



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
April 15, 2008
Regular Open Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M.

1. President Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were Dan Hoffman, Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, and Robert Stewart. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principal Rob Knutson, Assistant Principal Mark Goodheart, Plant Superintendent Brian Rightnowar, MHEA President Jessica Pilson, representatives from the Register News and Morning Sentinel and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.
2. Recognition of Public Comments:
There were no comments from the public.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes – Open and Closed Minutes from March 18, 2008 and April 3 Special Meeting
 - B. Bills
 - C. Treasurer’s ReportBackes made a motion to accept the consent agenda with a second by Copenhaver.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
4. Administrative Reports:
 - Superintendent Milt mentioned the representative from CASA no longer wished to meet with the board.
 - The Egyptian Division Summer meeting will be held Tuesday, May 6 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon
 - Milt mentioned the correspondence that was included from FGM in regard to the meeting last week pertaining to fees and a service agreement.
 - Chapman and Cutler bond sells out of Chicago regarding the ¼ cent sales tax.
 - Judge Timberlake stated he would supply information regarding PBIS. Milt mentioned a PBIS conference which will be held in Rosemont, IL. Daniels stated there would be a PBIS conference on June 4 and 5.
 - Superintendent Milt mentioned the School Board association retreat and asked Board members to look at available dates.
5. Old Business:
 - 5.1 Student accident insurance (discussion/action)
Superintendent Milt stated he had talked with John Griesbach of First Agency regarding student insurance. Superintendent Milt stated his recommendation was the 70/30 plan which was the most cost effective.

Backes made a motion to approve the 70/30 coverage for at least a year with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6. New Business:

6.1 Approve student teaching agreement with Southern Illinois University (discussion/action)

Goodwine made a motion to approve the student teaching agreement with SIU-C with a second by Copenhaver

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.2 Information of closing of 6th street (discussion/action)

After a short discussion Copenhaver made a motion to approve the closing of 6th street with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.3 Triple I conference with delegate appointed (discussion/action)

All board members at this time plan to attend the Chicago conference in November 2008. Board member Ron Copenhaver volunteered to be the delegate with Greg Backes as the alternate delegate.

6.4 Approve IHSA membership (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the IHSA membership with a second by Stewart.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.5 Approve letting of bids for carpet in 119H and small area of coach's office (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the letting of bids for carpet with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.6 Approve letting of roof bids for G building (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve letting of roof bids with a second by Stewart

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.7 Information on employee insurance prices (discussion/action)

Superintendent Milt explained the rate increase. He also mentioned the meeting between the school insurance committee and Broker Diana Thomas set for Wednesday, April 16.

6.8 Granting of new tenured employees (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to grant tenure to P. E. teacher Jeff Lonnon with a second by Copenhaver.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

Backes made a motion to grant tenure to Special Education teacher Nancy Bequette with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.9 Board of Education approval of Ohem scholarship winners (discussion/action)

Milt explained the winners could not be announced until the bank accepted them, but the board could approve the winners. Backes made a motion to approve the scholarship winners with a second by Copenhaver

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

No – None

Motion Carried

6.10 Announcement of Outstanding Alumni and Distinguished Alumni (discussion) (discussion/action)

Superintendent Milt read the names of the 2008 Outstanding and Distinguished Alumni. He mentioned a program is slated for Friday, May 16 in the high school auditorium.

6.11 Accept resignation of assistant basketball coach (discussion/action)

Stewart made a motion to accept the resignation of Quinn McClure with a second by Copenhaver.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.12 Set date for policy committee to look over new policy updates (discussion/action)

Date was not set at this time.

6.13 Discussion of auction to sell many stored items in warehouse (discussion)

Milt mentioned having an auction in July to get rid of surplus items that are stored in the warehouse.

Backes made a motion to auction off stored items from the school warehouse with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.14 Bank resolution for issuing tax anticipation warrants (discussion/action)

Stewart made a motion to issue tax anticipation warrants in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 with a second by Backes.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

6.15 Football light update (discussion/action)

Plant Superintendent Brian Rightnowar gave a short update on new lights for the J.D. Shields football field.

After a short discussion the recommendation was not to update lights at this time.

6.16 Set salary for administrators

This item was held until after closed session.

7. Closed session: 8:15 p.m

Personnel Issues

Copenhaver made a motion to enter into Closed Session with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None

Motion Carried

Open Session: 9:20 p.m.

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

All agreed

Motion Carried

Backes made a motion to advertise for a Health Occupation teacher with a second by Copenhaver

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

No - None

Motion Carried

8. Adjournment – 9:25 p.m.

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

All agreed

Motion Carried

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

May 27, 2008