

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

October 17, 2011

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit office. Roll call was taken. Present were Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. Joe Olson was absent.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second Todd Cyrulik to executive session for employment, evaluation of personnel and bus transportation contract. Roll call vote. Answering Aye. Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Jeff Beccue , second Mike Toohey to executive session. Roll call vote. Answering Aye. Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:58 p.m..

Motion by Diane Deppe, second Kathy Boward to accept executive session minutes as reviewed in executive session. Roll call vote. Answering Aye. Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second Jeff Beccue to accept Michel Emrick's resignation as the grade school secretary. Roll call vote. Answering Aye. Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second Todd Cyrulik to accept Angela Likin's resignation as the grade school teacher's aide. Roll call vote. Answering Aye. Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Mike Toohey to approve consent agenda items, a) approve September 19th & October 3rd, 2011 school board minutes and b) approve payment of bills. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Reports

The annual test score report will be given in November. The PSAE-ACT test at the high school will be reviewed as well as the ISAT results at Mt. Pulaski grade school. A copy of the school and district report card was available at Monday's meeting.

Tom Sapp, (Baumann and Associates) was here Friday, October 14th to conduct our annual school district audit. Results will be reviewed at the November meeting.

The "Consolidation Commission" will be having meeting around the state to receive input on the governor's consolidation proposal. Phil Shelton will be attending a meeting at Heartland Community College on 10/24.

Unfinished Business

There was further discussion on students riding the bus to and from athletic contests. The expectation is that students will ride the bus to and from extra-curricular contests. The parents will need to work with the principals and coaches for exceptions.

New Business

There is promise of movement in the energy grant area and the school maintenance grants.

The ISBE is opening their grant application for a second round of energy efficiency grants. Mt. Pulaski #23 is 335 on the priority list.

The school maintenance grant is \$50,000 matching grant per project. The high school gym bleachers are a logical choice for this project.

Guidelines have been established by the IHSA for athletes returning to practice or games after a concussion. This would be a good item to insert in the athletic rules in the student handbook.

In June, the federal government issues new rules for the school lunch program. The recommendation is to raise student lunch prices 10 cents effective October 31, 2011. The new student lunch price is \$1.85 elementary, \$2.35 high school. The adult lunch price changes to \$3.00. Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to increase lunch prices by 10 cents for students. The new prices are \$1.85 for elementary; \$2.35 for high school; and \$3.00 for adults; effective October 31, 2011. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Quotes were received to upgrade the two exhaust fans in the old gym at the high school. The fans will help in removing dampness in the old gym floor which is a problem. The

preliminary cost of the replacement is quoted at \$8,046 for E.L. Pruitt Co. and \$1,180 for B & B Electric.

Items of Information

Students of the Month for the Grade School – 6th Grade Darian Payne
7th Grade Madeline Moody
8th Grade Brian Batchelder

The High School Senior of the Month is Alexandra Conley

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Beccue, second by Diane Deppe. Voice Vote. All ayes. No nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Diane Deppe

School Board Secretary