

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
January 5, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on January 5, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Todd Hamm and Architect Kevin Handy.

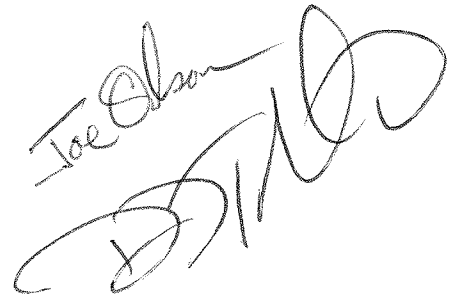
Kevin Handy of Graham & Hyde Architects presented drawings of a proposed addition and remodel to the high school and a preliminary project budget. It was decided to next meet with the staff and then make available to the public for discussion.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Mary Ellen Gass



Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
January 9, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on January 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Those present were Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Jeff Beccue, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 P.M., for discussion of Litigation, Personnel, and Superintendent Evaluation. 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 Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 6:57 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 along with some of her Spanish students and their Costa Rican exchange students approached the Board thanking them for this experience. The Costa Rican students arrived January 6 and will return home January 16.

On January 5, Kevin Handy met with the Building and Grounds Committee where he presented another design based on suggestions given at the previous meeting. He would like to meet again with the entire Board members present to get their thoughts and the present it to the teachers. Once they get a design they feel is what they want they will present it to the public.

There will be four seats open on the School Board. Those running are Doug Martin, Deanne Mott, John Stewart, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Joe Butler. The election will be held in April.

Tax Revenues are down due to a decrease in enrollment.

New lighting is needed in some of the classrooms due to old ballasts. The steps on the north side of the grade school building need replaced and sealer put on the roof at the high school. The Board would like to see how much money has been spent on big repairs over the past five years in both buildings.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve resolution to regulate expense reimbursements. 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 Ashley Combs, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve new grading scale. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. Answering nay, Joe Olson. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Gorenz and Associates, Ltd as CPA. 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 to re-enter Executive Session at 7:40 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 John Stewart, to exit Executive Session at 8:35 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.

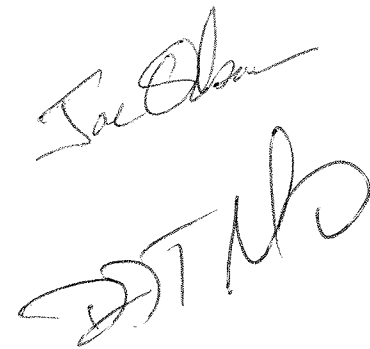
Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Charlie Hickey to adjourn at 8:36 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary



Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Building and Grounds Committee
January 17, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on January 17, 2017 at 4:34 P.M. in the Library at the high school. Roll call was taken. Those present were Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Mindy Gross, Melanie Hinson, Donna Koehler, Brian Erlenbush, and Wyatt Waterkotte.

Kevin Handy presented the Board and teachers with a drawing of the new building that would be replacing the old ones at the high school. He spoke about the immediate needs of the old buildings like being handicapped accessible, heating, and the structural shape. We need to look and see if we have the right things before moving on.

There will be a meeting on January 30, 2017 with the public being invited. The Board would like to get some feedback from the community.

Motion by John Stewart, second by Charlie Hickey to adjourn at 5:34 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary



Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by John Stewart, to exit Executive Session at 10:04 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.

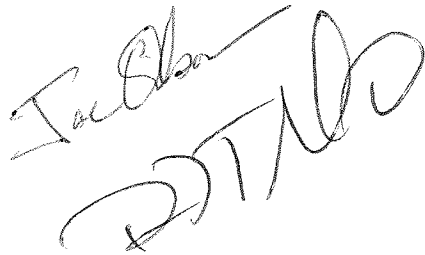
Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to approve Executive Session minutes as reviewed in Executive Session. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by John Stewart, to adjourn at 10:05 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers,
Recording Board Secretary



Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Special Meeting
January 30, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on January 30, 2017, at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria at the high school. Roll call was taken. Those present were Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

President Doug Martin read a letter to the public explaining the condition of the old buildings and the cost of the district to keep them running. We are in the early stages of planning. Many questions are yet to be answered such as the cost of the building, what resources we have, and the cost to tax payers.

Kevin Handy presented a power point presentation to the Board and the community. He has met with Board members, administration, and several high school teachers over the past months to get ideas as to what they wanted to see in the new building. There are three stages in the process: Investigation, Solution, and Implementation.

A virtual tour was given. Accessibility issues, dated mechanical systems and instructional spaces, water damage to ceilings, flawed flooring, locker rooms and fixtures, failing masonry and cracking concrete are issues that need addressed. Superintendent Hamm gave a summary of the high school budgeted expenditures: \$178,000.00 for purchased services, \$150,000.00 for supplies and materials, and \$250,000.00 capital outlay.

Goals for the new building include accessibility, secured entrance, improved comfort for the students and faculty, updated space, flexible learning environment, a gym entrance from the west parking lot, and an auditorium/stage.

Doug Martin opened the floor to the public for any questions. George Blue asked why things weren't fixed along the way and voiced his concern as to the upkeep on a new building. Doug responded the building looks great for the age it is. Jeff Beccue added with the pipes being 45 years old, metal, and underground, they have deteriorated. He also agreed that they need to do better at keeping things up.

Delmar Stewart wanted to know the cost to renovate. Mr. Handy replied \$3-\$4 million wouldn't touch what needs to be done. Delmar then asked what the cost to build would be. Mr. Handy said we aren't talking money yet due to not having a bondsman yet. Tom Martin wanted to know the outlook of the grade school building if it would need to be replaced in 5-10 years. Kevin assured him they were not looking to replace the grade school yet. There has been a new roof put on over the last 3 years. The restrooms along with the locker rooms need updated. Tom doesn't want to support this and then find they want to rebuild the grade school. Deanne Mott added they are not just focusing on the high school but will keep money for repairs at the grade school.

Bill Stoll questioned the financial stability of the district at which Doug replied we're the best we have been in years. Tax rates have stayed the same the past few years, and we don't rely on state funding. The last payment on the addition at the high school will be in December 2019.

Ed Schaffenacker would like to see the public vote on it. George Blue stated the Board could vote if the cost was under a certain dollar amount without the public. Jeff replied yes they could, but they didn't want to do that.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve First Midstate to serve as the underwriter for the potential issuance of school bonds. 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 enter Executive Session at 8:45 P.M., for discussion of personnel. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.