

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

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

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

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Mike Toohey, to exit Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No Nay. Motion carried.

President Doug Martin reopened the meeting in open session at 7:08 in the cafeteria at the high school.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to hire Tabitha Nizzio as the high school special ed aide for the 2014-15 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey, to hire Joel Washko as the jr. high Social Studies teacher for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Steven Hayes as the jr. high girls' track coach for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to hire all paid coaches in their current positions for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to grant tenure to Troy Burgard, Michael Copley, Megan Jones, Kristin Rucks-Smith, and Susan Springer on their first day of their 5th year teaching. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Jeff Beccue, to adopt Consent Agenda items A & B.

A. Approve February 16, 2015 minutes

B. Approve payment of bills

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

The November sales tax has been received in the amount of \$21,039.12.

The canvassing for the April 7, 2015 election should be done April 17th.

Board member assignments for graduation are:

John Stewart and Doug Martin for Mt. Pulaski Grade School

Jeff Beccue and Joe Olson for Mt. Pulaski High School

The Regional Office of Education #38 has been reorganized and is now ROE #17. A representative from the Regional Office will be visiting next month to meet everyone.

Due to an increase in the Free/Reduced program the district will be serving breakfast beginning next school year.

Principal Terry Morgan gave a power point presentation on the poor conditions of the old building at the high school. After the presentation the Board members took the public on a tour of the building. President Doug Martin thanked the public for coming to the meeting. It's the Boards hope to get some input from the community. Todd Cyrulik emphasized the importance of communication being clear with the public on a project this size.

We will be moving forward on Phase 2 of the roof project at the grade school. Bid documents will be available April 1st.

Superintendent Hamm talked on payment options for our commercial/property, casualty insurance. The district will go with the quarterly option.

Board member Todd Cyrulik would like to see the Educational Fund restarted. It was started in 1992 and disbanded sometime between 2001 and 2002.

The Meridien Wind Farm is still showing interest about the community and the district.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to approve the 2015-16 IHSA membership. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried,

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve the FY 2015-16 proposed calendar. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to approve the addendum to the Athletic Code. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to approve the St. Mary's School Health contract for 2 years. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

6th- Drew Martin

7th – Olivia Cooper

8th – Maggie Anderson

PARCC testing is going on this week. The girls' 8th grade volleyball team has advanced to State. They will play Saturday, March 21 at 2:15 in Auburn.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the February Senior of the Month is Michael Lowery. The March Blood Drive on March 13th yielded 29 pints being donated. There are 14 students and 2 teachers going on the Washington DC trip. A mentoring program has been formed to help students who are having difficulty with their school work. Donna Morris, from Tri County, along with 14 teachers meets the students once a week to go over their work. After 2 weeks of the program being implemented the number of F's has dropped from 39-29.

Upcoming events are:

March 17th – ACT testing

March 19th – Freshmen Orientation

March 23rd- Winter Sports Banquet

March 24-27 – PARCC testing

March 26th – FFA/Coop Banquet

April 9 & 10 – School play at 7:00 P.M.

April 11th – School play at 3:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Jeff Beccue thanked Mr. Morgan for nominating Julia to the 22nd IHSA All-State Academic Team. Julia was selected as one of twenty-six students.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik, to re-enter Executive Session for discussion of employment, and evaluation of personnel. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Bill Rucks, to exit Executive Session at 8:52 P.M... Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Bill Rucks, to employ Gene Newton as Mt. Pulaski Grade School Principal through 2019-20 school year, with a 5% annual retirement incentive. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to employ Terry Morgan as Mt. Pulaski High School Principal through 2017-18 school year, with a 3% annual salary increase. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Todd Cyrulik, to extend Todd Hamm's contract through 2017-18 at an annual salary of \$127,000 and 2018-19 at an annual salary of \$133,500.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, 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: Mike Toohey, Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Toohey, second by Todd Cyrulik to adjourn at 8:55 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

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Mt. Pulaski Unit Office

March 17, 2015

A meeting was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Unit office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Union negotiations.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
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Special Meeting
March 23, 2015

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on March 23, 2015, at 5:30 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. Todd Cyrulik was late.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Bill Rucks, to enter Executive Session for discussion of employment dismissal, evaluation of personnel, and contract negotiations. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Cyrulik, second by Jeff Beccue, to exit Executive Session at 6:39 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 Jeff Beccue, second by John Stewart, to approve Executive Session minutes as presented 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 Jeff Beccue, to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Voice vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary