

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
January 24, 2011

Vice President Mike Toohey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Kathy Boward, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. Joe Olson arrived late. President David Meister was absent. Also present were Superintendent Phil Shelton, Grade School Principal Gene Newton and High School Principal Terry Morgan.

Motion by Jeff Haley, second by Kathy Boward to enter Executive Session for employment, evaluation, and compensation of personnel. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

The Board entered executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Diane Deppe to exit Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

The Board exited executive session at 7:03 p.m.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve Sharon Cunningham's retirement letter for the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to accept the resignation of Sue Adams-Snelson. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to employ Angie Likins as special ed aide on a part-time as needed basis. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to employ Jeannie Schutz as early childhood education teacher's aide on a part-time as needed basis. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to approve Executive Session minutes as presented in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to adopt consent agenda items:

- A. Approve December 20, 2010 minutes.
- B. Approve Payment of Bills.

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

Reports

A. The Logan County Sales Tax will be on the April ballot. The Macon County Board has voted to implement the 1% sales tax in Macon County that was passed in November.

Superintendent Shelton stated that there was an article in the Mt. Pulaski newspaper that states “farm equipment, etc. is subject to a 1% sales tax if it is passed.” This is not true. They will not be subject to this tax. Some of the information in this article came from an article on the IASB website. Superintendent Shelton called the IASB, and they stated they would correct the article.

B. Superintendent Shelton presented a preliminary layout of the plaque for the 2006 High School Addition. It will more than likely be an 18x24 plaque with the names of the 2003-2006 School Board members who were serving on the School Board when the new addition was being built. The cost for this plaque will be in the range of \$900.00.

Unfinished Business

The Identity Protection Policy presented at last month’s meeting was presented for adoption.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to adopt the Identity Protection Policy-Section 2.255. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Mindy Gross and Michelle Clark were present to give a report on the High School Science programs. There are many science courses available to the students. Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Advance Chemistry, Physics, Advance Physics, and Ag Science are all available for students to take. Mrs. Clark stated that most freshmen will either be in Physical Science or Biology. This is usually determined in their 8th grade year of junior high. Miss Gross added that junior year, they take Advance Chemistry, and senior year, they take Physics. The state requires only two years of science, but most colleges require four years and because of this, some students are doubling up on science courses their junior or senior year. In most classes they do have review sessions for the ACT and PSAT to get students ready for these two tests. The state mandates that the tests are taken on back to back days, and everyone has to take these two tests. The state also requires these two tests must be taken your junior year. The PSAT and ACT are held the last week of April.

B. Food Allergy Program – Section 7:285 Review: This program is being implemented for all schools statewide. All schools are required to have a food allergy program with a procedure on how to manage these allergies. This policy is similar to the Identity Protection Policy that was adopted earlier. Superintendent Shelton will have this policy available for review and adoption at the February 28th Board meeting.

C. High School Course Changes: High School Principal Morgan presented some course and requirement changes. Under these proposed graduation requirement changes, class requirements will

change and there will be additional classes offered. However, there will be no change to the credit hours needed to graduate. A copy of the Proposed Graduation Requirements Changes is attached.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to accept High School course changes as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Kathy Boward, Joe Olson, Jeff Haley, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe. No nay. Motion carried.

D. A new school nurse contract was presented for review. The cost for services would increase to \$20,648 in 2011-12 and \$21,360 in 2012-13. The current cost is \$19,936. Any additional hours cost \$40.00 per hour, up from \$30.00 per hour. No action will be taken until the February 28th meeting.

Items of Information

Mr. Morgan reported for the High School:

Senior of the Month: Alec Murphy

The High School will be hosting the High School boy's basketball Regional on February 21st.

Girls' basketball Regional will be at Argenta starting February 7th. Games are played on the 7th, 8th, and 10th.

Mr. Newton reported for the Grade School:

Student of the Month: 8th – Jakie Inselmann
 7th – Brianna Stewart
 6th – Hailey Moore

The Grade School is hosting 8-2A Boys State basketball tournament.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Board Recording Secretary

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CHANGES
APPROVED JANUARY 25, 2011

1. Prior to now, students were required to take a Keyboarding course as freshmen. This requirement will be eliminated. A Keyboarding course will be taught at the grade school.
2. Prior to now, students were required to take an additional computer course some time within their four years at MPHS. Students will now be required to take this course as sophomores.
3. Prior to now, students were required to take Writing Skills as freshmen. Due to the new core learning standards, speech will also be incorporated into this class. Furthermore, this course will be moved to sophomore year.
4. Students are required to take U.S. History and 1 additional credit of social studies during their four years at MPHS. Students will now be required to take World Geography as freshman (as the 1 additional credit).
5. Prior to now, American Government material has been covered in U.S. History class. Therefore, not enough time is put into teaching American Government and it takes away time teaching U.S. History. Students will now be required to take American Government as a semester course during their senior year.
6. An additional 1 semester Marketing course will be added to the Business Department curriculum.

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
English I / ComSkills	English II	English III	English IV
Science	Science	U.S. History	American Govt. (1 sem.) Res. Management (1 sem.)
Math	Math	Math	PE
Health (1 sem.) PE (1 sem.)	PE	PE	~Electives~
World Geography	Writing Skills/Speech (1 sem.) Computer Applications (1 sem.)	~Electives~	~Electives~
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