

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

September 19, 2011

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

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

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe to exit executive session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:48.

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

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to accept Kristi Anderson's letter of resignation as the high school cheerleading sponsor. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Beccue to employ Kathleen Ellison as the high school cheerleading sponsor. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to set a special meeting tentatively for October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the superintendent search. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Mike Toohey , second by Joe Olson to open the budget hearing at 7:00 p.m.
Answering aye: Mike Toohey , Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward,
Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik , second by Jeff Beccue to close the budget hearing.
Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward,
Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Recognition of the Public – Tina Johansson came to discuss student athletes’
transportation riding the bus to and from games. A petition was also submitted by Steve
Hayes for next month’s agenda. President Doug Martin read a letter from Steve Hayes
regarding student athletes riding the bus to and from games.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik to approve consent agenda items,
a) approve August 15, 2011 school minutes which clarifies Sangamo Conference motion
to be effective for the 2012-2013 school term and b) approve payment of bills.
Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward,
Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Reports

- A. Abe Lincoln Dinner & Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011, at
5:00 p.m. Pawnee High School.
- B. The County Sales Tax Amendment was passed this summer. The key provision is
that the County Board no longer has a role in putting the sales tax question on the
ballot, or voting to impose the amount of the tax.

Unfinished Business

- A. The school district budget is presented for approval. Cathy Shull should be
publicly commended for her extra work and attention to detail in finalizing the
budget. The delinquent state payments make it very hard to show accurate
revenue figures.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to approve the school district budget for
the 2011 – 2012 school year. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik,
Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

New Business

The school district health insurance renewal at a 5% increase with Health Alliance is presented for approval. As a part of the contract the school district pays \$435 towards the premium of the employee. Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to approve the group health insurance renewal. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Kathy Boward to approve the annual ISBE Recognition of Schools application for each building. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

A new law passed in July has increased the cost of liability insurance for our bus contractor without notice. Motion by Doug Martin, second by Mike Toohey to pay 50% of the \$6,500 liability insurance increase for the 2011 - 2012 bus contract. Also, pay \$3,250 of that liability insurance cost for the 2012 - 2013 bus contract. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. Answering nay: Jeff Beccue and Todd Cyrulik. Motion passes.

The school board discussed the issue of students riding the bus to and from extra-curricular activities. No action was taken. This will be an agenda item for October.

Items of Information

Students of the Month for the Grade School – 6th Grade Abby Howard
7th Grade Hailey Moore
8th Grade Elizabeth Siebert

The High School Senior of the Month is Audrey Maske.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Beccue, second by Kathy Boward. Voice Vote. All ayes. No nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by

Diane Deppe

School Board Secretary