

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
February 21, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on February 21, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Those present were John Stewart, Jeff Beccue (via phone), Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Joe Olson arrived late. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

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

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by John Stewart, to exit Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

Deanne Mott presented the Educator of the Quarter Award to Kathleen Tarrant and the Support Staff of the Semester to Anna Beckers.

Evan Cyrulik addressed the Board requesting consideration to adding Scholastic Bowl to the junior high. He has circulated a petition to the students in grades 5-8 with 85% of the student body signing. Only 5 students are needed to have a team. Several schools in our area have a team. The Board will discuss this further.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by John Stewart, to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

- A. Approve January 5, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve January 9, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve January 17, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve January 30, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- E. Approve February 6, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- F. Approve Payment of Bills – Volle Plumbing \$9,747.00
- G. Sales Tax Revenue Report – September \$18,515.02

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

Heather Fricke presented a proposal for refreshing the student and teacher iPad fleet. The proposal would split the payments over 4 school years. All students and teachers would be upgraded to the iPad Air 2. A third party company would purchase the current fleet at fair market value. That money could then be applied toward a new purchase.

Any advertisement in the district must be approved by the Superintendent.

There has been some interest in a Full Day Pre-K program. Before making a decision, the Board would like to see what the parents' preferences would be.

Rex Tschantz approached the Board asking for softball to be added to the grade school athletic program again. He feels since we are offering it at the high school, it would make sense to get the fundamentals at the junior high level. Superintendent Hamm stated he wants to see how things go at the high school this year before making a decision. The Board will discuss this again at the March meeting.

The need for a District Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor has been addressed. The job description as well as the pay is still being discussed. This has been tabled for the March meeting.

Kevin Wills, from First Midstate Incorporated, talked to the Board about bonds and the different options available to us.

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, for extension of Superintendent Contract for the 2019-2020 year with a 2% increase. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Charlie Hickey voted nay. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to grant maternity leave to Mindy Switzer. Roll call vote. Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Charlie Hickey- present. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to hire Kathy Tschantz as District Bookkeeper & Treasurer. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Ashley Combs. Doug Martin – present.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to hire Emily LeVault as Head Secretary at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to hire April Pal as assistant cook at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Deanne Mott, to hire Rob Siebert as MPHS Drama Club Assistant Director. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to adopt IMRF Authorized Agent Appointment Resolution. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to approve Joint Agreement Resolution with Lincolnland Technical Education Center for 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve graduation dates as: MPGS-Friday, May 19, at 6:30 P.M. and MPHS – Saturday, May 20, at 4:00 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by Ashley Combs, to approve 2017-18 school calendar. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Joe Olson, John Stewart, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Terry Morgan reported Skye Kretzinger was Senior of the Month for February. The WYSE team placed 3rd in Regionals, and Sectionals will be held March 9. Lucas Aylesworth, Skye Kretzinger, and Ashlyn Hickey all earned their State FFA Degree. Skylar Hayes scored her 1,000th career point on January 21, 2017.

Upcoming events:

Feb. 27 – Baseball and Softball begin

Feb. 28 – Freshmen Orientation at 6:30 P.M. in the high school gym

March 3 – Blood Drive in old gym

March 7 – Winter sports banquet at 6:30 P.M.

March 10-11 - Mt. Pulaski Drama Club presents “The Almost Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel” 7:00 P.M.

March 17 – End of 3rd quarter

March 21 – Staff Talent Show in the high school gym

March 24 – FFA Square Dance 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

March 30 – FFA Banquet at 6:30 P.M.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

