

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
October 20, 2014

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on October 20, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. John Stewart was late. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, and Principals Terry Morgan and Gene Newton.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Beccue, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, student discipline, litigation and negotiations. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Jeff Beccue, to exit Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to keep Executive Session minutes confidential and destroy Executive Session tapes up to 18 months prior to October 19, 2014. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: John Stewart. Motion carried.

Michael Copley and Barbara Maske spoke about the upcoming election for governor of Illinois. They presented Bruce Rauner's views on public education and the projected financial loss to public schools if he is elected.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to approve adoption leave for Michael Copley to start during the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to hire Megan Nixon as high school custodian for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: John Stewart. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve Consent Agenda items A & B.

A. Approve September 22, 2014, minutes

B. Approve payment of bills

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The June sales tax has been received in the amount of \$21,033.37.

The Fall Housing Report shows 546 students enrolled in our district, this in an increase of 30 students this year. The high school has 187 students, and the grade school which includes Pre-K through 8th grade has 359. These numbers also include district special education students who attend school out of district.

President Doug Martin will be forming School Board Committees.

The front doors have been installed at the grade school. Several of the new doors will be sealed within the next month. Superintendent Hamm suggested looking into getting a district truck and utility trailer.

The sport co-op with Hartsburg-Emden has officially been recognized with the IHSA.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey, to approve the annual ISBE Recognition of Schools 2014-15 application for each building. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the application for school wide Title 1 assistance. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Superintendent Hamm would like for all School Board members to have an email address available to the public. Each member will be given a district email account.

The Property, Casualty and Auto Insurance will be up for renewal in March. The Board wants to open it up for bids.

Motion by Bill Rucks, second by Mike Toohey, to accept the bid from Rentmeister Construction for snow removal for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to donate to Mt. Pulaski Boosters vintage signs and district equipment to be auctioned at the Draw Down Dinner and Dance held November 1, 2014. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik, to use IASB Press Policy to update the School Board Manual at an initial cost of \$5,400.00 with an annual fee of \$1,495.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported the October Students of the Month are:

6th – Abby Hamilton

7th – Jamee Letterle

8th – Skylar Hayes

The Mt. Pulaski Grade School gym will be dedicated to Bob Gasaway between the 7th & 8th grade boy's game on November 6, 2014.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the Senior of the Month is Julia Beccue. The FFA National Convention will be held October 29-31 in Louisville, Kentucky. PSAT testing was held October 15, 2014. Homecoming was well attended. The volleyball regional tournament will be held at the high school on October 27, 28, and 30. Caleb Przykopanski qualified for the sectional golf tournament. Girl's basketball will be starting with a tournament in Clinton on November 17, 18, 20, and 22. Boy's basketball will begin November 10.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Todd Cyrulik, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Voice vote. All aye. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

