

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education  
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office  
April 24, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on April 24, 2017, in the unit office at 5:30 P.M. Roll call was taken. Those present were Jeff Beccue, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. Deanne Mott was late. Also present were Superintendent Todd Hamm, Principal Gene Newton, Principal Terry Morgan, Eric Cowan, and Aaron Wilham.

Superintendent Hamm presented Joe Olson with a clock in appreciation for the 12 years of service on the School Board. John Stewart served 4 years on the Board and was presented stationery, note pads, and pencils with his business logo on them.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to accept the April 4<sup>th</sup> School Board election abstract of votes prepared and certified by the Logan County Clerk, and declare canvassed winners, Eric Cowan, Doug Martin, Deanne Mott, and Aaron Wilham as duly elected for a 4 year term to the Mt. Pulaski CUD #23 Board of Education. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Olson, second by John Stewart, to retire the former Board of Education and approve all policies of the former Board of Education of Mt. Pulaski CUD #23. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Joe Olson, John Stewart, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Ashley Combs, to nominate Doug Martin as School Board President.

Roll call vote on the nomination of Doug Martin as School Board President. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Eric Cowan, to nominate Jeff Beccue as School Board Vice President.

Roll call vote on the nomination of Jeff Beccue as School Board Vice President. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Cowan, second by Aaron Wilham, to nominate Deanne Mott as School Board Secretary.

Roll call vote on the nomination of Deanne Mott as School Board Secretary. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to enter into Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. for discussion of Employment and Student Discipline. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 6:59 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin called the meeting to order in open session at 7:04 P.M.

Superintendent Hamm welcomed the new Board members. He thanked Joe Olson and John Stewart for their contribution to the organization.

Deanne Mott presented the Teacher of the Quarter award to Denise Farnam.

Stu Erlenbush worked on the drainage problem at Veteran’s Park. Dirt was added to help divert water from pooling on the track.

The Board had asked Kevin Handy to get some estimates on air conditioning for the grade school. The cost ranged from \$3.4 - \$3.8 million. Mr. Hamm felt that was high.

Apple Inc. has given a quote of \$170,520.00 which is lower than the previous bid.

Superintendent Hamm said with continued changes being made to the PRESS Policy, he would like to have a couple Board members volunteer to be on a committee. With no one volunteering, President Martin suggested he call and see who is available at the time.

Kevin Wills, the district bondsman, put together a tax rate summary for \$14, \$12, and \$10 million dollar projections.

<b>Without Sales Tax Abatement</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>	<b>\$14,000,000</b>
<b>Homeowner Tax Information</b>			
<u>Market Value</u> \$100,000	<u>Taxable Value</u> \$27,333	<u>Annual Tax Increase</u> \$138.44	<u>Annual Tax Increase</u> \$171.90
<b>Landowner Information</b>			
<u>Avg. EAV per acre</u>		<u>Annual Tax Increase Per 100 Acre</u>	<u>Annual Tax Increase Per 100 Acre</u>
\$200		\$101.30	\$125.78
\$300		\$151.95	\$188.67
\$400		\$202.60	\$251.56

Another example hypothetically would be

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<b>Homeowner Tax Information</b>			
<u>Market Value</u> \$50,000	<u>Taxable Value</u> \$13,665.50	<u>Annual Tax Increase</u> \$69.22	<u>Annual Tax Increase</u> \$85.95
<b>Landowner Information</b>			
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No action was taken on the MPHS assistant boys’ basketball coach position.

The Amended Budget has been posted and will be voted on next month.

The full day pre-k program will not be implemented next school year due to low interest.

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

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve lease of new copy machines. Roll call vote. Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to accept Xcell Mechanical Pump bid. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Mechanical pump 2 & 3 on the boiler at the grade school needs to be replaced. Work will be done this week on it.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to keep Executive Session minutes confidential and destroy Executive Session tapes up to 18 months prior to April 24, 2017. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to hire Krissy Mercer as Special Education teacher for the district. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to hire Louis Volle as Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor starting May 22, 2017. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Terry Morgan's retirement package. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Jamie Sellinger as high school English teacher. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Graduation assignments are Jeff Beccue and Charlie Hickey at the high school with Deanne Mott and Doug Martin at the grade school.

Principal Gene Newton reported the following upcoming events for May:

May 5th – Grades 5-8 spring concert at 6:30 P.M. @ MPHS

May 8th – Athletic Banquet

May 16th – Grades K-4 spring concert at 2:00 P.M. in the gymnasium

May 17th- 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Six Flags

May 19th – 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation at 6:30 P.M.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the April Senior of the Month is Alyssa Stauffer.

FCCLA member Felipe Buenrostro was elected to serve as a state officer next year. Mt. Pulaski High School has had four state officers elected in the past five years. The Parliamentary Procedure team took first place at the state conference and will advance to the national competition in Nashville, TN, this summer. Those on the team were TJ Benhart, Felipe Buenrostro, Josh Dyer, Eli Olson, Stormy Pal, and Skye Kretzinger.

WYSE team members Lukas Aylesworth and Eli Olson qualified for state.

FFA Ag Mechanics team placed first at the section meeting. Those on the team were Lukas Aylesworth, Cody Schahl, Alexandra Beckers, Ryan Stopher, and Dixon Aylesworth. The team now qualifies for the state contest on May 16.

The following upcoming events:

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – FCCLA Recognition Night

May 4<sup>th</sup> – All school cook-out and Ag games

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Petting zoo

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Band/Chorus concert at 8:00 P.M.

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Prom, Grand March at 4:30 P.M.

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Honor Night at 6:30 P.M.

May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Final Exams for seniors  
May 17<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate at 7:00 P.M.  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Senior trip to Chicago  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – Graduation at 4:00 P.M.  
May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>th</sup> – Final exams for underclassman

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers  
Recording Board Secretary



Deanne Mott