

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
March 17, 2014

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on March 17, 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. John Stewart came late. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Todd Cyrulik, to enter Executive Session for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, evaluation of coaches, dismissal of personnel, student discipline, bus transportation, school calendar, and review Executive Session minutes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Todd Cyrulik, to exit Executive Session at 7:08 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.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:13 p.m.

The Board welcomed Madison Haley and congratulated her on winning the VFW Essay Contest. She gave a report on her trip to Washington, D.C. Madison was the winner of a \$30,000.00 scholarship. She encourages more students to apply for this scholarship. The Board thanked her for representing the school and the district.

Superintendent Hamm thanked Mr. & Mrs. Karl Pezzelle for their donation toward fixing the roof. Mrs. Janet Pezzelle is the school nurse for our district.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey, to hire Brian Erlenbush as full time 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 grant tenure to Wyatt Waterkotte. 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 Mike Toohey, to accept Lindsey Lex as high school assistant soccer coach. 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 all volunteer coaches in their current positions for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Mike Toohey. Answering nay: Jeff Beccue. Present, Doug Martin. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to hire all paid coaches in their current positions 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 approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. 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 Adopt Consent Agenda items A & B.

A. Approve February 18, 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 November sales tax has been received in the amount of \$18,945.68.

Three requests for FOIAs have been received.

Board member assignments for graduation are:

Jeff Beccue and Todd Cyrulik for Mt. Pulaski Grade School

John Stewart and Joe Olson for Mt. Pulaski High School

After some discussion it was decided that any student wishing to participate in the Hartsburg-Emden co-op for girls' basketball and softball will have to provide her own transportation.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to accept a 2 year agreement with Hartsburg-Emden for high school girls' basketball and softball. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Several different designs for the painting of the grade school gym floor were presented to the Board. The Board will look over these designs and make their choice.

Kevin Handy of Graham & Hyde Architects presented bids on the roof repair at the grade school. Mr. Handy recommended Henson Robinson Company as they had the lowest bid. It's planned to have the roof finished before August 1, 2014. New doors in the pod area at the grade school were discussed. There are 13 doors that need to be replaced.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to accept the bid from Henson Robinson Company for \$275,260.00 for phase 1 of the grade school roof project. 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 Mike Toohey, to purchase Apple products for the price of \$28,940.00 Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: John Stewart. Motion carried.

David Helm addressed the Board regarding a weighted course for senior band members. A handout was given to the Board with the requirements and expectations for the class. After a lengthy discussion the Board voted.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to make MPHS Band 4 a weighted course option beginning 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 Mike Toohey, to accept the IHSA membership for the FY2014-15 proposed calendar. 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 Board was given a tentative school calendar for the 2014-15 school year.

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

6th – Paige Stewart

7th – Skylar Hayes

8th – Jordan Sanchez

Several band/chorus students participated in the music contest held at Lincoln College on March 14, 2014. They received 38-1st place and 5- 2nd place awards. The 7th grade girl's volleyball will be playing for State Championship on March 18, 2014, at 6:45 p.m.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the March Senior of the Month is Chelsea Siembida. The blood drive on March 14th yielded 29 pints of blood given. The winter sports award banquet was well attended. Freshmen orientation will be held March 25. The FFA/Co-op Banquet will take place March 28. The school play is scheduled for April 4th & 5th at 7:00 p.m. both days.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Joe Olson to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary