

Mt Pulaski Community Unit District #23

Board of Education

Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

April 16, 2012

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

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to enter into executive session to discuss employment, evaluation, compensation of personnel, administrative evaluations and the gym bleacher contract. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

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

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

The board exited executive session at 6:53 p.m.

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

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve employment of Terry Morgan as the high school Principal for the 2012 -13 school term. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Jeff Beccue to approve employment of Gene Newton as the grade school Principal for the 2012 -13 school term. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve consent agenda items a) approve March 19, 2012 minutes and b) approve payment of bills. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The warm winter and warm spring has helped with natural gas budgets. With both buildings, we will be at least \$30,000 under the amount budgeted for gas and electricity in FY 2012.

Reports

- A. The three year ROE #38 compliance visit occurred on March 30. The school board policy manual was checked for required policies. Recommendations are listed for updating policies. Also, personnel files are reviewed for accuracy. On May 2, the ROE will return to do the annual Health-Life Safety review.
- B. The boiler installation should be completed by April 23. As soon as the boiler work is done, the DCEO grant paperwork will be filed to meet the May 15 deadline.
- C. Agenda book changes have not been finalized to present to the school board for approval.

Unfinished Business

- A. The bid opening for the bus transportation contract will be Monday, May 7, 2:00 p.m. The formal award of a contract will be Monday, May 21, 2012, at the regular May school board meeting. The new 3 year contract will begin July 1, 2013. Hinds Transportation is under contract for the 2012-13 school term.
- B. A decision should be made about the proposed co-op with Hartsburg-Emden in high school girls' basketball. Co-op agreements are for two years. A softball co-op with Hartem was also discussed. Principal Morgan will have a written proposal for the May meeting.
- C. The Pre-K program at MPGS for 2012-13 was discussed. It will be tuition based and will be for three and four year olds.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to proceed with the 2012 -13 Pre-K tuition based program as presented. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried

- D. As discussed last month, the ROE #38 wants school districts to sign an agreement to allow the ROE to collect interest on the sales tax revenue that is supposed to be distributed to the schools. Some of the school districts with students in Logan County have signed the agreement. When interest rates rise this will become a bigger issue. In the years before ISBE sent general state aid electronically to each district, the ROE received general state aid money, wrote the state aid checks to school districts; but the ROE had to pay interest to the school districts.

With the sales tax revenue, the money will be received by the ROE by the 12th day of each month. Forcing the schools to wait 3 weeks for their money is just not necessary. The school board directed the Superintendent to send a letter to the Regional Office stating that the district will not sign the agreement.

- E. The proposed school calendar for 2012-13 was discussed.

Changes from the calendar presented last month:

The August 22, first day of student attendance, will be an 11:30 dismissal, with a ½ day in-service.

The Easter Vacation will be Thursday, March 28, Friday, March 29, Monday, April 1, 2013.

A School Improvement Day, 11:30 student dismissal has been added – Friday, April 26.

With no emergency days used, the last day of student attendance is Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve the 2012 – 13 school calendar. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

- F. High school gym bleacher bids and contract award bids were opened on April 10, 2012, with Kevin Handy, Supt. Shelton, Cathy Shull, and Linda Blue present, along with Evan Carroll. Cathy opened each bid and Kevin Handy read the Bidder, Bid Bond Amount, and Bid Amount.

At Monday's meeting the bids were discussed. Two of the companies did not meet the specifications set forth in the bid documents. This project must be completed by August 3, 2012.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik to reject bids from R.L. Jackson & Associates (St. Charles, MO) and Interkal Bleachers LLC (Kalamazoo, MI) and accept the lowest responsible bid from Carroll Seating (Elk Grove Village, IL) for a base bid of \$135,442. Alternate #1 Bid for backrests - \$6,900 and Alternate #2 bid for remote control - \$1,358 is also recommended for approval. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. We must improve our internet access capacity. We have operated successfully with a "T1" line for several years. The annual cost, which is partially paid by the Illinois Century network, is \$9,556 for the school district. \$1,986 goes to AT&T for the T1 line, and \$7,570 goes to Frontier for access to the T1 line.

Higher demand for download of data requires the district to expand our download speed of 1.5 megabytes per second. A new “Metro Ethernet” connection will allow the bandwidth to expand to 10 megabytes per second.

The amount payable to the ICN is \$750 monthly, \$9,000 per year. The amount payable to Frontier is \$600 monthly, \$7,200 per year. The total new cost is \$16,200 per year for the Metro Ethernet connection. Again, the current “T1” connection cost is \$9,556 per year.

After discussion, the board directed the Superintendent to determine the cost of a fiber optic connection for the school district internet access.

- B. The Lincoln Area “Woods Grant” is available again this year for up to \$20,000 per school building. The deadline is May 1, 2012. Heather Fricke has written each proposal and will submit each building application.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve the 2012 Woods Grant application. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

- C. The technology lease proposal for 2012-13 is \$35,657.23. The lease- purchase would be for two years, with two annual payments. The items to be acquired are a new server, switches, 32 desktop computers, 3 laptop computers and 2 widescreen monitors. Approval will be requested at the May meeting.
- D. Approval is requested for school lunch prices for 2012-13 in order to meet the federal lunch price requirement.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to approve the 2012 – 13 school lunch prices set at the elementary school \$2.00; the high school \$2.50; adults \$3.00. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

- E. The new background check requirement for student teachers requires board policy to be updated for Section 5:260.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve board policy 5:260 background check requirement for the student teachers. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

- F. Another new law requires a school board policy for student –athlete concussions – Section 7:305.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Joe Olson to approve board policy 7:305 for athlete concussions. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

- G. Due to only one Transportation Fund reimbursement received, it is necessary to permanently transfer \$20,000 from Working Cash Fund (interest) to the Transportation Fund.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to approve the resolution to transfer \$20,000 Working Cash interest to Transportation Fund. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

- H. Grade School Graduation is Friday, May 25, 2012, 7 p.m.
High School Graduation is Saturday, May 26, 2012, 7 p.m.
Board member assignments for graduation are:
MPGS- Diane Deppe and Todd Cyrulik
MPHS- Mike Toohey, Doug Martin, Diane Deppe

- I. The FY12 School Library Grant has been received – \$388.97.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Joe Olson to approve the school district library program grant for 2012 in the amount of \$388.97. Roll call vote, answering aye, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Diane Deppe and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Items of Information

Students of the Month for the Grade School – 6th Grade Cory Beccue
7th Grade Eli Griesheim
8th Grade Devin Jones

The High School Senior of the Month is Kelsy Griesheim.

Mr. Morgan would like to recognize Mrs. Koehler and Mrs. Maske and the high school students for the excellent spring play last weekend.

The high school raised \$3,594.93 for leukemia; Mrs. Clark was in charge of coordinating the events.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Toohey, second by Diane Deppe. Voice vote. All ayes. No nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Diane Deppe

School Board Secretary