

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
September 24, 2018

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on September 24, 2018, in the unit office at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. Present were Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. Also present were Phil Shelton, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton. Jeff Beccue was late.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. for discussion of employment of personnel, employee evaluation, student discipline, and building safety. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

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

President Martin opened the Budget Hearing at 7:03 P.M. Doug opened the floor for any questions regarding the budget. No questions being asked, the meeting was closed at 7:04 P.M.

Mrs. Grunder was present with a few of her Spanish students to speak on the recent Spanish exchange. Skylar Hayes, Teagan Weiss, and Claire Coogan each spoke on how it has affected their lives. Claire felt it was a blessing to be able to host a student and to show them our community that she's so proud of. Mrs. Grunder concluded with thanking the Board and families for the support they've given this project.

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

- A. Approve August 14, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve August 20, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes
- C. Sales Tax Revenue Report – August \$23,014.08
- D. Approve Payment of Bills
- E. September 11, 2018, Safety Protocol Meeting
- F. Certified Employees Salary Reporting FY2018
- G. Approve Social Media Request

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

Tom Leahy, of IASB, was present to speak about the search for a superintendent. He went over the results of the recent survey taken from the Board, staff, and parent/community members. The Board was also given a preliminary draft of the brochure that will be used in the search for a superintendent. Tom also reminded them of upcoming deadlines.

The high school sound system will be re-bid due to the high cost.

One of the classrooms in the 1912 section of the high school has been moved to another room due to an allergic reaction. The rooms have been cleaned and tested. No elevated levels were found. Mr. Shelton stated the roof over the new gym needs to be resealed, and it is still under warranty.

The lighting project at the grade school has been put on hold. There wasn't enough time to complete the project before the start of the school year.

Mr. Shelton commended the Board on the great job they've done with renovations in the buildings. Some of the projects were roof replacement at the grade school, window replacement at the grade school, some lighting changes, handicap chair lift replacement, security changes (two windows bricked in and doors replaced), restrooms updated, and the high school gym floor and lights.

There will be several public informational meetings held in the next few weeks regarding the upcoming referendum. It was suggested that a Board member be present at these meetings.

School Board Election petitions may be picked up at the court house in Lincoln. There are 3 seats that will be open for the April election: Jeff Beccue, Ashley Combs, and Charlie Hickey.

With excessive heat temperatures, the buildings become extremely hot causing school to be dismissed early. A new schedule will be implemented for days when there is an early dismissal. Mr. Newton would like to feed the students lunch before being sent home. Mr. Shelton suggested looking into installing air conditioning in phases. The first phase would be the pod area. The project would have nothing to do with the referendum.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to adopt 2018-2019 School District Budget. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Mr. Shelton would like to look at reducing the cost of the new addition. He wants to look at options and prioritize what's important, then make a decision on what needs to be taken off. He stated there will be some tough decisions once the referendum passes.

Daniel Sheehan would like to use a copy of the Hilltopper Wind Farm Agreement & Resolution to show other schools. Phil Shelton would like the Board to have a copy with them at informational public meetings so the public can see what they've done. Jeff Beccue said they look to use any revenue to abate taxes.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to employ Ron McCarty as part-time custodian. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Marla Blair as school bus driver. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Janette Cooper and Sarah Cooper as co-prom sponsors. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve new activity accounts for the high school. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve a new activity account for the grade school. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to approve HS credit in 8th grade Algebra I for Zion Lutheran students. This is the same procedure for MPGS students. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve a second door monitor at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to “Begin the design and planning for air conditioning at MPGS.” The project is to be completed in phases, with the elementary “POD” classrooms in the first phase. The project is to be completed without any tax increase. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The IASB –Abe Lincoln Dinner & Meeting will be held October 4, 2018, at Rochester Intermediate School. Any Board member wanting to go needs to let Mr. Shelton know by October 2nd.

It is hoped to get the storage shed done by winter at Veteran’s Park.

Mr. Newton reported Evan Cooper is September Student of the Month. The girls’ softball team ended the season with a 6-9 record. The boys’ baseball team were regional champs, the first time since 2004. They ended their season with an 11-5 record. Congratulations Bruins!

Mr. Morgan reported the Senior of the Month for September is Skylar Hayes. Homecoming at LSA will be October 6, 2018. MPHS will have their own homecoming on January 12, 2019.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to re-enter Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. for discussion of employment. Roll call vote. Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to exit Executive Session at 9:00 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Ashley Combs, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Ashley Combs, to adjourn at 9:01 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary



Deanne Mott
Ashley Combs