



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
May 21, 2007
119H
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M.

President Dan Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members answering roll call were: Ron Copenhaver, Greg Backes, Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart, and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Jerry Pepple, Vocational Director Rob Knutson, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, representatives of the media, representatives of SOCS, an online service, and other guests.

Recognition of Public Comments:

There were no comments.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes – Open and Closed Session minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting on April 26, 2007. Open minutes from Special Open Session on May 3, 2007
- B. Bills
- C. Treasurer's Report

Corrections were noted: Closed Session April 26, change Doug to Dan Hoffman, Open Session minutes from April 26, the meeting was in 119H not the Cafeteria Annex, and Rebekah Reyling is a French teacher.

Copenhaver made a motion to accept the consent agenda with the corrections with a second by Backes.

Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None Motion Carried

Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent

- Milt stated the members of the technology report were present and wanted the Board to be aware they are working on the technology plan.
- Through the Cargill Community Scholarship Library grant, the Mt. Vernon Township High School library received \$200.00.
- FFA won 2nd place in state heritage competition. Four students and chaperones have been awarded an all expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. June 25 through July 2 and July 8 through July 13.
- Teacher Megan Clodi announced the school had received the Facilities of the Year award from II Special Olympics. She thanked those who helped and organized students in the Special Olympics.
Antonio Moore, a sophomore student was present with Clodi. He will represent Illinois in China this summer and with the TeamUSA in Tennessee.
- Milt mentioned graduation and verified which board members would attend.
- Milt stated before the next board meeting the board will receive information regarding the Triple I conference in Chicago.

Old Business: 14:19

Student accident coverage (update)

After a short discussion, Backes made a motion to approve the full student accident coverage from 1st Agency at a cost of \$39,879; to make parents aware that if they drop their coverage there will be a 6 month waiting period and to get the school through this year until the board can further examine this, with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart
Hoffman

No - None Motion Carried

Policy committee -2nd reading on committee usage

There was no discussion. Garrett made a motion to accept the recommendations of the policy committee with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Garrett, Copenhaver, Backes, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart
Hoffman

No - None Motion Carried

New Business:

6.1 SOCS demonstration (Simplified Online Communication System)

Milt mentioned this software was designed as a link between the school, student and parents. Dr. F. Larry Copes and associate presented a demonstration of the software. This will be voted on in item 6.19.

6.2 Approve Connie Harre-Blair to continue as girls track and girls cross country coach (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve Harre-Blair continuing as girls track and girls cross country coach with a second by Backes.

Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart
Hoffman.

No - None Motion Carried

6.3 Approve bids for grain products, dairy products, pizza products (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the grain, dairy, and pizza bids with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart
Hoffman.

No - None Motion Carried

6.4 Approve roof bids for A building (discussion/action)

Rick Kirkpatrick passed out roof bids and alternative bids for *Building “A” Re-roof project*. There were four bidders, Martinsville Roofing, D.E. Martin Roofing, Kehrer Brothers Roofing and Geissler Roofing. The low bid was Martinsville Roofing with a bid of \$82,902.00 and an alternate of \$29,706.00.

The funds will be out of next fiscal year’s levy.

Backes made a motion to approve the roof bids with a second by Stewart.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne,
Hoffman.

No - None **Motion Carried**

6.5 Approve new date for monthly board meeting (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to move the monthly board meeting to the 3rd Tuesday in the month from the 3rd Monday with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart Hoffman.

No - None **Motion Carried**

6.6 Approve IMRF resolution (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the IMRF resolution of a rollover with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart Hoffman.

No - None **Motion Carried**

6.7 1st reading of new policy updates (discussion)

Milt mentioned these were the recommendations of the policy committee. Second reading will be at the June 2007 board meeting.

6.8 Approve amended calendar for 2006-2007 school year (discussion/action)

Milt stated the last day of school would move to May 23 because of a snow day.

Goodwine made a motion to approve the amended calendar with a second by Stewart.

Roll Call: Yes – Goodwine, Stewart, Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne and Hoffman

No - None **Motion Carried**

6.9 Discussion of ideas for change of handbook concerns: ID badges, Tardies, Sub Deb initiation, children bringing their children to school and student rewards (discussion/action)

- Milt stated the school has a policy regarding secret societies. A goal for next year is to eliminate Sub Deb initiation.
- There are a large number of students who have had babies and are bringing them to school. The school will inform the *student* parents, as well as the *parents* of students, that the babies will not be allowed to come to school, nor will the staff encourage the students to bring their babies. The school does have a child care program that is open to the public.
- Melanie Gulley explained the proposed incentives for attendance and tardies, and ID expectations for 2007-2008 that she and Ron Daniels had drafted. They are asking for an initial funding amount of \$5,000 for the 2007-2008 school year. Evaluation will be by attendance, grades, and feedback from students.
- Goodheart explained the ID badge procedure. Students are scanning the ID's and making them at home, businesses are making them, and non students are wearing them. Teachers would like to go back to students carrying their ID's rather than wearing them because so many students are being sent out of the classroom and roaming the school grounds.

