



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
February 18, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

President Dan Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members answering roll call were: Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Ron Stewart and Dan Hoffman. Board member Greg Backes was absent. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, members of the media, representatives of FGM, guests and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.

Board member Greg Backes entered the closed session meeting at 9:25 p.m.

2. Recognition of Public Comments:

There were no comments.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Special Student Discipline Hearing Open and Closed minutes from January 14, 2008; Regular Board Meeting Open and Closed Meeting from January 15, 2008; and Special Open and Closed Discipline Hearing from January 30, 2008

B. Bills

C. Treasurer's Report

Stewart made a motion to accept the consent agenda with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None      Absent-Backes      **Motion Carried**

4. Administrative Reports

4.1 Superintendent Milt mentioned Robert Shanks of the Illinois School Board Association would conduct a board workshop on February 23, 2008.

4.2 Superintendent Milt stated the IASB Spring Dinner would be held at the Mt. Vernon High School on March 6, 2008.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Second reading of early graduation policy:

Milt asked for questions or concerns regarding the policy. After a short discussion Goodwine made a motion to accept the policy as presented with a correction from "of" to "if" in the third paragraph, with a second by Stewart.

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

No - Copenhaver      Absent-Backes      **Motion Carried**

Principal Ron Daniels passed out sample copies of the school improvement plans for the board members.

6. New Business:

6.1 Norma Fairchild spoke on behalf of the High School Foundation. She passed out information regarding their request to supply materials for the science laboratory. Some items listed were dry ice machine, microscopes, laptops and software in the amount of \$28,089.50.

Copenhaver made a motion to accept the foundation proposal with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Absent-Backes

**Motion Carried**

6.2 FGM gave a power point demonstration regarding the school facility survey. Superintendent Milt mentioned the board should wait on a motion to see what the total scope of the work will be.

The workshop meeting was set for April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the board conference room. The school improvement meeting was set for March 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

6.3 School Calendar

Copenhaver made a motion to accept the proposed 2008-2009 calendar with a second by Garrett.

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

No - None

Absent – Backes

**Motion Carried**

6.4 Employment of Maintenance staff

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the employment of Ralph Nabors and Mark Drennan as maintenance employees with a second by Stewart

Roll Call: Yes - Copenhaver, Stewart, Garrett, Goodwine, Hoffman.

No - None

Abstain – Hawthorne    Absent – Backes

**Motion Carried**

6.5 Employment of custodians

Superintendent Milt mentioned the need to hire a custodian because of the retirement of custodian Jerry Jones.

Stewart made a motion to approve the employment of Steve Fleming with a second by Goodwine.

Roll Call: Yes - Stewart, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hoffman.

No - None

Abstain – Hawthorne    Absent – Backes

**Motion Carried**

6.6 Employment of track coach

Hawthorne made a motion to employ teacher, Ryan Goodisky, with a second by Copenhaver.

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

No - None

Absent – Backes

**Motion Carried**

6.7 Course request numbers

Superintendent Milt handed out course requests and section numbers to the board.

6.8 Accept resignation of Art instructor

Goodwine made a motion to accept the resignation of Laura Coston with a second by Garrett.

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

No - None

Absent – Backes

**Motion Carried**



10:20 p.m.

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

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

No - None

**Motion Carried**

10:25 p.m.

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

All voted yes

**Motion Carried**

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Dan Hoffman, President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary