

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
October 16, 2017

The Building & Grounds Committee met at 5:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Those present were Deanne Mott, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Charlie Hickey and Ashley Combs were late. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, Michael Copley, Donna Koehler, and Brian Erlenbush.

Kevin Handy presented a slide show of the proposed new building. Donna Koehler along with Michael Copley had some suggestions from the teachers on what they would like changed or added.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Ashley Combs, to adjourn at 6:10 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

President Doug Martin called the Executive Session meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. in the unit office. Roll call was taken. Those present were Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Eric Cowan, to enter into Executive Session at 6:16 P.M. for discussion of employment and school safety. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Aaron Wilham, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 6:47 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin reopened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. in open session.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to adopt Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, and F.

- A. Approve September 18, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve October 16, 2017, Executive Session Minutes
- C. Sales Tax Revenue Report – June \$20,675.46
- D. Approve Payment of Bills
- E. Approve Annual Financial Report
- F. Approve Application for Recognition of Schools

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Kevin Handy presented a slide show of the drawings for the new high school building. Some discussion was made as to things that need changed or added. There will be a meeting for the public on November 1, 2017, in the high school cafeteria at 6:00 P.M.

There are 2 dampers at the high school that need to be replaced.

The district is looking to trade the Grasshopper mower for a Simplicity mower.

A video on school safety was shown to the faculty and staff at the school improvement meeting. All of Logan County will be using the same protocol.

Superintendent Hamm has asked that the PLI Agreement be lowered. Currently it's \$50.00 per child, which can be a hardship for larger families. He would like a maximum of \$100.00 per family be implemented next school year.

Mr. Morgan, Brent Grisham, and Superintendent Hamm traveled to LSA, in Decatur, to discuss the possibility of a co-op for football.

The walk-in cooler at the grade school cafeteria went out over the weekend. The cooler is outdated making it hard to find parts for it. The cost to repair is estimated between \$2-6 thousand dollars. The stairs on the north end of the building at the grade school are crumbling and need to be replaced. Three bids were received but the Board felt they were too high. Performance Welding can replace the stairs with steel ones.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the lease agreement with Mt. Pulaski Park District for Veteran's Park. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve the purchase of a used van. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to postpone the Hilltopper Donation Agreement to the November meeting. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve stair bid from Performance Welding. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to approve the creation of MPGS girls' softball team. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve the Volunteer Application changes. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The Board will look through the PRESS Policy and approve next month.

Kevin Wills, the district Bondsman, will be at the meeting on November 1, 2017, to answer questions concerning the new building. A decision is needed as to what is going to be put on the ballot.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve Prairie State Plumbing & Heating bid for damper repair at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to grant tenure to Melanie Hinson. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to destroy Executive Session minutes October 20, 2015, through March 20, 2016. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The Board would like to have community members help promote the high school building project. A list of possible members is being compiled.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, on the creation of Community Committee for School Building Project. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported the parent-teacher conferences were well-attended. He would like to thank the Woods Foundation for sending all the 5th grade students to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Principal Terry Morgan reported Nathan Ford as the October Senior of the Month. FFA will be going to the National Convention October 25-28 in Indiana.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Aaron Wilham, to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary



Deanne T. Mott