

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
October 17, 2016

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on October 17, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, and Deanne Mott. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, Principal Gene Newton, and Athletic Director Brent Grisham.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Jeff Beccue, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. for discussion of Employment. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by Jeff Beccue, to exit Executive Session at 6:57 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin reopened the meeting in Open Session at 7:04 P.M.

Shaun Lock and Rob May addressed the Board in support of Donna Dulle.

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

- A. Approve September 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Payment of Bills
- C. Sales Tax Revenue Report – June \$20,636.91
- D. Inter-Fund Transfer

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

At last month's meeting, the Board asked Superintendent Hamm to get an estimate on new toilets and fixtures for all restrooms in both buildings. He is currently waiting to hear back from the plumbers.

After attending an asbestos conference, Mr. Hamm has instructed that all visitors must sign in as either parent or vendor. If signing in as vendor, they must show credentials and be escorted to the area they will be working.

After meeting with Kevin Handy, the architect, a few teachers will be visiting other schools to get some idea of what is available that could be incorporated in a new building. The question of whether the library was still going to be split into classrooms was brought up and tabled until next year.

There was a Crisis Management meeting held in the Unit Office. This meeting is held every year for review of the Crisis and Safety plan. Those in attendance were Gene Newton, Terry Morgan, Lynn Freer, Chuck Cannon, Mark Landers, Sean Kindred, and Todd Hamm.

Fall Housing Report shows the district having 31 less students this year. This decline is partially due to a large graduating class and smaller kindergarten and pre-k classes.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve the PRESS Policy changes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

When a teacher, coach, club, or group sponsor would like to create a District Facebook page regarding school clubs and groups, a form needs to be filled out and given to Heather Fricke. She in turn will give it to Mr. Hamm. Once it has been approved, it will then be put in the Consent Agenda to be approved at the next Board Meeting.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to hire Samantha Brown as classroom aide at MPGS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended in grades 6-8. With the use of Teacherease, parents are more in touch with the teachers throughout the year.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the Senior of the Month is Travis (TJ) Benhart. US Congressman Darin LaHood met with 29 students. The students asked some very good questions. FFA National Convention will be held October 19-21 in Indianapolis, IN. Volleyball for the Cure raised over \$5,000 that was donated to 3 families in the community.

Upcoming events:

October 19 – PSAT testing

October 31 – Bullying assembly

November 4 – Blood Drive in the old gym

Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by Ashley Combs, to enter into Executive Session at 7:36 P.M. for discussion of Employment. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, 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: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Jeff Beccue, to adjourn at 8:32 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

