

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
March 21, 2016

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on March 22, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. 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 and Principals Terry Morgan and Gene Newton.

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

Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by John Stewart, to exit Executive Session 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. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin called the meeting to order in Open Session at 7:08 P.M.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to adopt Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

- A. Approve cancellation of WCSIT Policy for the 2016-17 school year
- B. Approve February 16, 2016, Board Minutes
- C. Approve February 22, 2016, Negotiation Minutes
- D. Approve March 15, 2016, Building and Grounds Minutes
- E. Sales Tax Revenue Report – November \$19,181.50
- F. Approve payment of bills
- G. Approve 8th grade trip to Shedd Aquarium

Noted that the March 15, 2016, minutes should reflect a 12:11 P.M. adjournment.

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

PASE members Kelly Bailey and Angie Cross addressed the Board with a proposal for the library renovation at MPGS. They would like to replace the carpeting, ceiling fans, and paint the shelves and walls. Kelly presented the carpet sample as well as the paint samples. Total cost of the renovation would be \$18,432.64.

On March 15, 2016, the Building and Grounds Committee along with Superintendent Hamm and Kevin Handy toured the high school. A list of things that needed to be addressed was compiled. Kevin Handy will meet with the committee after his recommendations have been prepared.

The need for a storage shed at the Park District was discussed. The Park District was letting the school district use their storage area for our baseball, track, and soccer equipment. With the demolition of the swimming pool building the Park District will be needing to use the storage area. Mr. Allen is interested in building this shed as a project for his class. The Board would like to talk with the Park District to see if storage space will be available once the pool is complete.

Work on the windows at the grade school is 90 % complete. The office windows will be installed on Monday, March 28th.

The scoreboard at the high school in memory of Bill Rucks is still in need of funding. With memorials and donations from Tomlinson Trust Fund and the Boosters, they are short \$7,110.00. The Board is looking into possibly selling the old scoreboard. This is tabled until next month.

John Stewart proposed a scissor lift be purchased to be used between the two schools. Safety when replacing lights or hanging banners has been a concern. A trailer will be needed to transfer it from building to building.

Graduation dates have been tentatively set. MPGS will be held on Friday, May 20th, at 7:00 P.M. and MPHS will be held on Saturday, May 21st, at 4:00 P.M. Board member assignment will be Ashley Combs, Deanne Mott, and John Stewart at MPGS with Ashley and John also at MPHS.

After revising the Social Media Plan, there are still questions that need to be addressed before any action will be taken.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve P.A.S.E. library renovation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. Ashley Combs abstained. Motion carried.

Once the Press Policy has been approved, it will be available for anyone to view.

No action on Phase 3 of the grade school roof was taken. It has been tabled for next month.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve the 2016-17 school calendar. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to purchase stage curtains for MPGS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to hire Linsey Lex as Speech Contest coach at MPGS for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Brooke Charron as MPGS aide for the remaining 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The District E-Rate Networking Proposal was presented. USAC will fund 70% of the total cost of the project. After some discussion, the board decided to table until next month"

Title I funding is currently used only for students who qualify for Title I. The district would like to use this funding to benefit all students.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve Title I Schoolwide Plan. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Stone River Group would like to be our natural gas company. Our current contract with Tylex will be expiring soon. The Board would like to check into this further before taking any action.

Eleven students from the high school along with Mrs. Grunder will be going to Costa Rica this summer. The question of whether or not extra insurance is needed was brought up since this is not a school-sponsored trip. Deanne Mott mentioned that Lincoln High School does not get extra coverage when their students go on non-school-sponsored trips.

Principal Gene Newton reported the March students of the month are

6th – Clarissa Turner

7th – Rylan Lindley

8th – Jamee Letterle

Principal Terry Morgan reported the March Student of the Month is Dalton Litterly.
There are 14 students out for baseball, 17 track members, and 3 students going to Hartsburg for softball.
Freshmen orientation will be March 29th at 6:30 P.M.
The FFA/Coop Banquet will be March 31st at 6:30 P.M.
PARCC testing will take place April 11, 12, & 13.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to re-enter Executive Session for discussion of employment, negotiations, and litigation. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by John Stewart, to exit Executive Session at 9:42 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by John Stewart, second by Charlie Hickey, to adjourn at 9:43 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

