



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

1. President Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were: Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, and Hoffman. Also present were Superintendent Milt, Principal Daniels, Board Secretary Holt, visitors and representatives of the newspapers.
2. Recognition of Public Comments: There were no public comments.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes – Open and Closed minutes from regular Board of Education meeting on July 17, 2007 and Special Open Session on August 2, 2007
 - B. Bills
 - C. Treasurer's ReportBackes made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Goodwine.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart,
Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
4. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent
 - Milt stated he would like the Policy Committee to meet, because new policies have been sent. The consensus was to have this meeting on August 27 at 4:00 p.m. Consensus was also to have a Committee of the Whole meeting regarding copiers and other related items on August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.
5. Old Business:
 - 5.1 Discussion of tabled request for transportation contract extension (discussion/action)
Transportation committee is recommending rebidding during 2008-2009 school year and letting the current contract expire.
A short discussion was held regarding the contract extension.
Milt will call legal again and talk to Bill Beck regarding surcharge fee concerns.
Recommendation was to table this item until next month.
 - 5.2 Approve area vocational budget (action)
Knutson gave a review of the vocational budget that was presented at the last board meeting.
Backes made a motion to approve the area vocational budget with a second by Stewart.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne,
Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**

6. New Business:

6.1 Request of secure bids to fix electric power at football field
(discussion/action)

Milt explained the school does not have the capability to check underground for breaks. Clinton Electric found a break on the middle pole. The break is under the concession stand on the visitor side about 3 feet deep. Clinton Electric gave a ball park estimate of \$10,000 if we did the work and \$15,000 if they did the work. The school has a bid level notice at \$10,000. Milt mentioned AmerenIP had not returned calls from the school and Tri-County had not contacted him. The decision was made by administration that until the board meeting, the home games would be played on Saturdays.

Copenhaver made a motion to move the games to Saturday with a second by Garrett.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

The board authorized Milt to get bids at \$5,000 and under.

6.2 Request to secure new lights at football field (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to seek bids to bring the lights up to spec with a second by Hawthorne.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.3 Mt. Vernon High School budget presentation (discussion)

Milt gave a short presentation on the budget for the 2007-2008 school year.

6.4 Approve volunteer coaches for 2007/2008 (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve Leslie Metcalf as a volunteer coach for the 2007-2008 school year with a second by Copenhaver

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.5 Discussion of AYP scores and ACT scores (discussion)

Milt stated the AYP estimated scores are in and the school did not meet. The scores have fallen in Math and Reading. Milt mentioned the Board should continue to hold the school accountable by letting the teachers, students, and public know how important it is to meet. We need to have a plan in place if we do not meet.

The Board recommended meeting with the Board and teachers on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 6:30 in 119H.

6.6 Request to advertise for maintenance personnel (discussion/action)

Milt explained the school falls behind on painting during the day and needs to hire another custodian.

Consensus was that if the revenue looks better we will advertise, however this item will be left in the budget.

6.7 Request to advertise for special education aides (discussion/action)
Milt explained with the different IEP's which call for individual aides, he is asking for permission to advertise for three aides.
Backes made a motion to advertise for three special education aides with a second by Stewart.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garret, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**

6.8 Request to advertise for part time secretary to work with truancy program (discussion/action)
This item was dropped from the agenda.

6.9 Hire special education aide (discussion/action)
Milt explained Karen Hurst had finished working last year with a student and he would like to hire her for the 2007-2008 school year.
Backes made a motion to hire Karen Hurst with a second by Goodwine.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**

6.10 Discussion of tech plan for acceptable user section - 1st reading (discussion)
Milt explained the attorney has not returned the information he had sent. This item was tabled.

6.11 RFP development for school inspection (discussion)
Milt stated a sample RFP was included in the board packet. He mentioned there is no school construction money available at this time.

7. Closed session: 9:30 p.m.
Closed session for purpose of contract negotiations. (There is no action expected from this session)
Copenhaver made a motion to enter into closed session with a second by Backes.
Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**

11:10 p.m.
Backes made a motion to enter into Open Session with a second by Goodwine. All Members stated yes. **Motion Carried**

8. Adjournment – 11:11 p.m.
Copenhaver made a motion to adjourn with a second by Stewart. All members stated yes. **Motion Carried**

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary