

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

March 19, 2012

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

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

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

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

The board exited executive session at 6:34 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to approve executive session minutes as reviewed in executive session. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Beccue to employ Kristi Ford as the Special Education ECE teacher for the 2012 – 2013 school term. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to adopt reduction in force resolution for the following teacher aides: Sandra Remmert, Jill Siebert, Cindy Stoll, Jason Beard, Verna Leach, Karla Griesheim and Victoria Welter. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to accept Kathleen Ellison's resignation as the High School English teacher.. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to re-employ the 4th year teachers listed below for the 2012 – 2013 school term and recommend tenure: Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried. Jeff Beccue voted present.

4th year Teachers for tenure:

Julie Wubben	Brandy Westen
David Helm	Brooke Ciaccio
Jeanie Beccue	

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to re-employ the 3rd year teachers listed below for the 2012 – 2013 school term. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

3rd year Teachers:

Craig Erlenbush	Heather Fricke
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Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to re-employ the 2nd year teacher listed below for the 2012 – 2013 school term. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

2nd year Teacher:

Wyatt Waterkotte

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to re-employ the 1st year teachers listed below for the 2012 – 2013 school term. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

1st year Teachers:

Michael Copley	Kristin Rucks
Susan Springer	Troy Burgard
Ron Tisdale	Megan Allspach

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to approve consent agenda items a) approve February 22nd & March 13th, 2012 minutes and b) approve payment of bills. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Reports

A. High school Gym Bleacher Project.

Evan Carroll from Carroll Seating was present to discuss the project and answered any questions.

Graham & Hyde Architects will set the bid specifications for the bleachers. The tentative schedule is to advertise for bleacher bids within the next two weeks and open bids mid-April, with the award of the project at the April 16 school board meeting.

B. The handbook committee has met. We will have the final revisions ready for April approval. Each principal has an overview of recommendations.

C. Enclosed is a proposal for the Mt. Pulaski Grade School Student Council to replace the sign in front of the grade school.

D. Hartsburg-Emden has approached Terry Morgan to co-op in high school Girls Basketball. They would provide transportation for the athletes to Mt. Pulaski each day.

Tri-City has asked about a co-op in Girls Softball for 2012-13 season.

Unfinished Business

A. As stated earlier, the bus transportation contract bid process should be approved this month. The advertising can be next week, but I would recommend the bid opening to be later, Monday, May 7, 2012. This gives the bidder(s) more time to prepare their bid.

The big changes in the contract are (1) the school district no longer pays part of the driver cost for extra trips. (2) The subcontractor clause requiring a monthly reports of miles driven and fuel receipts for subcontracting within Logan County.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve the school bus transportation contract and bid specifications, and set opening bids for Monday May 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Unit Office.. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

- B. The Mt. Pulaski Grade School Boiler Replacement Project is scheduled for installation to be complete over the Easter break – April 5 – 9. Approval of the purchase of two Thermal Solutions boilers @ \$125,000 installed is requested. The Burnham Boilers (Scotch type) \$132,770 and the Triad – Triumph Boilers @ \$138,342 are the two other quotes.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to approve the low bid for two thermal solution boilers at \$125,000 installed. Installation by “Xcell Mechanical Services. Upon completion, the DCEO will pay the school district a \$13,784 energy incentive grant. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

- C. We can have further discussion and questions about the Pre-K tuition based program. The cost will be based on a half day program for 3 year and 4 year olds. There could be a full day program for 4 year olds. We have visited West Lincoln grade school to review their program.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to direct the administration to proceed with the development of a tuition based Pre-K program. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

New Business

- A. Enclosed is an agreement from the Regional Office of Education to give the ROE the authority to hold the sales tax revenue in an interest bearing account (the ROE would keep the interest) for up to 30 days before distributing to the Logan County school districts. I am not convinced this is a good idea, to allow the ROE to hold the funds for 30 days.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey to table the Logan County school facilities sales tax distribution agreement with ROE #38 until the April board meeting. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

- B. As we do each year, the tentative school calendar is presented in March. A copy is provided to each building for input. A final calendar is adopted in April.

- C.&D. The annual membership renewal for the IHSA and IESA was presented for a approval.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to approve the 2012 – 2013 IHSA membership. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve the 2012 – 2013 IESA membership. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried

- E. The property casualty insurance renewal from Dimond Bros. Agency is presented for approval. Selective Ins. is the insurance carrier. Most of the increase is due to the annual 4% property value increase. The current premium is \$33,368. The proposed renewal is \$36,424.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve the property casualty insurance renewal with Selective Insurance Diamond Brothers in the amount of \$36,424. Roll call vote, answering aye, Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion Carried

Items of Information

Students of the Month for the Grade School – 6th Grade Faith Doerr
7th Grade Makenzie Lock
8th Grade Morgan Hayes

March 22nd – Art/Science/Book Fair at the Grade School 6:00 – 7:30
P.A.S.E. Dinner 5:30 – 7:00

The High School Senior of the Month is Justin White.

There was a blood drive at the high school, donation of 44 pints.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Beccue, second by Kathy Boward. Voice vote. All ayes. No nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Diane Deppe

School Board Secretary