

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
May 15, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on May 15, 2017, at 5:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Kevin Handy.

Kevin Handy spoke to the Board regarding work being done over the summer. Two major projects will be the removal of asbestos on the 2nd floor of the high school and the continuation of replacing old piping.

The Board also talked about the future new building project. Mr. Handy stated they already have a preliminary plan but now need to move toward a more detailed plan. It is hoped to get something out to the public in June or July.

President Martin closed the meeting at 5:43 P.M.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 P.M., for discussion of Employment and Student Discipline. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Aaron Wilham, second by Jeff Beccue, to exit Executive Session at 7:05 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin opened the Budget Hearing at 7:10 P.M. Superintendent Hamm stated there will be four changes to amend the budget.

The meeting was closed at 7:12 P.M.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:13 P.M.

President Martin stated the Board received a volleyball petition.

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

- A. Approve April 24, 2017, Meeting Minutes
- B. Sales Tax Revenue Report – January \$16,197.71
- C. Approve Payment of Bills
- D. Social Media Request
- E. Summer Workers
- F. Prevailing Wage Resolution – 2017

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

The district is looking to install electronic doors at both the grade school and high school to better accommodate the physically disabled. Doug Martin recapped on the building and grounds meeting. Mr. Hamm extended his thanks to Keri Elliot for using her own time to clean up the atrium.

The Building Committee will be Charlie Hickey, Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, and Eric Cowan.

The Finance Committee will consist of Jeff Beccue and Ashley Combs.

The Staff Committee is Deanne Mott, Ashley Combs, and Aaron Wilham.

Transportation Committee will be Charlie Hickey, Jeff Beccue, and Eric Cowan.

Negotiation Committee consists of all the Board members.

Due to the lack of interest there will not be a girls' softball team at the junior high level.

Jeff Beccue, along with Mr. Hamm, will be presenting “Salary Schedules –Friend or Foe?” at the I/I/I Conference in November. Any Board member who would like to attend this conference needs to let Mr. Hamm know.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve Budget Amendment for FY2016-17. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Eric Cowan –Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to approve Coaches handbook. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Jerry Judd, from Prairie State Heating & Cooling, was present to talk about a bill being disputed. While doing work at the high school, an electrical line was cut. The district was asked by Prairie State to pay the \$1600.00 bill for repairs. Mr. Judd stated his company has a good reputation, and this was an unfortunate accident. After some discussion both parties came to an agreement.

Aaron Wilham would like to see some changes made to the PRESS Policy concerning firearms and the Trap team. Superintendent Hamm is going to look into it.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to renew the IHSA Membership. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the Wellness Policy. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to accept the bid from E.L. Pruitt for piping replacement at the high school. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Jessica Awe as a grade school aide. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to re-hire spring sport coaches. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. Answering nay was Aaron Wilham. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to renew health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to re-hire Anna Beckers as Recording Secretary. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported graduation will be held May 19, 2017, at 6:30 with Deanne Mott, Doug Martin, and Joe Olson representing the Board.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the Senior of the Month for May is Makenzie Lock. Senior of the Year is Lukas Aylesworth. Valedictorian is Eli Olson, and Salutatorian is Zachary Drake.

Upcoming Events:

May 15 & 16 – Senior Final Exams

May 17 – Baccalaureate @ 7:00 p.m. – Family Life Center

May 18 – Senior trip to Chicago

May 20 – Graduation @ 4:00 p.m. (Charlie Hickey and Jeff Beccue will represent the Board)
May 30 & 31 – Final Exams

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Beckers".

Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

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