

Mt. Pulaski Community Unit District #23 Board of Education
Mt. Pulaski Unit Office
August 21, 2017

The Joint Communications Sub-Committee meeting was held in the unit office at 5:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. Those present were Aaron Wilham (by phone), Deanne Mott, and Ashley Combs. 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 5:36 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Deanne Mott, and Ashley Combs. No Nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Ashley Combs, second by Deanne Mott, to exit Executive Session at 5:44. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Deanne Mott, and Ashley Combs. No nay. Motion carried.

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

President Doug Martin called the meeting to order on August 21, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the Unit Office. Roll call was taken. Present were Aaron Wilham (by phone), Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. Also present were Superintendent Hamm, Principal Terry Morgan, and Principal Gene Newton.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 P.M. for discussion of employment. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Eric Cowan, to exit Executive Session at 7:06 P.M. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

President Martin opened the meeting to the public at 7:12 P.M. in the library at the grade school.

Rachel Grunder approached the Board wanting support for the Seal of Biliteracy. In 2015, the State of Illinois began to recognize high school students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and in reading, writing, listening, and speaking in another language. The recognition consists of a special designation called the Seal of Biliteracy on the student's transcripts and diploma.

The following people spoke on behalf of Donna Dulle and Bethany Dulle: Ron Schaffenacker, Aidan Haigh, Abigail Fitzpatrick, Chrissy Fitzpatrick, Cassidy Clark, McKenna Wilham, Je'Na Rentmeister, Hailee Daigh, Carter Clark, Karilyn Walsh, Ron Stoll, Michael Maus, Kathleen Tarrant, Isabella Wade, Jacob Mileham, Ryan Davis, John Stewart, Michele Clark, Sarah Keene, and Gale Clark.

Ron Stoll presented the Board, as well as the people in attendance, with a handout showing all the accomplishments of Donna Dulle's career as a volleyball coach in the district. He stated as of 2017, she ranks 1st in wins in public schools, and 2nd in wins in both public and private schools together. He spoke of her motivation and how the court should be named after her.

Jerry Stoll addressed the Board regarding the high school renovation.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D, E, and F.

- A. Approve July 17, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve August 1, 2017, Board Meeting Minutes

- C. Approve August 21, 2017, Executive Board Meeting Minutes
- D. Sales Tax Revenue Report – March \$19,383.69
- E. Approve Payment of Bills
- F. Approve Transportation Hazard

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

The grade school track condition has been discussed. The Board would like to get a master plan before moving forward.

Currently the jr. high boys baseball and the high school girls softball teams use the same field for games. The Board is looking into making the field a softball field only and the boys would play at Veterans.

New lights have been put up in the gym at the high school. Eaton Corporation donated twenty lights. Superintendent Hamm extended his gratitude.

The Joint Communications Committee met and discussed qualifications for being Valedictorian and Salutatorian as well as changes in the law regarding Student Records.

Action on the lease agreement with the Mt. Pulaski Park District has been tabled.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve improvements to the softball field at a cost of \$7,400.00 to the district and \$950.00 to the Athletic Association. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Eric Cowan, Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to approve the 2017-18 Tentative Budget and set the Budget Hearing for September 18, 2017. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deane Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

The approval of Student Record-PRESS Policy Update was tabled for next month.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to approve Seal of Biliteracy. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to hire Ryan Casson as Head Custodian at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Doug Smith as volunteer soccer coach at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Charlie Hickey, to hire Dan Cunningham as volunteer soccer coach at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to hire Travis Lingafelter as Head Softball coach at MPHS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to hire Brent Grisham as District Athletic Director. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Jeff Beccue, to hire Donna Koehler as Prom Sponsor for 2017-18. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Aaron Wilham, to hire Miranda Brooks as an Aide at MPGS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Eric Cowan, second by Aaron Wilham, to table action on High School and Jr. High volleyball coaching contract. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Aaron Wilham, second by Eric Cowan, to hire Bethany Dulle as volleyball assistant volunteer for MPHS and MPGS. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Deanne Mott, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. Answering nay: Jeff Beccue, Charlie Hickey, and Ashley Combs. Motion carried.

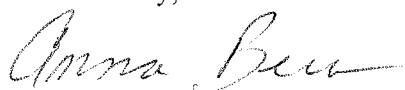
Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Eric Cowan, to approve Memorandum of Understanding. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, approve First Midstate as Bond Underwriter. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Deanne Mott, second by Ashley Combs, to table action on approving advertisement in MPHS Gymnasium. Roll call vote. Answering aye: Aaron Wilham, Jeff Beccue, Deanne Mott, Charlie Hickey, Ashley Combs, Eric Cowan, and Doug Martin. No nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Beccue, second by Charlie Hickey, to adjourn at 8:43 P.M. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



Anna Beckers
Recording Board Secretary

