

Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
October 16, 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 Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Media representatives, Treasurer Jane Brown and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.
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 September 18, 2007, September 25, 2007 Special Community Meeting, Special Open and Closed September 27, 2007 Discipline Hearing.
 - B. Bills
 - C. Treasurer’s ReportBackes made a motion to accept the consent agenda with a second by Goodwine. Copenhaver asked about an expense item from the Regional Co-op Fund, which was a payment for orphans to the ROE.
It was also noted the school did not receive a refund from AmerenIP.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman.
No - None **Motion Carried**
4. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent
 - Driver Education: Ideas for new rules and regulations
Milt mentioned starting January 1, 2008, a new law would mandate that all student-driving permits be held for a minimum of nine-months as opposed to the current three-months. Driver Education Teacher, Brad Pancoast passed out material regarding this legislation that will impact the Drivers Education program. The Driver Education proposal was to allow the 2nd semester sophomores to take their written and visual tests prior to January 1. As of July 1, 2008, no school will be allowed to use driving hours in the simulation lab in lieu of behind the wheel driving hours.
Consensus was to conceptually allow for the first group of students with this being an agenda item for next month.
 - Beck Bus
Milt stated at the last meeting he was asked to check into the bus contract. Beck has sold his company to Pete Settle from Ohio. Milt has checked with the State Board and our attorney, and both stated even though the company has been sold, the services can be extended, but the bid has to be published to the public at the end of two years.
 - Milt mentioned a Technology Update included in the packet from Assistant Principal Rob Knutson.

- Milt stated the board must officially approve the Application for Recognition of Schools. Milt mentioned this is a seven-item list and the school has met each policy and procedure and we are in compliance. These have been submitted to the State Board.
- Milt gave a short review of the School Board Conference to be held in Chicago, November 15 – 18, 2007.
- The school board association has offered eight different free board training sessions for schools not making AYP. They will come on site to do training.
- Milt has had three requests for students to be considered for early graduation. These will be considered at the November board meeting.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Approve 2nd reading of AUP policy for internet usage (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the Acceptable Use Policy with amendments by the attorney, with a second by Backes.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

5.2 Approve 2nd reading of Technology Plan(discussion/action)

Goodwine made a motion to approve the technology plan with a second by Stewart.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

5.3 Approve 2nd reading of Board of Education Policy updates (discussion/action)

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

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6. New Business:

6.1 Presentation of audit (discussion/action)

Jim Leuty of Krehbiel and Co. passed out copies of the audit and gave a short report.

8:15 p.m.

6.2 Closed session for the purpose of negotiations and personnel issues

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

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

No - None

Motion Carried

9:20 p.m. – Open Session

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

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.3 Approve MHEA contract for years of 2007-2010 (discussion/action)

Stewart made a motion to approve the MHEA contract for years of 2007-2010 with a second by Copenhaver.

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

No – None

Abstain – Backes and Garrett **Motion Carried**

6.4 Approve volunteer wrestling coach (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve J. C. Gaunt as the volunteer wrestling coach with a second by Goodwine.

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

6.5 Update on progress of Board of Education directives to study closed campus, uniforms, security up grades, and possible road closures.

Items mentioned:

- Milt stated he would put together specs for camera bids. December will be the earliest he can have these ready.
- Traffic studies are being completed by the City. There has been discussion of partial closing of parts of 6th street. The City attorney is looking into the 1000 ft safe zone area around the school.
- Approximately 50 people attended the community school meeting last night.
- Milt presented the flyer concerning the five town hall meetings regarding school issues. Step two is to draw conclusions from the meetings and present these to the board and the community. He mentioned we need to take our time and make sure it works. Hoffman asked board members to attend some of these town hall meetings.
- November 1 will be the next City, County and School Board meeting.
- Milt mentioned the lunch periods and that tardies were up Monday, but lower on Tuesday.

6.6 Approve establishment of financial review committee and date for meeting (discussion/action)

Milt would like a panel made up of two board members, teachers, parents, and staff to look at reasonable ways to save money and build up the school finances. He would like to establish a meeting date in conjunction with item 6.7.

6.7 Approve date for maintenance meeting to discuss school repair needs list (discussion/action)

The recommendation was made to meet on November 14 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to discuss, along with maintenance personnel, needed school repairs and school finances.

6.8 Authorize bids for FCCC license #WLX717 for possible leasing of license for commercial usage. (discussion/action)

Milt would like to work with Don Musick to establish a bid.

Goodwine made a motion to authorize bids with a second by Backes.

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

6.9 Establishment of discipline committee to review current handbook in relationship to discipline (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to establish a discipline committee made up of board members, staff, parents and students for the 2008-2009 school year handbook with a second by Goodwine.

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

Karen Goodwine and Ron Copenhaver volunteered to serve on this committee.

- 6.10 Establish salaries for 12-month employees and administrative salaries (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to approve a three-year contract and set the salary percentages of certain 12-month employees the same as the teacher contract with a second by Goodwine
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**

Copenhaver made a motion to set one-year contracts for superintendent and other administrators with salary percentages the same as the teacher contract and establish guidelines for administrators and board to set performance criteria for possible salary based upon contract development with a second by Stewart.

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

7. Adjournment

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Goodwine.
All members agreed **Motion Carried**

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary