

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education  
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office  
April 18, 2016

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on April 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm and Principals Terry Morgan and Gene Newton.

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

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

Rachel Grunder addressed the Board in regards to having a school-to-school exchange next school year. She would like to host about 10-15 students and 1 or 2 teachers. The exchange students would come here in September 2016, and our students would go to Majadahonda, Spain, in June of 2017. This is not a school sponsored trip.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, and E.

- A. Approve March 21, 2016, Board Minutes
- B. Approve April 2, 2016, Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve April 14, 2016, Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve payment of bills
- E. Sales Tax Revenue Report – December \$21,613.66

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

Kevin Handy will put together a master plan based on the evaluation of the needs for our buildings in the district. Mr. Handy should have the plans ready in July. The sidewalk in the back of the grade school that runs along N. Scott Street is in need of being replaced. The district will split the cost with the city.

Steve Futtrell, consultant with E-rate Funding Solutions, LLC, explained the district's past participation in and current proposal for "e-rate." Participation in the "e-rate" program will provide a discount of up to 90 percent to help eligible schools and libraries in the United States obtain affordable telecommunications and internet access. The program is intended to ensure that schools and libraries have access to affordable telecommunications and information services. Based on our NSLP data, our e-rate discount for eligible services this cycle is 70%. Steve explained the past and current state of the district's network and infrastructure. He described the proposal for infrastructure improvements and the process by which a vendor was chosen. Acceptance of the proposal would allow Steve to file an application on the school district's behalf for funding. Proposed work will occur in the summer of 2016. According to Steve, the District has participated in the E-rate program since FY 2013, has received Category 1 funding commitments for Telecommunications and Internet Service totaling \$127,939.09, and has received or is on schedule to receive reimbursements totaling \$123,754.50. (Reimbursement claims have yet to be filed for FY 2015 (07/01/15-06/30/16) for actual expenses up to \$65,937.06). The district has never participated in E-rate Category 2 funding for Internal Connections (for network infrastructure and hardware). The District's discount rate, based upon NSLP data is at the 70%. Actual cost to the District based upon the \$81,477.00 proposal is \$24,443.10.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve the natural gas contract with Stone River for a 2 year extension from March 2017. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to grant Tenure to Kristi Ford. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

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

July 18, 2016	January 9, 2017 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday)
August 15, 2016	February 21, 2017 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
September 19, 2016	March 20, 2017
October 17, 2016	April 17, 2017
November 21, 2016	May 15, 2017
December 19, 2016	June 19, 2017

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to re-hire all Head Coaches except HS Track and reinstate all volunteers for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to hire the following Assistant Coaches for the 2016-17 school year: Bethany Dulle – HS Volleyball, Steven Hayes – HS Girls Basketball, Jeff Clements – HS Boys Basketball, Troy Burgard – HS Baseball, Shelley Daigh – MPGS Girls Basketball, Holly Crocher – MPGS Volleyball, Doug Martin – MPGS Boys Basketball, Troy Burgard – MPGS Baseball. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, and John Stewart. Doug Martin- Present. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to hire Garrett LeVault as H.S. assistant soccer coach for the 2016-17 school year. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire David Helm as H.S. head golf coach for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Donald Helm, as H.S. volunteer golf coach for the 2016-17 school year and Bethany Dulle as MPGS volleyball volunteer coach. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to re-hire Stefanie Geitz as music teacher at .78 full time for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to re-hire Claudia McEvers at ½ time employment for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to keep Executive Session minutes confidential and destroy Executive Session tapes up to 18 months prior to April 18, 2016. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to accept the proposal for Building Assessment & Master Plan from Graham & Hyde. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

6<sup>th</sup>- Miranda Ingram

7<sup>th</sup>- Alexia Davis

8<sup>th</sup> – Dawson Combs

There were 200+ Logan County students who participated in the Logan County Music Festival held at Mt. Pulaski High School. Mr. Helm would like to host the event again next year.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the April Senior of the Month was Steven Allen.

Olivia Letterle was elected to serve as a state officer next year for FCCLA. Mt. Pulaski High School has had three state officers in the past four years. The Parliamentary Procedure Team took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the State Conference and will advance to the national competition in San Diego, CA this summer. The team members are TJ Benhart, Felipe Buenrostro, Max Coppinger, Josh Dyer, Sam Koehl, Eli Olson, Stormy Pal, and Lauren Thompson.

WYSE team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Regionals, and Lukas Aylesworth qualified for State. FFA Ag Mechanics team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the section meeting. Members of the team consisted of Lukas Aylesworth, Will Stewart, Cody Schahl, Hank Hamilton, and Sam Mileham. The team now qualifies for the State Contest on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Events:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – FFA Week

May 5<sup>th</sup> – All school cook-out

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Petting Zoo

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Prom

May 10<sup>th</sup> – Honor Night at 6:30

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Band/Chorus concert – 8:00 P.M.

May 12<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA Recognition Night

May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> - Final Exams for seniors

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate 7:00 P.M.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Senior trip to Six Flags, Gurnee, IL

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Graduation 4:00 p.m.

May 27<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> – Final exams for underclassman

Wyatt Waterkotte read a letter to the Board detailing accomplishments of FCCLA members.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to re-enter Executive Session at 7:55 P.M. for discussion of Employment, Negotiations, Litigation, and Transportation. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Jeff Beccue, to exit Executive Session at 9:08 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to ratify a 3 year teacher contract as proposed and including moving Megan Jones to Step 11, Michele Clark to Step 23, David Helm to Step 18, and Pat Walsh to Step 30. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. Jeff Beccue – Present. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to approve Non-certified raises as follows: 10% in year 2016-17, 2% in 2017-18, and 2% in 2018-19. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Charlie Hickey, to adjourn at 9:12 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Anna Beckers  
Recording Board Secretary

