

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
April 20, 2015

President Doug Martin called the Organizational Meeting to order on April 20, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were John Stewart, Todd Cyrulik, Joe Olson, Mike Toohey, and Doug Martin. Bill Rucks present via electronic means. Absent was Jeff Beccue. Also present were Ashley Combs, Charlie Hickey, Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Mike Toohey, to accept the April 17th school board election abstract of votes prepared and certified by the Logan County Clerk, and declare canvassed winners, Jeff Beccue, Ashley Combs, and Charlie Hickey as duly elected for a 4 year term to the Mt. Pulaski CUD #23 Board of Education. Roll call vote. Answering aye: 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 retire the former Board of Education and approve all policies of the former Board of Education of Mt. Pulaski CUD #23. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Mike Toohey, Joe Olson, Todd Cyrulik, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill Rucks, to nominate Doug Martin as School Board President. Nominations closed. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Answering nay was John Stewart. Motion carried.

Motion by Charlie Hickey, to nominate John Stewart as School Board Vice President. Motion by Joe Olson, to nominate Jeff Beccue as School Board Vice President. Nominations closed. Roll call vote for John Stewart. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, and Ashley Combs. Answering nay: Bill Rucks, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. Roll call vote for Jeff Beccue. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, Joe Olson, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, and Ashley Combs. Motion failed. Roll call vote second round for John Stewart. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, and Ashley Combs. Answering nay: Bill Rucks and Doug Martin. Roll call vote second round for Jeff Beccue. Answering aye: Bill Rucks and Doug Martin. Answering nay: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, and Ashley Combs. Motion carried for John Stewart as School Board Vice President.

Motion by Doug Martin, to nominate Joe Olson as School Board Secretary. Nominations closed. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey to enter Executive Session at 6:02 P.M. for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, student discipline, and negotiations. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 7:01 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order in open session at 7:07 P.M.

Mt. Pulaski resident Tom Martin addressed the Board in regards to Relight- Meridien Wind Farms. Mr. Martin has been researching the effects wind farms have on the environment for over 6 months. He asks that the school board check out the creditability of the company. Tom also wanted to know the Board's stance on the wind farm. Mr. Martin thanked the Board for allowing him to speak.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to adopt Consent Agenda items A & B

- A. Approve March 16th, 17th, and 23rd, 2015 minutes
- B. Approve payment of bills

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The December sales tax has been received in the amount of \$22,390.55

Principal Terry Morgan received a letter from Dave Hepler, chairman of Logan County Board. Governor Rauner has asked him to gather information on graduation rates and college attendance.

Bids were taken on April 14th for the second phase of the roof replacement at the grade school. There were five companies that submitted bids. Meyer Roofing had the lowest bid.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Meyer Roofing for the second phase of the elementary school roof for \$170,200. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

With the increase in free/reduced students, the district will be serving breakfast starting next school year. The projected price will be \$1.50.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to accept the school breakfast price for the 2015-16 school year at \$1.50. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The Relight-Meridien Wind Farm has been in contact with Mr. Hamm and the district's attorney. There is nothing to present to the public at this time.

The Abe Lincoln Division Governing Committee Meeting will be held in Springfield on May 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Any Board member who would like to attend is asked to please contact Superintendent Hamm.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve the 2015-16 IESA membership. Roll call vote. Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to adopt the Amended 2015 Budget. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Bill Rucks, John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Morgan would like to see the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class as a weighted class. This would give the students more options to choose from.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to accept the CEO class as a weighted class on the grading scale. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The last few months the Board has been looking at the poor condition of the oldest part of the high school. The Board had discussion about sending RFQ's out to different architectural firms. After some discussion it was decided to table this until next month.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Ashley Combs, to table sending out RFQ's. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported the April Students of the Month are

6th- Bobby McDonough

7th – Dustin Murphy

8th – Carol McGuire

Principal Terry Morgan reported the senior of the Month is Maggie Olson. FFA week is April 27th – May 1st, with a petting zoo being held on May 1st. Hannah Riedle and the Parliamentary Procedure Team (Clayton Lindley, Garrett Johnston, TJ Benhart, Brady Walsh, Brady Coppinger, and Sam Koehl) both took 1st place at the FCCLA State Conference held April 17th & 18th. They will advance to the national competition in Washington, D.C. this summer. Olivia Letterle took 1st place in state level Apparel Construction, Felipe Buenrostro placed 2nd in Public Speaking, Lauren Thompson and Morgan Kinnaird placed 4th in Chapter Service. The WYSE team traveled to the U of I for state competition on March 16th. The results have not been received at this time. The school play was

well attended and the students did an outstanding job. The boy's baseball record is 9-7. There are 17 students participating in track. We have 4 girls going to Hartsburg-Emden for softball. Upcoming events are

May 2nd – Prom
May 5th – Senior trip to St. Louis
May 8th – Band/Chorus Concert
May 12th – Honors Night at 6:30 P.M.
May 18th & 19th – Final exams for seniors
May 20th – Baccalaureate at 7:00 P.M.
May 23rd – Graduation at 4:00 P.M.
May 26th & 27th – Final exams for underclassmen

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to re-enter Executive Session at 7:57 P.M. for discussion of employment, evaluation of personnel, student discipline, and negotiations. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 8:36 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

In regards to student #2015-2 suspension appeal, the Board has chosen to overturn the decision. Request motion to approve. Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson and Ashley Combs. Answering nay: Doug Martin. Abstain- John Stewart. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to keep Executive Session minutes confidential and destroy Executive Session tapes up to 18 month prior to April 20, 2015. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to rehire the following non-tenured teachers: Kristi Ford, Lindsey Lex, Melanie Hinson, Brian Erlenbush, Rachel Grunder, Ruth Parhas, and Sarah Boline. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to hire Bethany Dulle as assistant jr. high volleyball coach for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: Charlie Hickey. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Charlie Hickey, Joe Olson, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Charlie Hickey, to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

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April 21, 2015

A meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Unit office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Union negotiations. Those present were Superintendent Hamm, Charlie Hickey, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jamie Anderson, Michael Copley, Denise Farnam, Mindy Gross, Barb Maske, and Shelley Mason.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

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April 28, 2015

A meeting was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Unit office. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Union negotiations. Those present were Superintendent Hamm, Charlie Hickey, Doug Martin, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jamie Anderson, Michael Copley, Denise Farnam, Mindy Gross, Barb Maske, and Shelley Mason.

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