

**Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #12 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
November 16, 2015**

President Doug Martin called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan and Principal Gene Newton.

Barbara Maske addressed the board during Recognition of Public and spoke about her role as speech and drama coach and sponsor for the MPGS Student Council for the last 13 years. She explained what the students do in each activity and the accomplishments of both groups.

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

- A. Approve October 1st and October 19, 2015 minutes
- B. Approve payment of bills
- C. Sales Tax Revenue for July 2015 -\$23,248.92

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. Answering nay: John Stewart. Motion carried.

Superintendent Hamm explained the results of a recent FOIA request. He also handed out a Property Tax Computation Report from Logan County and discussed the possibilities if Illinois freezes property taxes in the future and what effect this may have on our ability to issue/pay for bonds. A brief discussion was held on the Building & Grounds report by Tom Davis.

Brent Grisham handed out information from NEVCO on the purchase of a scoreboard.

Kevin Handy of Graham & Hyde Architects addressed the board on the Window Replacement Project at the grade school. He brought samples of glass and went over the details of the project and discussed dates as to when the project can begin. ISBE is requesting obligation of funds in order to proceed with the project. Deanne Mott mentioned she would like a film manufactured by 3M applied to the glass prior to installation for added security.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey to accept Window Replacement Phase 1 from Graham & Hyde Architects for \$ 36,590.00 Roll call vote, answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey to accept Window Replacement Phase 2 from Graham & Hyde Architects for \$ 38,740.00 Roll call vote, answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey to accept Window Replacement Phase 3 from Graham & Hyde Architects for \$ 36,300.00 Roll call vote, answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey to accept the \$ 18,000 fees for the 3 Phases (Contingency \$5600, A/E fees \$ 11,200 and air sampling \$ 1,200) from Graham & Hyde Architects. Roll call vote, answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

The board discussed the three architect firms' presentations at the October board meeting.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Charlie Hickey to retain Graham & Hyde Architects as the district architect. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: Joe Olson and Jeff Beccue. Motion carried.

Ashley Combs, a PASE representative read a letter showing PASE's interest in renovating the MPGS library.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott to hire J'Ne Kanady as the Junior High Cheerleading coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote, answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey to hire Wendy Hankins as a custodian at the High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote, answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the dress code for custodians. Superintendent Hamm will look into the cost of uniforms for our custodial staff. Charlie Hickey suggested a pay increase after custodians have completed 6 months of probation. This will be addressed in the Spring when the non-certified staff are re-hired.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue to join the Logan County Energy Consortium. Roll call vote: answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

The Board Committee Assignments were addressed and the committees were named as follows: Building Committee: D. Mott, J. Beccue, J. Stewart, Finance Committee: A. Combs, C. Hickey, J. Stewart, Staff Relations Committee: D. Mott, J. Stewart, A. Combs and Transportation Committee: J. Beccue and C. Hickey.

A motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs to set the Tax Levy Hearing date for December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. Motion carried.

Principal Newton explained that MPGS has implemented Reading Intervention for 20 minutes per day for grades K-5. The results in the first 6 weeks of implementation is that almost 90% of students are reading at grade level and are improving daily.

Principal Morgan handed out his "Good News" fact sheet about events that have occurred at the high school.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Joe Olson to enter Executive Session at 8:44 PM for discussion of Employment and Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote: answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Joe Olson to exit Executive Session at 9:29 PM. Roll call vote: answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

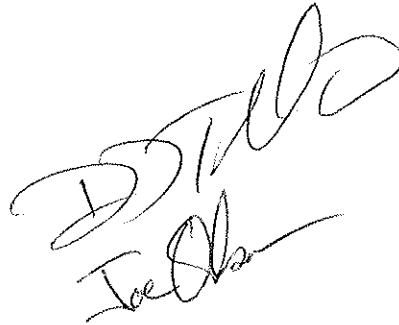
Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue to approve Executive Session minutes. Roll call vote: answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs and Doug Martin. No nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Mary Ellen Gass
Acting Recording Board Secretary



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December 4, 2015**

Board member Charlie Hickey called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. Present were John Stewart, Ashley Combs and Charlie Hickey. Also present were Superintendent Hamm and Mary Ellen Gass, Bookkeeper.

The purpose of the meeting was to go over the 2015 Levy calculations in order to meet the legal guidelines of filing the levy with the prospective counties and abide by the Truth-In-Taxation Law. Superintendent Hamm explained with the current state budget and the proposed new legislation of a property tax freeze for 2 years, why we ballooned the levy amount within our legal limits.

Motion by Charlie Hickey, seconded by John Stewart to adjourn at 7:30 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

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