

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
February 16, 2015

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on February 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in Mrs. Myers room at the high school. Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. Mike Toohey was absent. Also present were Superintendent Hamm and Principals Terry Morgan and Gene Newton.

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

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Jeff Beccue, to exit Executive Session at 6:53 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at the high school.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to hire Donna Dulle as the high school and jr. high volleyball coach for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: Jeff Beccue and Bill Rucks. Motion carried.

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

A. Approve January 19, 2015, minutes

B. Approve payment of bills

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

The October sales tax has been received in the amount of \$23,238.37.

The best average daily attendance was 496.85. We've had a 28 student increase from last year.

The high school senior trip is scheduled for May 5th. They will be going to the Arch, City Museum, Sky Zone, and attend a Cardinals versus Cubs game.

The Elkhart road has been a cause of concern when snow/ice covered. Superintendent Hamm stated the Logan County board would salt the road if we paid \$500 per salting. Mr. Hamm said it was not the responsibility of the school district but the county's. John Stewart is going to talk to a Logan County board member.

The Bus Barn has been added to the district office AHERA plan. After some testing, small amounts of asbestos was found in the Bus Barn office. The linoleum has been sealed with wax and a vinyl pad placed over it.

With the increase of Free/Reduced students, the district will be serving breakfast at both schools starting next school year. The district will be reimbursed for the meals that meet the Free/Reduced criteria. Students would need to arrive ten minutes earlier. Breakfast will be offered to any student. The cost has not yet been determined.

The City of Mt. Pulaski has informed the district of an increase in water rates beginning in April. If more than 5,000 gallons are used, a rate increase will be applied.

The public was invited to walk through the oldest part of the high school along with the Board members and administrators. Todd Cyrulik led the tour pointing out which classrooms were being used, the condition of the rooms, and the difference in heat from place to place. At the conclusion of the tour, President Doug Martin talked on the expenses incurred from the old plumbing and boilers. Todd Cyrulik added that out of 42,000 sq. ft. available only 30,000 is being used. The Board would like to have another tour next month to get some input from

the public as to what should be done with the building. Next month's Board Meeting will be held at the high school again.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to set the graduation dates and times as follows:

Mt. Pulaski Grade School – May 22, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.

Mt. Pulaski High School – May 23, 2015, at 4:00 P.M.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to accept the revision to Anti-Bullying Policy Compliance to include Cyber-Bullying – Section 7:180. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Questions were raised recently as to whether the kitchen area can be utilized by persons not having a food handler's license when being used by different organizations. At the time the policy was created, it was the intention for the community to use the facilities.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve the Joint Agreement Resolution with Lincolnland Technical Education Center FY15-16. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

6th – Alexia Davis

7th- Victoria Hernandez

8th – Emily Siebert

Mr. Newton was invited to Mr. Siebert's class to watch them Skype with a gentleman in Haiti. The kids would ask him questions, and he would answer them just as clear and fast as if he were sitting there.

Principal Terry Morgan stated the February Senior of the Month is Whitney Nichols. The WYSE team placed 1st in Regional and will compete at sectionals in Jacksonville. The following students placed 1st in their category: Julia Beccue-Math, Brian Batchelder -Chemistry, Maggie Olson-English, Blake Collier-Physics, and Andrew Moody-Computer Science. Max Coppinger placed 2nd in Computer Science and 3rd in Engineering Graphics. Elizabeth Allen placed 2nd in Physics. Science Olympiad went to SIUE on February 14th. ACT testing will be March 3rd. The Washington DC trip will be March 15th-20th with 14 students going. The girls' basketball team lost in regional semi-finals. Our boys' basketball team is seeded 2nd in the Regional Tournament. Michael Lowery scored his 1,000th point February 13th. Winter sports and group pictures will be March 11.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to re-enter Executive Session at 8:08 P.M. for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, student discipline, negotiation, Principal evaluations, and bus transportation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by John Stewart, to exit Executive Session at 9:25 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by John Stewart, to adjourn at 9:26 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers