

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

March 28, 2011

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, Principals Gene Newton and Terry Morgan.

Motion by Joe Olson, Second by Diane Deppe to enter executive session for employment, evaluation, compensation, dismissal of personnel, and contract negotiations. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

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, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

The board returned to open session at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to name Anna Beckers as head secretary at the Mt. Pulaski Grade School office. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to hire Michel Emerick as Mt. Pulaski Grade School assistant head secretary. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to hire Megan Allspach as Mt. Pulaski Grade School elementary teacher for the 2011-2012 school term. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Jeff Haley to approve the resignation of Bill Anders as high school custodian effective March 4, 2011. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy

Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to not renew Brent Grisham as Mt. Pulaski Grade School boys basketball coach and Mt. Pulaski Grade School boys baseball coach. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to set a teacher discipline hearing for Thursday March 31 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mt. Pulaski Unit Office. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to approve consent agenda items A. Approval of February 28 and March 15, 2011 minutes and B. Approve payment of bills. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

### **Reports**

Superintendent Shelton gave a report on the upcoming sales tax question on the April ballot. He discussed the meetings that he attended in Lincoln with the committee that had been formed to distribute information throughout Logan County. A lot of the feedback from people in the county seems to be supportive of the sales tax. The election will be April 5, 2011.

Graduation dates were presented. Mt. Pulaski Grade School graduation will be Friday June 3, 2011 at 7 p.m. and Mt. Pulaski High School will be Saturday June 4, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Superintendent Shelton mentioned that we had received the state library grant for 2011.

### **Unfinished Business**

Superintendent Shelton discussed the 2011-2012 budget projection. He said it is difficult to give a prediction at this time due to the uncertainty in state government. Any increase in property tax money from higher EAV would probably be offset by cut backs in state aid and transportation payments. He thought the district would be fortunate to have the same amount of revenue as it did this year and until the budget for the State Board of Education is finalized we will not know what we are or are not getting for payments.

The next regular School Board meeting will be on April 18, 2011. At this meeting the newly elected school board will be seated, outgoing members will be retired and the board will be re-organized.

## **New Business**

The school calendar for the 2011-2012 year was presented. Approval for this will be at the April meeting.

Mr. Helm and Mrs. Kunken were present to give an update on the music and band program at MPGS and MPHS. Mr. Helm provided a handout that described the activities that the band and music students participate in during the year. He discussed future objectives and goals he had for the programs. Student participation is on the increase at the grade school. Current numbers are 24- High School Band, 31 Jr. High band, 21 6<sup>th</sup> grade band, 42 5<sup>th</sup> grade band, 16 High School Choir, and 26 in the Jr. High Choir. Total band students in the district 118 and Choir 42. Mr. Helm also discussed the instruments that the district owned and repairs that are needed to be made to them. He also mentioned that the band program is on the lookout for instruments to be donated to help increase the inventory at the school. He encouraged anyone with an instrument in storage or in the closet not being used to donate it to the band program. President Meister thanked them for their presentation and thanked them for the dedication to the program.

Renewal in the IESA and IHSA were presented for approval.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Diane Deppe to approve IHSA membership renewal for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve IESA membership renewal for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

## **Items of Information**

MPHS Senior of the month is Andrea Hannah

Students of the Month at MPGS

8<sup>th</sup> grade – Clayton Lindley

7<sup>th</sup> grade – Bret Huff

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Madelyn Moody

Mr. Newton also noted that over \$4300.00 in books were donated to the school as a result of sales during the grade school book fair.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to enter executive session for contract negotiations. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

The board entered executive session at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to exit executive session. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

The board returned to open session at 9: 45 p.m.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Kathy Boward to approve executive session minutes as presented in executive session. Roll Call Vote. Answering Aye. Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Doug Martin, Mike Toohey, Jeff Haley, and David Meister. No Nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Haley to adjourn. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Submitted by

Doug Martin

School Board Secretary