



Mt. Vernon Township High School  
June 19, 2007  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:00p.m.

Vice-President Karen Goodwine called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members answering roll call were: Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, and Jon Hawthorne. Absent were Robert Stewart and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Terry Milt, Superintendent; Treasurer, Jane Brown; Board Secretary, Shirilyn Holt, media representatives and guests.

2. Recognition of Public Comments:

There were no comments

3. Consent Agenda

- Open and Closed minutes from regular Board of Education meeting on May 21, 2007, Committee of the Whole Open and Closed minutes of May 24 and May 31, 2007.
- Bills
- Treasurer's Report

Holt mentioned a correction had been presented to the board from the May 21, 2007 minutes. Cheryl Boyd was hired as Business teacher not Art.

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

All stated yes

**Motion Carried**

4. Administrative Reports:

- Treasurer Brown explained the Income/Expenses and Cash Balance and the need to approve a resolution to authorize a tax anticipation warrant
- Milt mentioned the Master school board member activity summary mail from the School Board Association.
- Milt invited the Board to the retirement party for Principal Jerry Pepple on June 26 at Ryan's Steak House.
- Milt asked the Board to read the Internet Agreement Policy. A meeting has been set for July 12 at 6:00 p.m. with the computer technology committee. He will invite students and teachers. Milt stated the policy is very similar to the schools current policy, with the exception of adding:

*"No Child Left Behind" information; and that there will be penalties if the policy is not followed.*

Milt confirmed the policy states Internet usage should only be work-related and not for personal use. He stated as far as he knows this rule has not be followed. Garrett felt the school should not have to monitor "real-time" Internet activity of staff.

Milt explained he had met with Butch Wilson of ROE. There must be a monitor with the new "No Child Left Behind" guidelines, but it does not say who it should be. If someone's action causes the internet to crash, the school needs to know who that

person is. Milt stated he felt all were in agreement that if staff were at work, the Internet should not be used for personal use.

- North Central Study – Milt pointed to a handout regarding accreditation standards. He mentioned there are now seven different standards for school improvement.
- Mt. Vernon Police Department has apprehended the person who broke into the school. This person was not a student of the high school.
- Milt acknowledged the plaque from Special Olympics given to the Mt. Vernon Township High School.
- July 2 and July 3 all offices will be closed due to switching over to the new network.
- Milt mentioned our truant levels were not as high as originally reported. In the past reporting has always been by days with 18 days being chronic truancy. The report was turned in by periods not days. Milt will send letters home to parents whose students are missing periods.

## 5. Old Business

### 5.1 Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policy updates

Backes made a motion to approve the policy updates with a second by Copenhaver

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

No - None *Absent Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

### 5.2 Dual Credit

Milt stated he had not spoken with Rend Lake President Mark Kern at this time.

## 6. New Business:

### Setting of fees for school and extra-curricular fee

Milt recommended that the book fees be raised \$5.00 a semester for an increase of \$10.00 a year and student fees to participate in sports and extra-curricular would be capped at two per individual.

After a short discussion, Copenhaver made a motion to approve the increase of \$5.00 a semester, \$10.00 a year and reduce the number of fees to play per individual with a second by Backes.

After a short discussion, Garrett made a motion to amend the first motion to separate the two fees. There was no second to the amendment.

Roll Call on 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Hawthorne, and Goodwine

No - Garrett *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart*

**Motion Carried**

### Information on tax challenge of local property (discussion)

Garden Glen apartment has challenged their property tax assessment. Milt wanted the Board to be aware of this challenge.

### 6.3 Approve prevailing wage agreement (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the prevailing wage agreement with a second by Garrett

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

### 6.4 Annual nurse report (discussion)

Milt mentioned the report from school nurse Judy Knolhoff.

6.5 Approve hiring of science teacher (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to hire Tracey Shackles with a second by Backes.

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

6.6 Approve hiring of maintenance (discussion/action)

Garrett recommended the staff titles remain maintenance without the designation of HVAC or electrician.

Garrett made a motion to hire Jason Coffman as maintenance staff with a second by Backes

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

6.7 Approve hiring of maintenance (discussion/action)

Garrett made a motion to hire Randy Odle as maintenance staff with a second by Backes

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

6.8 Approve committee assignments (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the board committee assignments with a second by Hawthorne.

Executive Committee:

Dan Hoffman

Karen Goodwine

Building and Maintenance Committee:

Robert Stewart

Ron Copenhaver

Personnel Committee:

Pat Garrett

Jon Hawthorne

Policy Committee:

Ron Copenhaver

Greg Backes

Transportation Committee:

Robert Stewart

Greg Backes

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

6.9 Discussion and update of school improvement process (discussion)

Milt mentioned the English department had met to discuss school improvement.

Almost every department has been represented in the various meetings.

6.10 Setting of special meeting: overage of administrative cap, and building update discussion/action)

Milt mentioned the school had been notified by the State of Illinois that last year the school had exceeded the administrative line item for salary and supplies by 5%. Two choices were to amend or to have a public hearing. Milt recommends having a public hearing and asking for a waiver.

Hawthorne made a motion to have a special meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at 7:00 pm to talk about administrative caps and building updates with a second by Copenhaver.

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

6.11 Approve resolution to authorize a tax anticipation warrant

Backes made a motion to authorize the school to issue a tax anticipation warrant up to \$1.25 million with a second by Hawthorne

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

7. Closed session: 7:55 p.m.

Closed session for purpose of personnel, and contract negotiations. (There is no action expected from this session)

Backes made a motion to enter into closed session for the items listed with a second by Copenhaver

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

9:15 p.m.

Backes made a motion to enter into open session with a second by Copenhaver

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

No - None *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

8. Adjournment – 9:16 p.m.

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Copenhaver

All members present voted yes. *Absent – Hoffman and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

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Karen Goodwine, Vice-President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

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Date