

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education  
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office  
December 20, 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, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, David Meister and Mike Toohey. Also present were Superintendent Phil Shelton, Grade School Principal Gene Newton and High School Principal Terry Morgan.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to enter Executive Session for employment, evaluation, compensation of personnel, and bus transportation contract. 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 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 6:51 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:02 p.m.

The Public Hearing for the 2010 tax levy was held. President Meister asked for any questions or public input on the proposed levy. Hearing none, the proposed levy will be approved later in the meeting.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to employ Shelly Pearson as Board recording secretary effective December 20, 2010 at \$85.00 per month salary. 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 Diane Deppe that Executive Session minutes have been reviewed and determined that they remain confidential and Executive Session tapes may be destroyed up to June 1, 2009. 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 Kathy Boward 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 Jeff Haley to adopt consent agenda items:

- A. Approve November 15 and December 14, 2010 minutes.
- B. Approve 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**

The School Energy grant (ISBE) has been filed. Superintendent Shelton reported that we should have a decision in January. Also, this summer the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will start a natural gas energy efficiency grant program and, if the timing is right, we could apply both grants to the Mt. Pulaski Grade School boiler project.

ISBE School Maintenance grant is scheduled to be available this spring. This is the grant used with Health-Life Safety Funds to replace the high school bleachers.

Superintendent Shelton has spoken with ISBE about the School Construction grant. The FY 03 cycle of schools is to be entitled this spring and money paid the summer of 2011. We are on the FY 04 cycle. ISBE will be at the high school to take photos of the 2006 addition, as well as the areas of the 1927 building that were replaced by the cafeteria, home economic room, and business classroom and lab. The District could receive the \$800,000.00 grant in the summer of 2012.

## **Unfinished Business**

President Meister and Superintendent Shelton attended the Logan County Board meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2010 regarding the Logan County Sales Tax Resolution. This will be placed on the April 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. President Meister suggested we put any questions/answers regarding the tax, as well as what the money will be spent on and what can and cannot be taxed, on the website so the public will have all the facts prior to the April 5<sup>th</sup> election. Any revenue received will be used for capital improvements to Mt. Pulaski School District Buildings.

## **New Business**

Mrs. Koehler, Mrs. Lisnek, and Mr. West were present to give a report on the High School English program. Mrs. Lisnek discussed that all the English classes, at every level, work on vocabulary, reading literature, grammar worksheets, and research papers. All three teachers agreed that the main goal is to prepare the students for standardized testing. The textbooks being used for English classes do meet the state standards and goals so as long as they are teaching from the textbook, the students are meeting state goals. Mrs. Koehler also added that the question and answer part of the textbooks are similar to questions on the PSAE. Mike Toohey inquired as to whether term papers or standard research papers are still required by the students. Mrs. Lisnek reported that term paper/research papers are still required by the students and are due in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Jeff Haley asked if the teachers feel as if they have everything they need, material wise. All teachers replied that they did, but they would like to talk further about introducing some kind of incentive program for students who meet or exceed on the standardized tests. Mr. Morgan stated he would like to get "test prep" materials such as books, workbooks, and computer programs that he feels would be beneficial to the students.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve the 2010-2011 Mt. Pulaski District #23 seniority list. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Shelton reported on the 2010 tax levy rate. The tax rate proposed is 4.76269 for 2010 (payable in 2011). Overall farmland EAV is to increase 10% this year. The current tax rate is 4.749.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to adopt the 2010 tax levy as presented. 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 approve the advance fuel purchase for six months at \$2.94/gallon for 8000 gallons. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

The Identity Protection Policy was presented by Superintendent Shelton. Adoption will be in January, 2011.

### **Items of Information**

Mr. Morgan stated final exams for Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> will be the even classes with the final exams for the odd classes being held on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Senior of the Month: Haley Bowles

Samantha Nichols signed a Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Lincoln Christian University.

Boy's basketball will play in the St. Teresa Holiday Tournament December 22, 23, 29 & 30.

Girl's basketball will play in the Okaw Valley Tournament December 27-30.

Mr. Newton reported for the Grade School:

Student of the Month:       8<sup>th</sup> – Samantha McCarty  
                                      7<sup>th</sup> – Brian Batchelder  
                                      6<sup>th</sup> – Makenzie Lock  
Most Improved Students:   Katherine Lee  
                                      Brady Luckhart

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Shelly M. Pearson  
Board Recording Secretary

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December 14, 2010

President Meister called the special board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the unit office. Roll call was taken. Present were Doug Martin, Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, David Meister, Mike Toohey. Also present was Superintendent Phil Shelton.

**Unfinished Business**

The Logan County Sales Tax Resolution was discussed by the board.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve the Logan County Sales Tax Resolution from which revenue received would be used for capital improvements to Mt. Pulaski School District buildings. Any remaining Health Life Safety and Working Cash bonds could also be abated. 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 Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by

Doug Martin  
School Board Secretary