



Mt. Vernon Township High School
July 17, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Cafeteria Annex
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

President Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were Greg Backes, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, and Dan Hoffman. Absent were Ron Copenhaver and Rob Stewart. Also present were Terry Milt, Superintendent; Ron Daniels, Principal; members of the school improvement committee, staff members who attended the model school conference and Board Secretary, Shirilyn Holt.

Consent Agenda:

A. Open and Closed minutes from the regular Board of Education meeting of June 19, 2007; Open minutes of Special Meeting of July 10, 2007.

B. Bills

C. Treasurer's Report

Milt mentioned there was not a financial report due to computer problems.

Goodwine made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Backes.

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

No – None *Absent Copenhaver and Stewart* **Motion Carried**

Administrative reports

Milt mentioned the various awards the local Mt. Vernon High School FFA Chapter had received from the State.

Old Business

Dual Credit - Milt has met with Rend Lake College and board members Copenhaver and Backes regarding dual credit. Milt read a letter of recommendations from Copenhaver. Items discussed:

- Lower the fee from \$5.00 per semester hour to \$10.00 per class
- Use the books from the high school when possible
- Rend Lake will break up book bundles
- Rend Lake will allow us copy rights for lab manuals
- Rend Lake will view class syllabus of our staff and their staff to compare how and where to teach a class.
- Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year the students will pay the \$10.00 rental of books.

This year the \$10 fee would be absorbed by our school because of the lateness of the time.

These classes added are not new courses, but classes that are being offered now. P.E. classes are also being offered.

Backes made a motion to continue dual credit with Rend Lake College and to institute a \$10 fee in the 2008-2009 school year, with additional classes in Science, Math, and Vocational as presented three months ago with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes - Backes, Goodwine, Garrett, Hawthorne, and Hoffman

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

New Business

6.1 English and Math committee

Teachers Ann Garrett and Dave Kassner presented information on school improvement activities.

6.2 Model School Conference

A presentation was given by teachers and administrators who attended the Daggett model school conference in Washington, D.C.

6.3 Area Vocation Center budget

CTE Director Rob Knutson discussed the area vocational center budget, which will be open to the public for inspection for 30 days. This will be approved in August.

6.4 Discussion of request to extend bus transportation contract

Milt stated there is legislation that will change the way bidding is handled. Beck Bus would like to extend their bus transportation contract. Milt stated Beck did not address the overage on diesel surcharge fees. Garrett stated the surcharge needs to be negotiated. Milt asked the Board to table this item until the August meeting to give Milt and the transportation committee a chance to meet with Beck.

6.5 Approve bids for grain, dairy, pizza, school supplies

Backes made a motion to accept the pizza bid from Pizza Pro for \$4.80 with a second from Goodwine.

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

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

Backes made a motion to accept the dairy bid from Prairie Farms with a second by Hawthorne.

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

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

Goodwine made a motion to accept the school supply bids offered with a second by Backes.

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

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

Milt mentioned the only grain bid was Wonder Bread.

Backes made a motion to accept the bid from Wonder Bread with a second by Goodwine.

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

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

6.6 Discussion of roof project and changes

Rick Kirkpatrick was not able to attend, but Milt explained the changes. Martinsville Roofing will provide a directly adhered roof membrane in lieu of the ballasted system. The substitution of the membrane system will be at no additional cost. Lipps Construction had submitted a revised cost of \$4,600 and Clinton Electric has given a not-to-exceed figure of \$5,000. The proposal to repair the cafeteria roof for \$5,463 should also be considered.

Backes made a motion to accept the roof project changes with a second by Garrett.

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

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

6.7 Accept resignation of maintenance employee

Goodwine made a motion to accept the resignation of Jason Coffman with a second by Hawthorne.

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

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

6.8 Set special meeting to employ an English teacher/maintenance personnel

Consensus was reached for a special meeting on August 2, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

6.9 Discussion of new technology plan with emphasis on user policy

Milt gave a short report on the new recommended technology plan. This will be on the August agenda for first reading and Milt will send his copy to the attorney. The board agreed they would read the policy and call Milt with questions.

6.10 Discussion of energy that could save money for the district

Milt discussed the options of the Illinois Energy Consortium or Glacial Energy. There was discussion regarding the companies.

Backes made a motion to use Illinois Energy Consortium with a second by Goodwine.

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

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

6.11 Discussion and making public of closed session minutes

Milt recommended making public the following closed session minutes and strike the names:

February 11, 2007, February 17, 2007, and February 26, 2007

Milt recommended keeping closed the following closed session minutes:

January 9, 2007, January 15, 2007, February 7, 2007, February 19, 2007, March 19, 2007, April 26, 2007, and May 21, 2007.

Backes made a motion to approve the recommendation with a second by Garrett.

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

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

Closed Session – 8:50 p.m.

Backes made a motion to enter into Closed Session for the stated purposes of contract negotiations and personnel with a second by Goodwine.

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

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

Open Session – 9:25 p.m.

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

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

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

Adjourn – 9:26 p.m.

Hawthorne made a motion to adjourn with a second by Goodwine.

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

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

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary