

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education  
Mt. Pulaski High School- Sheila Myers Room  
November 1, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on November 1, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sheila Myers room. Roll call was taken. Present were Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm and Principal Terry Morgan.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Aaron Wilham, to enter into Executive Session at 5:01 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.

Motion by Aaron Wilham, second by Eric Cowan, to exit Executive Session at 5:10 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.

As part of the agreement with the Mt. Pulaski Park District there must be a storage shed for all the equipment at Veteran's Park. Superintendent Hamm is looking into a 12'x16'shed to keep the equipment for track, baseball, soccer, and a lawn mower in.

Howell Concrete Lifters will be raising and sloping a 46' section of sidewalk on the north side of the grade school. This is to prepare for the new stairs that will be installed.

The Board discussed the ballot and how the wording should be. They would like the ability to use the monies without being limited as to what they can do.

When the renovations were approved for the work at Frazier Park the quote did not include the materials. The cost of the material is \$5,250.00. Ashley Combs would like to wait for feedback before going forward with this project. The Board would like to get other bids on the materials.

Motion by Aaron Wilham, second by Jeff Beccue, to table Frazier Park softball renovations. 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 football co-op with LSA. 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 PRESS Policy changes/updates. 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 Ashley Combs, to adjourn at 5:41 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers  
Recording Board Secretary



Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education  
 Mt. Pulaski High School Cafeteria  
 Community Engagement Meeting  
 November 1, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on November 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Roll call was taken. 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, Kevin Handy, and David Pistorius.

President Doug Martin opened the meeting and passed the floor to Kevin Handy, the district architect.

Mr. Handy explained how the Board has been looking at the condition of the old building at the high school and what to do with it. There are only 3 classrooms being utilized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The rest of the floor is used for storage. Freshmen lockers are located on this floor as well. Structural and wiring issues, handicap accessibility, asbestos, and entry security are some concerns of the building. After months of discussion the Board felt it was time to move forward with a new building.

The estimated cost to renovate is somewhere between \$8 and \$10 million dollars. The building is structurally sound and useable, but in the end you still have an old building

The estimated cost to replace the building is somewhere between \$12 million and \$14 million dollars. It will cost more, but the students would benefit.

Kevin had some drawings of the proposed building on display and gave a power point presentation of the floor plans. He showed how the new entry way would be more secure and would house the administrative office as well as the guidance counselor and nurse's offices. On the first floor are two special education classrooms, a gym, locker rooms, A.D. office, weight lifting room, restrooms, and storage. The second floor has 7 classrooms, a common area, media center, teacher's lounge, work room, and restrooms.

Mr. Handy passed the floor to David Pistorius, from First MidState, to talk about a tax referendum proposal.

Mr. Pistorius provided a handout showing what the taxes would be for a \$14,000,000 and \$16,000,000 project amount. He stated the Board has to adopt a resolution in December to be on the March ballot.

2016 E.A.V. :	\$113,473,849	<b>PROJECT AMOUNT</b>	
Est. Rate:	4.00%	<b>\$14,000,000</b>	<b>\$16,000,000</b>
Issue Dated:	03/01/2019		
Length to Maturity:	20 years		
		<b>91.32 ¢</b>	<b>104.25 ¢</b>
Estimated Avg. Total Bond & Interest Tax Rate*		<b>(11.80) ¢</b>	<b>(11.80) ¢</b>
Less Estimated 2017/18 Bond & Interest Tax Rate		<b>79.52 ¢</b>	<b>92.45 ¢</b>
Estimated Avg. Bond & Interest Tax Rate Increase			
<b>HOMEOWNER TAX INFORMATION</b>			
		<b>Annual</b>	<b>Annual</b>
		<b>Tax Increase</b>	<b>Tax Increase</b>
<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Taxable Value**</b>		
\$50,000	\$10,667	\$84.82	\$98.61
\$100,000	\$27,333	\$217.35	\$252.70
\$150,000	\$44,000	\$349.89	\$406.78
\$200,000	\$60,667	\$482.42	\$560.86
\$250,000	\$77,333	\$614.95	\$714.95
\$300,000	\$94,000	\$747.49	\$868.03
<b>LANDOWNER INFORMATION</b>			
		<b>Annual Tax</b>	<b>Annual Tax</b>
		<b>Increase per</b>	<b>Increase per</b>
	<b>Avg. EAV per acre</b>	<b>100-acre Plot</b>	<b>100-acre Plot</b>
	\$200	\$159.04	\$184.90
	\$300	\$238.56	\$277.35
	\$400	\$318.08	\$369.80

