

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

September 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, Mike Toohey. Also present were Superintendent Phil Shelton, and Principals Gene Newton, and Terry Morgan.

Motion by Kathy Boward, second by Diane Deppe to enter Executive Session for employment, discipline, compensation, 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.

The board entered executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward 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 6:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing

The annual budget hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. President Meister asked for any comments or questions about the 2010-2011 proposed budget. Seeing no comments or questions from those in attendance President Meister closed the budget hearing.

Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve August 16, 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) returned to the September meeting to present an updated contract and timeline for the superintendent search if they are hired. Mr. Leahy answered questions from the board about the details of the search process.

Superintendent Shelton mentioned that Brian Hinds is in need of school bus drivers. Anyone interested can call the Bus Barn 792-5687 or the Mt. Pulaski Unit Office 792-7222

President Meister gave a report on the State Fair Trams. He said that they were very successful this year and has had a lot of positive feedback from members of the community about continuing the trams. He said this year over \$34,000 was split between the various organizations that worked on the trams. Mike Toohey also mentioned that a lot of the success of the trams is due to the efforts of David Meister and Jeff Clements and thanked them for their dedication

Superintendent Shelton mentioned the IASB Abe Lincoln dinner and meeting on October 7, 2010.

Principal Morgan gave a report on the High School parking permits. He said they had sold 62 permits so far and still had a few more to sell. He was hoping to have full cooperation from the students in the next few days.

Superintendent Shelton gave a report on the ISBE energy conservation grant and the school maintenance grant. He mentioned that the replacement of the boilers at the grade school would be a good project to use the energy grant for. The approximate cost of this project is about \$100,000 of which the grant would cover \$50,000. Superintendent Shelton also mentioned that the replacement of the bleachers at the high school would be possible with the maintenance grant.

Unfinished Business

The 2010-2011 budget was presented for approval. Superintendent Shelton reviewed changes that had been made in the tentative budget. The board reviewed fund balances and what funds would be available to use with the maintenance grants. The district is still waiting on \$130,000 from the state for the 2009-2010 school year, of which ½ goes to the transportation fund.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to approve the 2010-2011 budget 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

Superintendent Shelton gave a report on the school's health insurance for the 2010-2011 school year. He had met with the insurance committee and reviewed the options. The current carrier Blue Cross had a proposed increase of 25%. Health Alliance had a proposal which had a 1.9% decrease in the single PPO rate.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to approve Health Alliance for school district health insurance for the 2010-2011 school year. 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 reviewed the 6th day enrollment figures. This year the district had 512 kids enrolled on the 6th day of attendance. This was less than last year due to the elimination of the Pre-K program. There was no big decrease in enrollment in any of the grades.

The ISBE annual recognition of schools was presented for approval.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to approve the ISBE annual recognition of schools for Mt. Pulaski Grade School and Mt. Pulaski High School 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.

Petitions can be picked up beginning September 21, 2010 in the unit office for the 2011 school board election. The filing period will be December 13 thru December 20, 2010.

Superintendent Shelton presented the ACT composite scores from the High School. This year's score was 21.1 which was higher than the last few years. The state average is 20.7. ISAT test reports will be available in October or November.

Sangamo Conference membership was discussed. Principal Morgan said that the Sangamo conference is trying to get more football schools in the conference. New Berlin will join the conference this year and North Mac will join in two years. He said that they are still seeking another school to add and Beardstown had been asked to join. There are six schools with over 400 kids in the conference with only 4 1-A schools. The balance of the schools are 2-A.

Items of Information

Mt. Pulaski Grade School Students of the Month

6th grade Eli Olson

7th grade Hannah Freer

8th grade Julia Beccue

Mt. Pulaski High School Senior of the Month is Hannah Allen

Principal Morgan also mentioned Coach Donna Dulle currently has 898 career wins and has the 4th most wins in the state.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Kathy Boward to re-enter executive session for employment, discipline, 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.

The board re-entered executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward 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 9:40 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.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve Superintendent Phil Shelton's letter of intent to retire June 30, 2012. 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 9:42 p.m.

Submitted by

Doug Martin

School Board Secretary