

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
November 20, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on November 20, 2017, at 5:55 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principals Terry Morgan and Gene Newton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Ashley Combs, to enter into Executive Session at 5:56 P.M. for discussion of employment and Special Education students. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Eric Cowan, to exit Executive Session at 6:45 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin re-opened the meeting in open session at 7:00 P.M.

Deanne Mott presented Melanie Hinson the Educator of the Quarter Award. Miss Hinson is likely the hardest working staff member in the district said a co-worker. A parent wrote how our community began this school year grieving and how Miss Hinson not only led students, but her peers as well, through this process to healing. Congratulations Miss Hinson!!

Deanne Mott presented Louis Volle the Support Staff of the Semester Award. Louis has only been with the district a few months but has worked diligently to accomplish a variety of tasks in that time. He does his job with a huge amount of pride and friendliness. Congratulations Louis Volle!!

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to adopt Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, and E.

- A. Approve October 16, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve November 1, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve November 20, 2017, Executive Session Minutes
- D. Sales Tax Revenue Report - \$19,300.92
- E. Approve Payment of Bills

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

Kevin Wills was present to talk about the dollar amount and wording to put on the referendum ballot. The dollar amount that has been agreed upon is \$15.7 million. It has been decided to go with ballot #2, as that allows left over monies to be used for improvements at the grade school and to move forward with the athletic field.

Kevin Handy spoke on air conditioning at the grade school. In order to put air conditioning in the ceilings have to be taken down and more than likely will have to be replaced due to breakage of tiles. He said the building would be torn up all summer. Kevin wanted to know if the referendum didn't pass, would the district still go ahead with the project. He stated it is both costly and time consuming to draw up different plans. When asked about geo-thermal, Kevin said the ground where the wells would be drilled is owned by Tomlinson Trust. Charlie questioned if the amount of money it cost to install it is worth the 3 months that it's used. Jeff wanted to know how often a construction observer would be on site

during the project. Kevin said probably once a week, depends on contractor. Doug would like to have a breakdown of cost before the next community meeting.

Daniel Sheehan, from HillTopper Wind Power, LLC, spoke to the Board on the donation agreement. The company is pushing forward with the windmills. Installation will begin in the spring of 2018. Payments of \$140,000.00 will be made in quarterly installments. The first installment will be made within 45 days of commercial operation and may be pro-rated. The life expectancy of a windmill is 30 years.

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

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

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the general primary election to be held on the 20th day of March, 2018. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to table bid for field work at Frazier Park from Design Landscaping. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Tucker Hoe as a back-up custodian. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to table the swimming co-op with Lincoln Community High School. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to set Tax Levy Meeting & Hearing on December 18, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Lucy Woodworth as volunteer Scholastic Bowl assistant coach. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve Kara Johnson as bus driver. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to approve Bethany Dulle as assistant volleyball coach for MPGS for 2017-18. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Deanne Mott, and Doug Martin. Answering nay. Jeff Beccue and Charlie Hickey. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported the Christmas Program for grades Pre-K through 4 will be December 4th at 6:30 P.M. Grades 5-8 will be performing on December 13th at the high school at 7:00 P.M.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the Senior of the Month for November is Corey Beccue.

Upcoming events at the high school:

November 29 – Fall Sports Banquet at 6:30 P.M.

December 8 – Homecoming basketball game

December 9 – Homecoming Dance 8:00 P.M. – 11 P.M.

December 13 – Band/Chorus Concert at 8:00 P.M.

December 19 – Final exams for odd classes

December 20 – Final exams for even classes

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to adjourn at 8:09 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