\* Tax rates are expressed as cents per \$100 Equalized Assessed Value.

\*\* Taxable value calculated at 1/3 of market value less a \$6,000 homeowner occupied exemption. Taxes may be lower for those who qualify for the senior citizens exemption of up to \$4,000.

Doug Martin opened the floor to questions from the community.

Greg Maus wanted to know if there was room for expansion if the district grows. Mr. Handy explained how they could expand from the north east of the proposed building.

Amanda Doherty questioned if there would be a library or a stage. There will be books but with iPads being used the number of books will be reduced. As for a stage, it's possible to put one in the new gym.

Kathy Wade and Ed Anderson questioned air conditioning at the grade school and the new high school addition. Yes, the new building will have air conditioning and they're looking into it for the grade school as well.

Where will the concession area be, asked Jennifer Wilham? At one time they looked at putting it between the gyms in a central location but there wasn't any place to sit and eat. The only logical place is to keep it in the cafeteria.

Kelby Ford thought there were too many restrooms being added. He felt the money could be saved by not having restrooms deemed just for staff.

Chrissy Fitzpatrick wants to know where the money is going and if a printout will be available to the public. She also spoke how a tax hike could be a heavy burden on some people who are struggling now. Will this cause them to move out of district? Jeff Beccue stated that we are low or comparable with area communities.

Rick Volle inquired if there were money left can the bond be paid off early. Mr. Pistorius said no.

Corey Leonard asked about the efficiency on new heat/air system. Mr. Handy said geo-thermal is very good. Corey then questioned the utility cost of running air.

Kathy Wade wanted to know what effects geo-thermal has on water aquifers. She doesn't want the water supply affected. What other options are available? Mr. Handy said there are a couple different options. He will study if it's feasible and go from there.

Chris Martin asked if lines are run underground with the geo-thermal system. The answer is no. He then asked if once the new building is paid off if they'll look into replacing the grade school. Kevin doesn't see the grade school needing replaced in 20 years but will need some renovation.

John Stewart wanted to know if the gym floor would be hardwood. It will not be hardwood but a multi-purpose flooring. Another question asked was can you build on top of the Ag and Industrial Arts rooms? Kevin said there is no evidence that it can be built on. He said there is no place to connect it to and no place for stairs.

Helen Schmidt asked if the new building could house the jr. high and if so you put them together? Kevin replied yes it could house the jr. high but you keep them separated.

Kim Tyson asked if there could be walls put up in the pod area at the grade school. Mr. Handy commented that hadn't been discussed but is something they can look into at some time.

Matt Bobell stated, "You're going to spend \$14 million at high school and you don't know what you're doing at the grade school?" Kevin replied, they're looking at HVAC."

Rick Volle asked if you could buy bonds and pay back early? The answer was yes.

Greg Maus questioned if there would be growth with new building? Mr. Handy said there's no way to know but it's possible.

Chrissy Fitzpatrick wanted to know the size of the classrooms and if there was room for growth without adding more?

Ed Anderson inquired if there had been grants applied for? Kevin said we're next on the list but he doesn't know when the state will open them up again. It's possible to get \$800,000.

Rick Selinger asked how much the state owes. Mr. Handy stated there is a 6 month back log.

Jeff Beccue stated that if there were any questions, comments, or concerns to please let the Board know. They would like any feedback.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Eric Cowan, to adjourn at 7:41 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



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Dawn Fitzpatrick