

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

August 15, 2011

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

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Kathy Boward to enter executive session for employment, evaluation of personnel. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue to exit executive session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:52 p.m.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Beccue to accept executive session minutes as reviewed in executive session. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to accept Brooke Ciaccio's resignation as junior high assistant volleyball coach. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passed.

Motion by Mike Toohey to employ Linda Ladson as grade school cook at a salary of \$9,557 per year for 2011-12 school year, second by Joe Olson. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Mike Toohey to employ Kristin Rucks as special education teacher for 2011-12 school year. Second by Jeff Beccue. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

The public hearing to approve the Driver Education fee to \$70.00 was opened by Doug Martin. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Mike Toohey to approve Consent Agenda items (A) July 13 and 18 meeting minutes and (B) payment of bills. Second by Joe Olson. Roll call vote. Answering aye:

Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

### Reports

- A. Summer work projects are being finished. Asphalt overlay and restriping of high school and grade school parking lots is done. Electrical upgrades for classrooms to more easily use Smartboards is on-going.
- B. A new law was passed this spring that changes teacher evaluation ratings, and seniority lists. The Performance Evaluation Reform Act will not take full effect until 2016, but there are some requirements that begin in November 2011.
- C. As we have done in the past, school buses for athletic trips to Williamsville, Athens, Petersburg, and Greenview will pick up and drop off athletes in Elkhart.

### Unfinished Business

- A. High school student attendance at the Lincoln Vocational Center must improve. After three absences students will be warned, and possibly returned to the full day schedule at the high school.
- B. The list of building improvements for the high school and grade school was discussed. Replacing the high school gym bleachers is a priority. The lists will be discussed monthly.
- C. Withdrawal from the Sangamo Conference was discussed. Principal Terry Morgan stated that we would still be a member of the Tomahawk Conference. Membership in one conference will give more flexibility in athletic scheduling.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to approve the withdrawal from the Sangamo Conference for Mt. Pulaski High School. Mr. Morgan will send the proper notification letter to the Sangamo Conference. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

### New Business

- A. The tentative budget for 2011-12 was presented. The final General State Aid figures were just released last week. This made the budget process more difficult. The district will see a \$163,000 reduction in state aid. Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to set the budget hearing for 7 p.m., Monday, September 19, 2011. (The tentative budget is available in the Unit

office.) Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

- B. The resolution to raise the Driver Education Fee to \$70 was read by Doug Martin. Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to approve the resolution to set the Behind the Wheel Driver Education Fee at \$70 effective August 15, 2011. This is resolution 2012-01. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.
- C. Woods Grant awards have been received for Mt. Pulaski High School - \$13,491, and Mt. Pulaski Grade School - \$19,284. The funds will be used for “Smartboards” for classroom instruction. Heather Fricke was thanked for submitting and writing the grant applications.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Mike Toohey to approve the “Woods Grant” awards for Mt. Pulaski High School and Mt. Pulaski Grade School. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Mike Toohey, Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

#### Items of Information

School begins next week. The first day for teachers is Monday, August 22. The first day for students is Tuesday, August 23, with 11:30 a.m. student dismissal.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Beccue, second by Kathy Boward. Voice vote. All ayes. No nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by

Phil Shelton, Superintendent