

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Board of Education Meeting
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
March 18, 2019

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on March 18, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., in the unit office. Roll call was taken. Those present were Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. Aaron Wilham and Jeff Beccue were absent. Also present were Phil Shelton, Fred Lamkey, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to enter Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. for the discussion of Employment (Resignation, Dismissal, and Evaluation of Personnel), Contract Negotiations, Student Discipline, and School Bus Lease Contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Charlie Hickey, second by Ashley Combs, to exit Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to accept Resignations from the following staff: Doug Smith – Assistant Football, Ryan Casson- High School Custodian, Kyle Lucas – High School Custodian, George Blue – Bus Driver, Wes Noble – Bus Driver, Krissy Mercer and Carly Powell- Jr. High Cheerleading, and Steven Hayes – Assistant Girls High School Basketball. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to Adopt Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, and D.

- A. Approve Payment of Bills
- B. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – February 19 & 25, 2019.
- C. Sales Tax Revenue Report – February \$21, 315.44
- D. Social Media Request Form

Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Both principals have met with their Handbook Committees. When Mr. Shelton receives the changes to the handbook, he will pass them on to the Board to be approved at the April Meeting.

The district has been discussing a district newsletter. Aaron Wilham attended the Abe Lincoln Dinner and spoke with Farmer City school officials regarding some type of newsletter. They purchased an app that is used district wide as a form of newsletter for the community and parent access.

Phase I of the air conditioning at the grade school should be starting soon. Phase II bidding is now open. Mr. Shelton is hoping to get several bids.

Aaron Wilham attended the Abe Lincoln Division Meeting on March 5th. Aaron chose to attend the School Safety presentation. It was suggested that schools have a Threat Assessment Team. This team could possibly help divert an act of violence. Eric Cowan also suggested an in-service on proper techniques for treating serious injuries as well as mass casualty bags.

The property purchase will be finalized this week. The building on the property is in good shape, but a new door will be installed as well as some reinforcement on the inside. This building will be used for storage during the construction of the new building. It is possible some of the lot may be transformed into a parking lot.

The Board is reviewing a tentative calendar for the next school year.

Mr. Shelton is still negotiating the school bus lease. It should be ready for the next Board meeting.

The Bond for the new building is ready to be signed. Security has been pledged at the bank.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to award bid for Asbestos Abatement in 1912-1926 high school additions to M & O Environmental for \$69,000.00. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to award bid for Portable/Modular classrooms for MPHS construction to Innovative Modular Solutions for a 12 month lease for \$189,308.00. This is for a 6 classroom unit. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve contract with MPEA for 2019-2020 through 2022-2023 school terms. This includes a 3% raise in base salary, 1 ½% increase in years 2, 3, and 4. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to grant tenure to Joel Washko. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to approve Course Content & Name Change for Social Studies to “World & National Events 1”. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve employment of Samantha Mileham, as Job Coach (Special Education) as a Grand Funded program at the high school. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to employ Brian Stewart as custodian for MPCUD #23. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

John Deere, with AHW, is supplying the tractors used for trams at the State Fair for the Booster Club. Mr. Shelton is checking on an additional liability policy if needed. The cost of the tractors lease will be processed through the school, with the Booster Club reimbursing the school.

Mayor Matt Bobell talked with Mr. Shelton about the parking areas north of the grade school being redone, and possibly the sidewalk also being replaced. This would be a city project.

Principal Gene Newton reported the March Student of the Month is Anayah Duke. The Logan County Music Festival will be held March 19th. The annual Science, Art, and Book Fair will be March 21.

Principal Terry Morgan reported the March Senior of the Month is Noah Riedle.

The blood drive was a success with 36 pints of blood being given. There are 28 students going on the Washington DC trip this year.

Upcoming Events:

March 25 – FFA Banquet

March 27 – ASVAB test

April 5/6 – FCCLA State Conference

April 9 – SAT for juniors taken at the Family Life Center

April 9 – PSAT 10 for sophmores

April 9 – PSAT 8/9 for freshmen

April 26 – FCCLA Trivia Night

April 26 – Senior class trip

April 30 – Band Concert

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Eric Cowan, to adjourn at 8:30 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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