

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
August 20, 2012

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on August 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Answering present: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik and Doug Martin. Superintendent Todd Hamm, Principals Gene Newton and Terry Morgan were also present.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Kathy Boward to enter Executive session at 6:01 p.m. for Employment, Evaluation of Personnel, and Negotiations. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay: Motion carried

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Beccue to exit Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to accept Craig Erlenbush's letter of resignation as the high school boy's basketball assistant coach. Roll call vote: Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to hire Stacy Davis as a part-time Special Ed aide on an hourly as needed basis for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Todd Cyrulik to hire Bethany Dulle as the assistant high school volleyball coach for the 2012-2013 volleyball season. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Mike Toohey to hire Laura Schahl as a part-time Special Ed aide on an hourly as needed basis for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane Deppe, second by Kathy Boward to accept Troy Burgard as the volunteer grade school baseball coach for the 2012-2013 baseball season. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Joe Olson to adopt consent agenda items:

- A. Approve July 16, 2012 Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Todd Hamm reported that the principals were given new formats for teacher evaluations. The School Board, Principals, and Superintendent Hamm all agreed on the format that was to be used. Principal Terry Morgan and Principal Gene Newton each had 40 hours of training outside of their regular duty.

IHSA has approved the co-op of High School girls softball and High School girls basketball for the 2012-2013 school year.

Superintendent Hamm reported that there has been more vandalism at the high school. Several windows were broken and the cost to replace them was \$2,200.00. No loitering signs have been installed at the high school and Chief Lynn Freer has been asked to enforce this. Discussion was made about possibly installing security cameras and locking the gates after school is dismissed at 3:15.

Principal Gene Newton reported a total of 21 students in the ECE/PREK program. There are 5 ECE and 7 PreK in the a.m. class with 5 ECE and 4 PreK in the p.m. Three more students are expected to start in the next couple of months. There is still room for more students. The cost was less than expected for this program. Transportation is being provided for all ECE/PreK students.

Superintendent Hamm reported that there are some issues with the bleachers at the high school. There has been some miscommunication between the board and Mr. Handy on a secondary device to move the bleachers out if primary device fails. The gym floor was scratched in the process of installing the bleachers. Tom Davis did a great job fixing the gym floor. We are seeking payment for the repair work on the floor.

The Board approved putting bus bids in September for a 1 year contract with the option to renew.

A new Press Update on School Board Policy about Social Media and the Law was discussed and has been tabled until the next meeting.

Copiers in the district are aging and we can no longer get parts for them. Superintendent Hamm is looking at different vendors to get quotes.

The Tentative Budget is showing a \$280,000.00 deficit in the Education Fund due to the lack of enrollment, lack of state funds, rising costs, etc. The Hearing on the Tentative Budget is scheduled for Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 will be the first day that prospective candidates can circulate nominating petitions forms for the April 9, 2013 Mt. Pulaski CUD #23 School Board Election. There will be 4 available positions open on the Board.

Larry Dirks of IASB would like to set up dates for the Board Retreat. The Board would like to table this topic until late fall.

Principal Gene Newton stated that MPGS has more new students than we have leaving. Principal Terry Morgan stated that sports have started and there will be a volleyball scrimmage August 23. The high school has approximately 190 students this year. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Newton are both looking to have a great year!

Superintendent Todd Hamm complimented the work the custodians have done in the buildings. He said the schools look great.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Kathy Boward to re-enter Executive Session for discussion of Employment, Evaluation of Personnel, and Negotiations. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Diane Deppe to exit Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik to Approve Executive Sessions minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering Aye: Diane Deppe, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Joe Olson, Kathy Boward, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Diane Deppe to Adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Voice vote. All aye.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

