

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

February 22, 2012

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Unit office. Roll call was taken. Present were. Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson and Doug Martin. Jeff Beccue was absent.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Kathy Boward to enter executive session to discuss employment, evaluation of personnel, bus transportation contract. Roll call vote, answering aye - Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik to exit executive session. Roll call vote, answering aye – Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:47 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to accept Sheila Myer's resignation as Yearbook sponsor if a suitable replacement can be found. Roll call vote, answering aye – Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kathy Boward, second by Mike Toohey to approve consent agenda items, a) approve January 23, 2012 minutes and b) approve payment of bills. Roll call vote, answering aye - Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Recognition of Public

Delmar Stewart addressed the board concerning the Boys Basketball team.

Reports

The DCEO grant has been approved at the amount of \$13,784.25. Also the School Maintenance Grants have been announced (\$50,000.)

The capital improvement list was enclosed for discussion.

A discussion on replacement of the 1912 and 1927 sections should be an ongoing monthly discussion.

Dean Cates has decided to end the David Cates Memorial Scholarship this year. To close out the memorial fund Doris and Dean have given a check to the school district for \$3,000.

Unfinished Business

Bus Transportation Contract – the tentative schedule is:

1. Review the bid documents this month.
2. Pending any changes, the bid documents would be approved in March advertising for bids in March/April.
3. Bids would be opened about a week before the April meeting.
4. 2013-2014 contract would be awarded at the April meeting.

The early budget projection for 2012-13 is not good. Any revenue increase will be offset by cuts in State Aid and Transportation. General State Aid will be cut again. Transportation funding may be completely eliminated. TRS pension costs are now being considered by the legislature as a cost that can be pushed off on local school districts.

The \$50,000 School Maintenance Grants will be available by July 1. The replacement of the high school bleachers can be done this summer. We will need to have Graham & Hyde Architects proceed with design and bid specs.

New Business

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to acknowledge the review of Section 7:20 anti-bullying policy. Roll call vote, answering aye - Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

The Spring Dinner Meeting – IASB Abe Lincoln Division will be held on March 6th at Glenwood Elementary School in Chatham. Note the Open Meetings Act training will be held that evening.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve the annual joint agreement with the Lincoln H. S. Technical Education Center. Roll call vote, answering aye –Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve the tentative graduation dates MPGS 7:00 p.m., May 25th and MPHS, 7:00 p.m., May 26th. Roll call vote, answering aye –Kathy Boward, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion passes.

The early report on reinstating a Pre-K program is based on West Lincoln Grade School's operation as a program that is not related to the ISBE grant. The program is funded by charging for the program on a half day or a full day program. Three year olds and four year olds would attend either a morning or afternoon session for 8 -11 or noon – 3. Four year olds could attend a full day program 8 – 3 p.m. This would be open enrollment, with no screening or testing required to enroll.

Items of Information

Students of the Month for the Grade School – 6th Grade Brett Huff
7th Grade Ashley Houser
8th Grade Bayley Holmes

The High School Senior of the Month is Mark Foley.

The Tram contract has been signed for two years. Sign up can begin at City Hall, Monday – Friday – 8:00 – 4:00 by walk in.

Motion to adjourn by Diane Depppe, second by Joe Olson. Voice vote. All ayes. No nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by

Diane Deppe

School Board Secretary