

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Community Engagement Meeting
August 1, 2017

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on August 1, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. in Mr. Waterkotte's room at the high school. Roll call was taken. Those present were Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. Absent were Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, and Ashley Combs. Also present was Superintendent Todd Hamm.

Kevin Wills, the District Bondsman, spoke to the Board regarding the timeline for putting a referendum on the ballot. He also talked about the different ballot options. Kevin would like for the building committee to meet again and start zeroing in on a dollar amount. Once they meet there will be another public meeting.

The meeting moved to the cafeteria and was opened to the public at 6:00 P.M.

President Martin addressed the public in regards to the possibility of having a referendum put on the ballot. He talked about using sales tax money to make improvements at the grade school. A new roof was put on, new windows installed, lockers, and some lights replaced.

President Martin posed the question as to whether we want to put both schools on the ballot or just the high school. He stated the district is in the best financial shape right now as it ever has been. The floor was then handed over to Kevin Wills.

Kevin Wills distributed hand-outs to the public showing them the increase to our taxes with a \$14 million and \$16 million bond. He stated the summer of 2019 would be the soonest we would feel the effect.

The question was asked if we could possibly consolidate with another district at some point. Superintendent Hamm stated that we have been leveled off with in our attendance. He also stated that we are excellent financially and he doesn't see us going anywhere. If anything he could see other schools wanting to come to our district.

Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by Aaron Wilham, to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

