

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
April 22, 2014

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on April 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. John Stewart was late. Mike Toohey was absent. Also present were Superintendent 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, Board Member training, and bus transportation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Bill Rucks, to exit Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m.

Kevin Knauer addressed the Board on behalf of the Booster Club with concerns on the continuation of the trams at the State Fair. The contract for the trams has to be signed Monday, April 28, 2014. Kevin has worked the trams for 17 years and is ready to resign. A letter was sent out asking parents to consider being on the high school Boosters. One person came to the meeting. In order for the trams to be successful, more help is needed. The trams average a \$30,000.00 profit every year. Without the revenue from the trams, financial support will have to be covered by other sources. Kevin would also like to see the popcorn machine and the hot dog machine used for other non-profit functions.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to keep Executive Session minutes confidential and destroy Executive Session tapes up to 18 months prior to April 22, 2014. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue 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: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to hire Melanie Hinson full time for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Sheri Hill as Special Education teacher aide for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to accept Megan Jones's request for maternity leave. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to Adopt Consent agenda items A & B.

- A. Approve March 17, 2014 minutes
- B. Approve payment of bills

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

The December sales tax has been received in the amount of \$21,303.73.

Principal Terry Morgan would like to see some changes in the athletic schedule. The Tomahawk Conference currently has seven teams. Athens will be joining the conference in the 2015-16 school year. Volleyball is not in a conference, and therefore, the players/team cannot be eligible to earn all-conference honors or win a conference championship. Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, volleyball will be in the Tomahawk Conference.

Melanie Hinson attended a conference for school guidance counselors at Midwest Technical Institute. MTI awarded a \$1,000.00 raffle to Mt. Pulaski High School. The money went to Mr. Burgard for shop equipment.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the 2014-15 School Calendar. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Work on the Mt. Pulaski Grade School gym floor will begin on June 4, 2014. The floor will be sanded and repainted. The design for the gym floor has been selected. The cost for painting the gym is \$4,800.00

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve the gym floor design and paint bid. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Projects scheduled at Mt. Pulaski Grade School this summer include roof repair, replacement of doors in the pod area, the north door in the junior high hallway, and the north door by the Pre-K room.

The Abe Lincoln Division Governing Committee Meeting will be held May 6, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Any Board member wishing to attend needs to let Mr. Hamm know.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve the 2014-15 IESA Membership. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Changes to the school Handbook were discussed by the Board. The guidelines for Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be based on grade point average. This change will be in place starting with the 2017 graduating class.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to accept the changes in the School Handbook as presented. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Tournament finances will be left to the discretion of each building principal.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the annual renewal of the Property and Casualty Insurance with Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency, Inc. for 3/21/14 to 3/21/15. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The School Board Convention will be held November 20-23, 2014. The following Board members going are Todd Cyrulik, Jeff Beccue, and Joe Olson.

Todd Cyrulik has been named the School Board Convention Delegate.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to accept the School Wellness Program Section 6:50 as presented in the School Board packet. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Answering nay. Joe Olson. Motion carried.

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

6th – Leah Beckers

7th – Ainsley Chandler

8th – Brayden Trimmer

Congratulations goes out to our 7th grade volleyball team for winning State Championship!

Principal Terry Morgan reported the April Senior of the Month is Alexis Bowles. Clayton Lindley has been named a FCCLA State Officer. Upcoming events are

April 23 – ACT test for Juniors
April 24 – PSAE test for Juniors
April 30 – Band/Chorus Concert
May 3 – Prom
May 6 – Honors Night
May 13 – Baccalaureate
May 20/21 – Senior Final Exams
May 22 – Senior trip to St. Louis
May 24 – Graduation at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by John Stewart, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary