

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

August 16, 2010

President Meister called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 were Superintendent Phil Shelton, and Principals Gene Newton, and Terry Morgan.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to enter Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for employment, compensation, evaluation of personnel, Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Haley to exit Executive Session at 6:40 p.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 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to hire Kyle DeWeese as high school soccer coach. 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 consent agenda items

A. Approve July 19, 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

Tom Leahy from Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) attended the meeting to give a presentation on the superintendent search process. He presented the details and costs of the different options that the IASB provides when doing a superintendent search for a school district. He provided handouts and a contract for the board to review.

Superintendent Shelton gave a report on the Sangamon County Sales Tax. He said that the question would be on the ballot for the November election. He said if it does pass the county board will have the ability to implement the tax in ¼% increments or not implement the tax at all. The sales tax question will also be on the ballot in Macon County for the November election.

President Meister gave a report on the State Fair Trams. He said it has been extremely difficult to get volunteers to work this year. He said with the lack of interest that they are considering not working the trams next year. He talked about the time commitment that the Downing, Pryzkopanski, Clements & May insurance agency has made in organizing the event for several years. He also mentioned how much Cross Brothers Implement has helped by providing tractors for the trams, and the fuel service and donations that have been provided by Ag-Land F.S. and the Illinois Soybean Association. President Meister said without the help of these and other area organizations the tram fundraiser would not be successful. He said last year the trams brought in over \$27,000.00 to our school community, and was hoping for more this year due to increased ticket prices. He pointed out that this is money coming from outside the school community and would like to see more people volunteer so the tram fundraiser could be continued.

Superintendent Shelton also gave a report on the energy assistance grant that Ameren/Cilco has provided in the past. He said that the grant application has been turned in and we are awaiting approval.

Unfinished Business

Principal Morgan has suggested the use of parking stickers/permits to be used at the high school. He would like to have the students who drive to school use these so he is able to tell which cars are or are not supposed to be in the parking lot. It would also make it easier to find the driver of a car if needed.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to approve parking stickers for registration on student's cars at the high school for \$5.00 a piece per year. 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

Superintendent Shelton discussed the replacement of the lights in the high school gym. He said that the balance in the building fund is in good shape and he would like to keep working on things on the "to do" list. He thought that the current lights were installed in the early 1980's.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to approve the bid of \$13,050.00 for high school gym light replacement by B & B Electric. 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 discussed the need for auxiliary heat to be installed in the old cafeteria at the high school. He said that only half of the room had heat because it was not needed where the ovens used to be. Now that the whole room is being used for art classes that some form of heat needed to be installed.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to approve the bid of \$7390.00 for auxiliary heaters to be installed in the high school art room. Roll Call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe, Kathy Boward, David Meister. No Nay. Motion carried.

President Meister discussed the budget hearing coming up in September.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to set the 2010-2011 budget hearing date for 7 p.m. September 20, 2010 in the unit office. 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 gave an update on the tentative budget for 2010-2011. He said we did finish the year with a positive balance in the education fund and that the state still owed the district over \$250,000 at the end of the past fiscal year. He said that with the current economic climate that the district has had to resist spending unless it is absolutely needed. He thanked the staff for their cooperation this past year and said that there are still several areas of the budget that are very tight. He said that by the budget hearing we should have more information, but it appears that our state funding will be cut by \$250,000.00 for FY 2011. He discussed the foundation level the state uses for districts. He said the current level is over \$6,000.00 but we only end up with about \$1100.00 per student after the money goes through the state formula. He said that the district is doing the best it can to have a balanced budget and live within our means.

Items of Information

Superintendent Shelton mentioned the back to school staff meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the high school on August 23. He invited the board to attend if possible.

Principal Newton said all of the new smart boards were installed at the grade school and they would be training staff how to use them before school starts.

Motion by Kathy Boward, second by Joe Olson to re-enter executive session at 8:24 p.m. for employment, compensation, and evaluation of personnel. 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 Jeff Haley to exit executive session at 9:53 p.m. 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 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.

Motion by Kathy Boward, second by Diane Deppe to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Submitted by

Doug Martin

School Board Secretary