

Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
November 20, 2007  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:00 P.M.

1. President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, Principal Ron Daniels, Treasurer V. Jane Brown, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

2. There were no public comments

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes – Open and Closed minutes from regular Board of Education meeting on October 20, 2007

B. Bills

C. Treasurer’s Report

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

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

No - None

**Motion Carried**

4. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent – Superintendent Milt mentioned the following:

- The Discipline Committee meeting will be moved to December.
- Dr. Martinez will be at the high school on November 27, 2007 for a town meeting regarding how the community can help. There will be teachers in-service for the staff. Milt invited the board to attend and hear Dr. Martinez.
- Parent conferences have been completed. Each teacher had about two to three parents visit each classroom.
- The November 26 discipline hearing will be at 5:30 p.m.
- Milt mentioned a city meeting regarding TIF on November 26.
- Milt mentioned Jessica Pilson, Nikki Prost, and Holly McKay were the newest National Board Teachers. A reception will be held in December.

4.1 Presentation of student access

CTE Director Rob Knutson gave a brief talk regarding the new high school website.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Update of driver education (discussion/action)

After a lengthy discussion, Garret made a motion to stay with the current system and not to give an early test with a second by Backes

Roll Call: Yes - Garrett and Backes

No - Copenhaver, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, and Hoffman

**Motion Failed**

Stewart made a motion to accept Option 1, which is to schedule a state rules of the road test date for mid-March for all of next year’s 1<sup>st</sup> semester sophomore students and a test date for early September for all of next year’s 2<sup>nd</sup> semester students with a second by Hawthorne.

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

No - Garrett

**Motion Carried**

6. New Business:

6.1 Introduction of Pete Settle (discussion)

Pete Settle new owner of Beck Bus was introduced. He assured the board Bill Beck would still be on board to run the local business.

6.2 Information from School Board Association in regard to Board of Education workshops (discussion/action)

Milt explained ISBA has workshops that the Board can attend. He introduced Bob Shanks who stated the Association will offer classes regarding schools not making AYP.

Goodwine made a motion to attend the workshops with a second by Stewart.

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

No - None

**Motion Carried**

6.3 Request for early graduation (discussion/action)

Milt stated there were five requests for early graduation. He read the letters from each student.

After discussion, Backes made a motion to allow the five students to graduate in December with a second by Copenhaver.

Backes withdrew his motion so that motions could be made for individual students.

Copenhaver made a motion to allow Danielle Lang to graduate early with a second by Backes.

Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Stewart, Hoffman

No - Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne

**Motion Carried**

Backes made a motion to allow Nicole Lash to graduate early with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Stewart, Hoffman

No - Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne

**Motion Carried**

Backes made a motion to allow Courtney Mateer to graduate early with a second by Copenhaver

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

No – Garrett and Hawthorne

**Motion Carried**

Backes made a motion to allow Crystal Lindsey to graduate early with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Stewart, Hoffman

No - Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne

**Motion Carried**

Backes made a motion to allow Kristen Duncan to graduate early with a second by Copenhaver.

Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Stewart, Hoffman

No - Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne

**Motion Carried**

6.4 Approve retirement of maintenance employee (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the retirement of David McNealy with a second by Stewart

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

No - None

**Motion Carried**

6.5 Approve resignation of Kitchen staff (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the resignation of Deb Brown with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

**Motion Carried**

6.6 Approve repayment of tax warrant (discussion/action)

Stewart made a motion to approve the repayment of \$1.2 million with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

**Motion Carried**

6.7 Establish day for truth and taxation hearing (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to have a truth and taxation hearing at the December board meeting with a second by Stewart

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

6.8 Approve Ohem topic for scholarship (discussion/action)

After a brief discussion Goodwine made a motion to approve the topic “The Effect of Immigration on American Culture” with a second by Backes.

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

6.9 Approve sponsor of Youth for Education club (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve Cleo Holt as sponsor of the club with a second by Copenhaver.

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

6.10 Discussion of school report card (discussion/action)

Milt led a short discussion on the school report card

6.11 Discussion of closed campus, uniforms, security cameras, and street closure (discussion/action)

Milt stated he had given each member responses to the closed campus and uniform surveys from the teachers. Before we send out an RFP the school needs to know exactly what we want. Milt explained most people want a closed campus, but do not know how to proceed. Milt stated he will ask the City to close down parts of 6<sup>th</sup> street from the auditorium to Casey street.

Garrett asked to review the policy on safety. How does the administration get the first responders to the correct buildings and how do students in wheelchairs get out of the buildings. Ron Daniels stated the safety committee has met and are reviewing the safety concerns that were brought up.

Board directive to the Administration is to enforce the policies that are on the books.

7. Adjournment

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

All members agreed.

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Dan Hoffman, President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary