

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

November 15, 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, Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, David Meister, Mike Toohey. Joe Olson was late. Also present were Phil Shelton, Terry Morgan, and Gene Newton.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to enter Executive Session for employment, evaluation, and compensation of personnel, Roll call vote. Answering aye: 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 Joe Olson, second by Diane Deppe 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 6:58 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

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

A. Approve October 18, 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**

Kathy Miller was present to give the board an update on the library grant. She informed the board that the news regarding the grant was not good. She said that the second half of the grant money has not been received for FY 2010, but is supposed to be here by the end of the year. She also informed the board that the state will be doing away with the regional library system. For our district this will mean the closure of the Rolling Prairie Library. The regional library system will merge into two districts, north and south, of which we will be a part of the south district. Mrs. Miller thought that increased fees and waiting times to receive books would be the main issues with the new structure. She said the MPHS checked 1244 books and the MPGS more than 800 using the Rolling Prairie Library last year. President Meister thanked her for her presentation.

Superintendent Shelton gave a report on the Regional Office of Education Life Safety visit. He stated there were no major issues, but would be looking at adding some electrical outlets in some rooms to avoid the over use of extension cords and power strips.

## **Unfinished Business**

Superintendent Shelton presented some more information on the energy conservation grant. The architect has done the initial plan and cost estimate for the replacement of the boilers at the grade school. This information can now be submitted to ISBE for their review. The cost estimate is \$170,000 for the total project. The grant request will be approximately \$85,000. Annual cost savings are expected to be \$11,000 by installing the more efficient boilers.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to proceed with energy conservation grant submission to the ISBE. 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 Mike Toohey to appoint Superintendent Phil Shelton and Secretary Linda Blue as designated representatives to receive school board petitions December 13-20, 2010. 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**

There will be an Abe Lincoln Governing meeting at the IASB on December 1, 2010. Anyone interested in going is to contact Superintendent Shelton.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to set the tax levy hearing date for December 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Shelton will meet with the finance committee of Doug Martin and Diane Deppe prior to the tax levy hearing to discuss the FY 2011 tax levy.

Mrs. Farnham and Mrs. Updegraff were present to give a report on the High School math program. Mrs. Farnham discussed how steps were being taken to improve the math program by restructuring the math curriculum to allow students to gain a more in depth understanding of Algebra concepts. Consumer math has been replaced with integrated math. This course is focuses on more PSAE content and contains more algebra and geometry. They also discussed new ways they are trying incorporate technology by using active boards and math software which should keep more students actively engaged in math lessons. Beginning in January they will be offering all-school review sessions for the PSAE exam. They are also exploring the acquisition of a web-based review and reinforcement tool to use with the juniors prior to the PSAE and ACT exams.

Mr. Newton gave a report on the annual test scores at the grade school. He said that there has been a lot of improvement in the last several years. The overall scores for the grade school are well above the state average and the grade school did meet the adequate yearly progress goal. He reviewed areas that did well and areas that need more work. He also discussed the common core standards that could come into effect in 2014. He said that these standards will be more consistent across the whole country and offer more continuity between the grade school and high school.

Mr. Morgan gave a summary of the test scores at the high school. English, math and reading were above the state average with science slightly below. The ACT composite score for 2010 for the high school was 21.1. Mr. Morgan said that he and the staff are working on fine tuning and making changes to try and continue to improve the test scores. Superintendent Shelton also mentioned the last 10 years scores have been really good for the district. He said he does not pay a lot of attention to a really good or bad year of scores but likes to see consistency.

### **Items of Information**

Mr. Morgan congratulated the volleyball team on a good year falling one game short of the state tournament.

Girl's basketball starts this week and the boys next week.

We will be hosting the high school boy's basketball regional this year.

Senior of the month Ethan Cline

Mr. Newton said that the State Speech contest was hosted at the Grade School on November 6<sup>th</sup>. MPGS had 7 first place awards, 2 second place, and 1 third place. The participants were as follows.

Max Coppinger and Brady Walsh	Improv Duet	1 <sup>st</sup>
Angel Reno and Molly Williams	Improv Duet	1 <sup>st</sup>
Brady Coppinger and Clayton Lindley	Improv Duet	1st
Morgan Hayes and Elizabeth Siebert	Duet Script	1 <sup>st</sup>
Clayton Lindley and Nick Raineri	Duet Script	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sam McCarty	Impromptu	1st
Julia Beccue	Solo S riot	1st
Julia Beccue and Sam McCarty	Improv Duet	2nd
Sam McCarty and Angel Reno	Duet Script	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Brady Coppinger, Max Coppinger, JustinDunakey, Andrew Viner, and Brady Walsh	Group Script	3 <sup>rd</sup>

#### November Students of the Month

6<sup>th</sup> Alexis Bowles

7<sup>th</sup> Morgan Hayes

8<sup>th</sup> Haley Vaughn

Submitted by

Doug Martin

School Board Secretary