for employment, compensation, evaluation of personnel, and litigation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey to exit Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to hire Kristie Anderson as MPHS Cheerleading sponsor for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to hire Shelby Helton as a bus monitor on a temporary as needed hourly basis for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to accept Kathy Miller's letter of intent to retire in four years at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to accept Debra Wilham's letter of intent to retire in four years at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve Executive Session minutes reviewed tonight in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to adopt the Consent Agenda A and B:
A. Approve July 20, 2009 Minutes
B. Approve Payment of Bills
Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

David Meister reported on the State Fair trams. He said it was a frustrating year but a safe one with revenue close to last years. A lot of people worked multiple shifts to make this project successful.

Superintendent Phil Shelton praised the custodial staff for their work in the buildings this summer. The high school looks good thanks to the work done by Tom Davis and his custodial staff. Tom Madigan, grade school custodian, was in the building working late a couple nights this past weekend to have the building ready for the start of school.

Superintendent Shelton was notified today that Elkhart blacktop resurfacing starts tomorrow. The blacktop will be closed from Rte 121 to Primm Road except for local traffic. The second phase will be resurfacing from Primm Road to the Elkhart coal mine road. Projected completion for the entire project is three months.

TIF money still owed the School District by the village of Elkhart was discussed. The School District has been very patient in trying to get this matter resolved and will work through the school attorney to get a more specific idea of what options are available with legal action not being ruled out.

The tentative budget for fiscal year 2010 was presented to the Board and will be on view in the Unit Office for thirty days prior to its adoption. The reduction in state aid and corporate personal property replacement tax revenue cancels out the increase in the Education fund levy.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to set the 2010 Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. prior to the rescheduled September School Board meeting Thursday, September 24th. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

There is a provision in the law now that a county can increase sales tax by a county wide referendum to provide additional revenue for schools to make capital improvements. The amount of revenue would be based on daily attendance. Superintendent Shelton will contact First Midstate Investment Bankers to schedule a presentation for the Board on how much revenue could be generated by an increase in Logan County sales tax.

MPHS ACT composite scores in all subjects are just below the State average. A better job must be done in preparing students for these tests; from junior high level and grades leading up to their Junior year. A meeting is to be scheduled for junior high and high school teachers to discuss what works and what doesn't in motivating students to do well.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to repay \$54,000 to the Working Cash fund for the interfund loan made to the Transportation fund in April 2009. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, and David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Diane Deppe to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. No nay. Motion carried.

Submitted By

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