



Mt. Vernon Township High School
Board of Education Open Discipline Meeting
September 27, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Hoffman who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, and Dan Hoffman. Absent at this time were Greg Backes and Robert Stewart. Also present were parents, student, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principal Mark Goodheart, and recorder Shirilyn Holt.

Garrett made a motion to appoint President Hoffman to preside over the hearings with a second by Copenhaver.

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

6:33 p.m.

Copenhaver made a motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of student discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) with a second by Goodwine.

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

Board member Greg Backes entered the meeting in Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

7:35 p.m.

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

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

Garrett made a motion that student 0927071 be found to have violated school rules by circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline with a second by Goodwine.

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

Hoffman explained to parents that the board must now vote to reconvene in Closed Session to determine what, if any, discipline might be appropriate.

7:39 p.m.

Goodwine made a motion to reconvene in Closed Session with a second by Copenhaver.

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

Board member Robert Stewart entered the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

8:05 p.m.

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

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

No - None

Motion Carried

Backes made a motion that student 0927071 be expelled for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, recommendation of attending safe school and a resource class at Kenneth Martin Center if possible, with a second by Copenhaver.

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

Abstain - Stewart

Motion Carried

8:15 p.m.

Copenhaver made a motion to adjourn the first session with a second by Stewart.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

8:24 p.m.

Neither parents, nor student were present at this time.

Copenhaver made a motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of student discipline 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) with a second by Goodwine.

8:35 p.m.

Copenhaver made a motion to enter into Open Session to determine guilt or innocence of student 0927072 with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

Backes made a motion that student 0927072 be found to have violated school rules by circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

8:39 p.m. Closed Session 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

Goodwine made a motion to reconvene in Closed Session to determine discipline with a second by Stewart.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

9:29 p.m.

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

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

No - None

Motion Carried

Backes made a motion to expel student 0927072 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, to be held in abeyance, and the terms and conditions of the abeyance be listed in the expulsion notice, with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Goodwine.
All stated yes

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary