

Mt Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt Pulaski Unit Office
May 20, 2019

President Eric Cowan called the meeting to order on May 20, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. Present Doug Marin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. Also present was Phil Shelton, Principal Terry Morgan and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Doug Martin to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 PM for the discussion of Employment, Compensation, Evaluation, and School Safety Procedures Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Doug Martin to exit Executive Session at 6:59 PM. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

President Cowan called the meeting to order in Open Session at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Doug Martin to approve the resignations of Samantha Brown-HS Scholastic Bowl Coach, Rob Siebert-HS Track Coach and Eric Leever-HS Girls Basketball Coach. Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. Answering present: Chris Brown. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Doug Martin to adopt the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, and E.

- A. Approve Payment of Bills
- B. Sales Tax Revenue Report April \$17,317.86
- C. Creation of Class of 2021 Account
- D. Approve Board Meeting Minutes-April 15 & 22 and May 13, 2019
- E. Social Media Site Request – High School Guidance Counselor and Facebook.

Cory Leonard addressed the Board in regards to their consideration of entering into a co-op agreement for fall baseball and softball. Due to the convenience and the fact that the students will be playing together in high school were reasons given for the request. The Board will add this to agenda for the meeting in June.

Mr. Shelton gave an update on Phase I & Phase II of the MPGS A/C project. As soon as the students are released from school, the rooftop units will be set in place. The district received their first bid for Phase II of this project and are expecting a few more in the next couple of weeks.

The architect will be completing specs and drawings for the elementary pod classroom door and wall construction. Each classroom will have a separate door and wall. This project will begin as soon as Phase I of the air conditioning project is complete.

The playground and north parking area will be resurfaced this summer. With help from the City of Mt Pulaski, the sidewalk by the north park will be also be under construction this summer. The sidewalk will be made wider and sloped to prevent water from settling on the walkway.

The district office will post the 2019-2020 School District Vacancies this week.

The district received the bond monies on May 2, 2019. Farmers Bank is the pay agent for these bonds and has gone out of their way to make this a smooth transaction.

There has been some discussion to possibly moving the Prom location in 2020. Mr. Morgan will work with the prom committee for the possible change.

The custodians and staff have been working on clearing out the high school that is set for demolition this summer. A pile of the bricks will be located on the MPHS tennis court area for anyone interested in having a brick of the building. There will be limited furniture for sale-index files-bookcases that will be given to Mike Maske for auction.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Doug Martin to approve the Financial Disclosure Policy – Section 4:11. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Chris Brown to approve Non-Certified Salary Increase of 3% for the 2019-2020 school term. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith and Eric Cowan. Answering present: Chris Brown and Deanne Mott. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Chris Brown to approve the Student Handbook changes for the 2019-2020 school term. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Doug Martin to approve FY20 Title I, II, IV and IDEA Plan. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Doug Martin to approve the High School Demolition Bid. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Deanne Mott to employ Special Education Teacher for the 2019-2020 school term – Sheri Hill. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Doug Martin to employ 4 Summer Student Workers. Kate Eskew, Aidan Schneider, Nolan Kirk and Cody Brady. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Aaron Wilham to approve the Health Insurance Committee Recommendation. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Aaron Wilham to employ Mari Neberieza as Girls High School Basketball Varsity Coach. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Deanne Mott to employ Lisa Howard as High School Cheer Coach. Roll call vote: Answering aye: Doug Martin, Aaron Wilham, Chris Brown, Ashley Combs, Rob Smith, Deanne Mott and Eric Cowan. No Nay. Motion carried.

Congratulations to the Scholastic Bowl and MPHS Baseball participants for advancing to Sectionals.

Congratulations to Garrett Skelton qualifier for 100 meters in State Track.

Madison Moore was MPGS Student of the Month for May.


Principal Newton apologized to Mikayla Harris- her name was left off of the list for All A's in Math, Science/Stem, English and Reading at graduation.

Lorenne Wilham was the MPHS Student of the Month for May.

The Open House at the High School was a success. The Board thanked Jamie Selinger for all of her work.

Motion by Doug Martin, second by Ashley Combs to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:


Kathryn Tschantz
Bookkeeper