Garrett made a motion to approve the carrying of student ID's, and for the ID's to be produced at the request of staff members with a second by Stewart.

Roll Call: Yes – Garrett, Stewart, Backes, Copenhaver, Goodwine, Hawthorne and Hoffman.

No - None **Motion Carried**

Goodheart explained the proposed tardy policy for 2007-2008. Discussion followed centering on the punishment resulting from tardies and referrals

Backes made a motion to accept the policy as written with the exception of the 15th through the 25th tardy being one day out of school suspension and at the 25th tardy the student would meet with the school board, with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No - Garrett **Motion Carried**

6.10 Discussion of fees for 2007-2008 school year. (discussion)

Milt explained he would like to recommend a \$10 increase for book fees and that each student would pay only one fee for Athletics and Extracurricular. For example a student who is in three different activities would pay only \$25.00 instead of \$75.00. This will be brought back and discussed at the June 2007 meeting.

6.11 Discussion of dual credit courses with Rend Lake College (discussion/action)

After discussion the recommendation was to continue with dual credit classes the school has now and table the other classes. The school will put together a committee to talk with Rend Lake College about the dual credit. Copenhaver and Backes volunteered to serve on this committee.

6.12 Approve student teacher resolution from SIU (action)

Backes made a motion to approve the student teacher resolution from SIU with a second by Goodwine

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

6.13 Approve track team summer trip to Holiday World (discussion/action)

No cost to the school for this trip.

Backes made a motion to approve the track team trip with a second by Copenhaver

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

6.14 Approve hiring of new staff (discussion/action)

Milt mentioned a change in the personnel list given out in the board packet. Jill Clements, science teacher, has taken a position at another location, which means the school will still have an open science position.

Milt gave the following recommendations of hires: Diane Todd, Science; Cheryl Boyd, Business, Julie Hayes, Business; Kendra Cagle, Family Consumer Science; John McGhee, Music; John Goodisky, Social Science.

Backes made a motion to hire Diane Todd as a Science teacher with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

Copenhaver made a motion to hire Cheryl Boyd as an Business teacher with a second by Backes.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

Goodwine made a motion to hire Julie Hayes as a Business teacher with a second by Copenhaver

Roll Call: Yes –Goodwine, Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

Stewart made a motion to hire Kendra Cagle as Family Consumer Science teacher with a second by Backes.

Roll Call: Yes – Stewart, Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

Garrett made a motion to hire John McGhee as Music teacher with a second by Stewart.

Roll Call: Yes – Garrett, Stewart, Backes, Copenhaver, Goodwine, Hawthorne,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

Backes made a motion to hire John Goodisky as Social Science teacher with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

6.15 Discussion of folding machine for print shop (discussion/action)

After a short discussion Goodwine made a motion to order the electronic folding machine from Pitney Bowes at a cost of \$4,003.00 and annual maintenance agreement of \$428.40, with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes –Goodwine, Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

6.16 Approve smart board technology for classrooms (discussion/action)

Milt mentioned two bids have been received for the board to approve. CIM Audio Visual for \$13, 875.00 for wireless CPS chalkboards and classroom performance systems, for the first phase of technology in the science classrooms.

Garrett made a motion to approve the expense with a second by Backes

Roll Call: Yes – Garrett, Backes, Copenhaver, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No **Motion Carried**

Bid from Conference Technology for the smart board technology in the amount of \$50,507.00

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the bid with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Goodwine, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No

Motion Carried

6.17 Discussion of North Central Association report on school improvement

Milt discussed with the board the report from the North Central Association for our school improvement.

Milt will give updates and reports to the board each month.

6.18 Discussion of P/T technology person for summer installation (discussion/action)

Milt stated he would like to hire a part-time technology person for the summer to help with installation of software.

Goodwine made a motion to hire a part-time technology person with a second by Copenhaver

Roll Call: Yes – Goodwine, Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No

Motion Carried

6.19 Discussion of SOCS program (discussion/action)

Milt stated he liked the communication that would come from this program for parents and staff. Over time this could replace the Ram-o-Gram and other paper brochures and also our web page. At this time we have around 75% of the parent population with home or work e-mail.

Backes made a motion to approve a one year usage of the SOCS program with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No

Motion Carried

6.20 Discussion of class motto for 2007-2008 (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the motto “Life isn’t about finding yourself. It is about creating yourself”, with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No

Motion Carried

6.21 Discussion of supply budget 2007-2008 (discussion/action)

Milt asked the board to approve the 2007-2008 supply budget in the amount of \$155,689.00.

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the budget with a second by Backes.

Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman

No

Motion Carried

6.22 Approve assistant volleyball coach

Backes made a motion to approve hiring Kristen Kaskie as assistant volleyball coach with a second by Stewart

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman

No

Motion Carried

2. Closed Session: 10:15 p.m.

7.1 Closed session for purpose of personnel, and contract negotiations.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman

No

Motion Carried

Open Session – 11:40 p.m.

Backes made a motion to enter into Open Session with a second by Stewart

All stated Yes

Motion Carried

There was no action taken from the closed session.

8. Adjournment

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Copenhaver.

All stated aye

Motion Carried

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date