

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

April 19, 2010

President Meister called the meeting to order on April 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the unit office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Doug Martin, Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe, Jeff Haley, David Meister, Mike Toohey. Also present were Superintendent Phil Shelton, and Principals Gene Newton, and Terry Morgan.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to enter Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. for evaluation, and compensation of personnel. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

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

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:59p.m.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to re-employ high school coaches at the current assignments for 2010-2011. 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 re-employ the grade school coaches at the current assignments for the 2010-2011 school year except for girl's softball which was dropped. 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 Jeff Haley to set the salary for Grade School principal Gene Newton at \$79,683 with \$10 increase per month for health

insurance for the 2010-2011 year. 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 set the salary for high school principal Terry Morgan at \$72,627 with \$10 increase per month for health insurance. 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 set the non-certified salary increase at 4.5% plus \$10 increase per month for health insurance. 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 Jeff Haley to approve requested maternity leave for Kendra Updegraff. 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 Joe Olson 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.

### **Recognition of Public**

Stan Anderson addressed the board in offering his support for the girl's softball program. He stated the reasons that he felt softball should be continued and the benefits to the district and community. He also addressed the cost issues involved with the program.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to adopt the consent agenda items A and B 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.

## **Reports**

Superintendent Shelton discussed the Energy Conservation and School Maintenance Grants that may become available. He said that these grants would pay up to \$50,000 toward a project with each grant. The school would have to match the amount if the grant projects are applied for and accepted. Some of the projects that might qualify would be high school gym bleacher replacement and replacing the boilers at the grade school. He stated it is a good way to do a large project at half the cost. The only fear is the state will award the grants and not follow through with payments in a timely manner. Mike Toohey questioned how the state could offer these grants when they can't pay us the money that we are owed for transportation and state aid. Superintendent Shelton said that the state sold bonds that will pay for the grant. Jeff Haley talked about the pay back that boiler replacement would offer the district. Superintendent Shelton stated the bleachers are almost 50 years old.

Some of the other projects that will be considered this summer will be replacing the carpeting in the pod area of the grade school, fire and smoke detectors, and addition and replacement of separation doors at the grade school. These projects will be paid for with money from Health Life Safety funds.

## **Unfinished Business**

Superintendent Shelton gave an update on the Logan County Sales Tax. He has talked with the superintendent at Lincoln High School and Elementary and said that they are still in the discussion stage about the tax. Sangamon County will possibly be putting the sales tax question on the November ballot. We will receive some money from that if it passes because we do have students and property in Sangamon County. These funds can only be used for capital improvements or to abate property taxes. President Meister talked about the benefits the sales tax would have to all districts in the county and how it would be money coming from people outside of our district.

The school calendar was presented for approval.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar 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.

### **New Business**

Graduation assignments were made.

Grade School: Jeff Haley, Kathy Boward

High School: Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Joe Olson

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to renew the IHSA membership for 2010-2011. 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 Joe Olson to renew the IESA membership for 2010-2011. 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 asked if anyone was interested in attending the ABE Lincoln legislative dinner and meeting.

President Meister read a resolution to transfer \$55,000 from working cash interest to the transportation fund. Superintendent Shelton said that we have only received one of the four payments that we are supposed to get for transportation from the state.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to approve the resolution to transfer \$55,000 from working cash interest to the transportation fund. Roll Call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No nay. Motion carried.

Athletic fees were discussed. There was talk of raising the fees at both the high school and grade school. The board will discuss again at the May meeting.

## **Items of Information**

Senior of the Month was Johanna Hebenstreit

Mr. Morgan said the play was a huge success and thanked all who were involved.

Mr. Morgan also noted the PSAE and ACT tests will be next week

May 11- Honors Night

May 18 – Athletic Banquet at the High School

Grade School Students of the Month

6<sup>th</sup> grade Tiffany Stewart

7<sup>th</sup> grade Haley Vaughn

8<sup>th</sup> grade Michael Ho

President Meister also talked about an article that he read in which our state legislators were embarrassed about schools advertising how much they were owed by the state and wanted to make sure that we kept our amount owed on the signs in front of the schools.

Mike Toohey also made a comment about the recent cuts. He thanked Superintendent Shelton for his work and how he is doing what the board wants. He talked about the difficult decisions that the board made and their responsibility to the tax payers. President Meister agreed.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to adjourn. Voice Vote all aye motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by

Doug Martin

School Board Secretary