

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
September 18, 2017

The Joint Communications Sub-Committee meeting was held in the unit office at 4:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. Those present were Deanne Mott, Ashley Combs, and Aaron Wilham. Also present were Wyatt Waterkotte, Gale Clark, Michael Copley, and Superintendent Hamm.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to enter into Executive Session at 4:03 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Deanne Mott, Ashley Combs, and Aaron Wilham. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Aaron Wilham, second by Ashley Combs, to exit Executive Session at 4:57 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Deanne Mott, and Ashley Combs. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to adjourn at 5:45 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on September 18, 2017, at 6:04 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Those present were Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by Jeff Beccue, to enter into Executive Session for discussion of employment and school safety. 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 Jeff Beccue, second by Aaron Wilham, to exit Executive Session at 6:49 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 re-opened the meeting in open session at 7:00 P.M. with a moment of silence in remembrance of Evan Connor and Caleb Coogan.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 7:02 P.M. Superintendent Hamm stated the EAV has stayed about the same. With no questions, the hearing closed at 7:04 P.M.

Megan Jones was presented the Educator of the Quarter award by Superintendent Hamm and Principal Gene Newton.

Heather Fricke addressed the Board on behalf of PASE. With the library being remodeled last year, they're looking for something to do on the outside. They would like to take out the firetruck piece of equipment on the playground and replace it with something new. Liquid rubber matting will replace the tire chips under the new equipment. PASE will do fundraising to help pay for the equipment. There will be a penny box in each classroom where the kids can vote on which piece of equipment they would like. Claire Coogan will get to pick the colors and an "in memory of Caleb Coogan" sign will be placed somewhere. JC and Jim Boy Coogan would like to help with the removal of the equipment. It is hoped to be completed by the summer of 2018.

The Building and Grounds Committee met at 5:00 P.M. with several teachers. They have met several times over the past months discussing the plans for the new building and what they'd like to see in it. It's hoped to have something together to put out for the public to view soon.

The stairs on the north side of the grade school are falling apart and need to be replaced. The bids received have been high so other options are being looked into.

The district has purchased a lift at the price of \$8,000.00. The custodians have had to use scaffolding to change light bulbs in the gyms. The cost to rent a lift is \$750 plus a \$200 delivery fee. Within the last year the district has needed to rent a lift 3-4 times.

Brent Grisham conducted a couple of surveys regarding girls' softball. He has about 20 girls who said they would be 100% committed to playing. The high school coach said he would be interested in coaching the jr. high team as well. The cost to start this program would be around \$7,000.00. He stated the fields are in good condition but the fence would have to be replaced.

Mr. Grisham said he had been contacted by the Athletic Director at LSA in Decatur asking to co-op with them for football. There are several questions that need to be answered before any decision will be made.

The Joint Communications Committee met at 4:00 P.M. in the unit office. The committee would like to see more joint district meetings so the faculty and staff can get to know each other better. Having the Board members attend was also suggested.

Local law enforcement officials showed the administration a video on school safety during last months CRISIS meeting. Superintendent Hamm would like to present this video to the students. It is still uncertain as to what age group will be viewing this video.

The lease agreement with Mt. Pulaski Park District for the use of the baseball field looks good. Jeff Beccue commented that the maintenance has been thrown on us. Brent stated that with the cost of the pool project the park district is strapped for money. Additional parking is being put in by the park district. A storage shed may be put up but the placement of it has to be approved by the park district.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve the 2017-1018 Budget. 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 table PRESS Policy update on school records. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The Stone Seed sign has led to some concerns. This sign is 4'x6'. Some questions are, are other companies open to advertise? How big can a sign be? Where will they be hung? What criteria must be met? Who approves them? The questions need to be addressed before a decision is made.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to postpone the approval of Stone Seed sign until the October meeting. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The district currently has a couple of white vans that are getting high mileage on them. One van is 5 years old, and the other is 3 years old. They average anywhere from 15,000-20,000 miles a year. These vans are used to transport the pre-k students. At what point do we trade them in? Doug suggested they talk to the dealer and see what their thoughts are.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to terminate employee 2017-2. 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 postpone the amended volunteer information form until the October meeting. 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 approve Chris Doherty as the volunteer MPGS Scholastic Bowl coach. 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 Aaron Wilham, to hire Samantha Brown as MPHS Scholastic Bowl coach. 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 Carly Ayers as night custodian at MPHS. 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 Aaron Wilham, to approve Chad Cooper as volunteer assistant softball coach. 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 display of FCCLA signs. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Principal Gene Newton reported the boy's baseball team won the county tournament. Girls basketball will begin this Thursday. Mr. Newton would like to thank all those for their thoughts, concerns, and help after the tragic loss of one of our students.

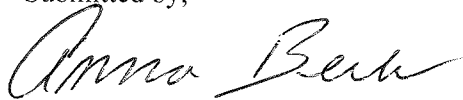
Principal Terry Morgan reported the Senior of the Month is Peyton Taylor. The current enrollment at the high school is 163 students. The Class of 1967 had 25 classmates tour the high school. Mr. Morgan said they shared many stories of their days in the building.

Upcoming Events:

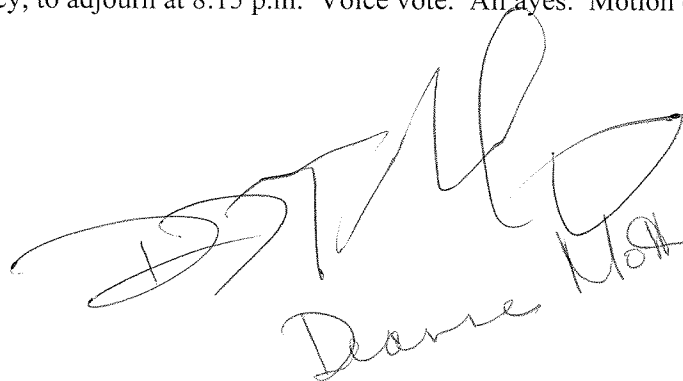
- Sept. 29 – Picture day
- Oct. 4 – Capital Area Education Fair for seniors
- Oct. 5 – College Application Workshop for seniors
- Oct. 5 & 6 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 11 – PSAT testing for juniors
- Oct. 11 – FAFSA @ 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 – End of 1st quarter

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers,
Recording Board Secretary



Deanne Mott