

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education  
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office  
November 18, 2013

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on November 18, 2013, at 6:00 P.M., in the unit office. Present were Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, and Doug Martin. Todd Cyrulik and John Stewart were late. Also present were Superintendent Todd Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Bill Rucks, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, student discipline, transportation, and Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Beccue, to exit Executive Session at 7:03 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve Bethany Dulle as volunteer Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2013-14 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: Jeff Beccue and Bill Rucks.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to hire Melanie Hinson as Assistant Jr. High Volleyball Coach for the 2013-14 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion Carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to adopt Consent Agenda items A & B.  
A. Approve October 21, 2013, Minutes  
B. Approve Payment of Bills

The July Sales Tax has been received in the amount of \$19,533.03.

Superintendent Hamm along with the Board would like to thank Cole Huff and Gage Loeffelholz for the welding repairs done on the high school parking lot. Cole and Gage donated their services.

The Illinois Department of Labor made an unannounced appearance on October 23, 2013. Some minor violations were found and have been corrected. On November 14, 2013, they returned for another inspection from a different division.

The John Deere mower has been purchased and is working great.

The 2014 Chevrolet Express 10 passenger van has arrived.

Repair work on the blacktop ramp at the high school has been completed and looks great. The water is no longer running into the woodshop.

An FOIA request from Cornell Education Research has been made. Every district in the state receives one.

The Board discussed the roofing repairs needed at Mt. Pulaski Grade School. Todd Cyrulik talked about the differences in the type of roofing materials that could be used. No final decision has been made.

The topic of the Educational Foundation was brought up again this month. A committee consisting of Todd Cyrulik and Jeff Beccue was formed to get things started. They will report to Superintendent Hamm.

Rob Siebert gave a presentation on a program called GarageBand using the Macbook. He shared how you can use music to help motivate the kids. Students can put together a video in a matter of minutes and share it with the entire world.

Mike Lakin will no longer publish legal notices in the Times News. He chose not to renew his certificate as the cost is too expensive. All public notices will be printed in the Lincoln Courier. The district, however, will publish legal notices in the Times News as a service to the community.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, for the “Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for DeWitt County to certify to the County Clerk the question of imposing a school facility sales tax for submission to the electors of the County at the general primary election to be held on the March 18, 2014.” Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cryulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by John Stewart, to accept the contract as proposed with Tylex, Inc. for natural gas. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. Answering nay. Joe Olson and Mike Toohey. Motion carried.

A Tax Levy Finance committee consisting of Bill Rucks and Joe Olson will meet prior to the Tax Levy Hearing. Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to set the Tax Levy Hearing date on December 16, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve Brian Erlenbush to take students on a Washington D.C. trip next school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to accept the Resolution Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to accept the application for the School Maintenance Project Grant FY14. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported the Mt. Pulaski Jr. High had 19 participants on the Speech team this year. The County competition was held October 19, 2013. Fourteen students competed bringing home three 1<sup>st</sup> place and six 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. Olivia Letterle received the Judge’s Choice Award. On November 8, 2013, they attended the State competition. Seventeen students competed at this event bringing home five 1<sup>st</sup> place, six 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and one 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Judges Choice Award was given to Olivia Letterle, Emily Fielden, and Shaylyn Inselmann.

The November Students of the Month are:

6<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Benhart

7<sup>th</sup>- Tanner Farris

8<sup>th</sup> – Corey Beccue

Principal Terry Morgan reported the November Senior of the Month is Jordan Luczaj. Both the boys and girls basketball is underway.

The Board along with Superintendent Hamm would like to extend their thanks to Darryl Wernsing for putting the Golf results in the local newspaper.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers  
Recording Board Secretary