



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
May 27, 2008
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 present were: Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart, and Dan Hoffman. Also present: Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, representatives from Register News, Sentinel, WMIX, and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.
2. Recognition of Public Comments:
Steve Wallace, Board member of District 80 thanked the Board and Terry Milt for the help given during the death of a Casey student.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes – Open and Closed Minutes from April 15, 2008 and special open meeting on April 28, 2008
 - B. Bills
 - C. Treasurer's Report

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

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

4. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent
 - Superintendent Milt reported that the football lights can not be replaced by using Health/Life/Safety according to FGM.
 - A copy of the strategic plan from 1993-1998 has been sent to IASB representative Dave Love.
 - Superintendent Milt referred to the copy of the Alliance Report he had passed out to the Board.
 - Superintendent Milt mentioned an e-mail from an employee regarding a waiver that allowed teachers to enroll their children tuition free at out of district schools. Milt stated county schools are in the process of reviewing the information.
 - Reminder of meetings on June 2 and June 3 with Bob Love and Dave Shanks. Both begin at 630 p.m.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Second reading of student handbook (discussion/action)

Milt mentioned changes to the handbook.

After a short discussion, Copenhaver made a motion to accept the handbook as reported with a second by Backes.

Roll Call: Yes – Copenhaver, Backes, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - Garrett **Motion Carried**

5.2 Update of roof bids for G building (possible discussion/action)
Milt mentioned drawings would be available in two to three weeks.

5.3 Update of broad band radio license (discussion/action)
Milt mentioned the request for proposals was developed by Todd Gray, of Dow Lohnes, in Washington, D.C. After discussion Backes made a motion to approve letting bids with a second by Hawthorne.

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

5.4 Approve bid for carpet of 119H and coaches room (discussion/action)
After a short discussion Backes made a motion to approve the carpet bids from One Stop Flooring at a cost of \$2,824.80 for 119H and \$471.25 for the coach's room with a second by Copenhaver

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

6. New Business:

6.1 Presentation of School Reach program (discussion/action)
After the demonstration by Christine Skillian from School Reach Milt stated he was in favor of this program to reach the parents of students. The software could also be used for weather related issues and rumor's. Milt stated he is looking at a basic package at this time of \$2.25 per student for the first year and \$2.50 for the next two years.

Backes made a motion to approve the program for three years at a cost of \$2.25 a student for the first year and \$2.50 a student for the next two years, beginning in July 2008. The motion was seconded by Copenhaver.

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

6.2 Drivers Education proposals

Brad Pancoast was present to discuss options regarding driver education instruction.

Garrett made a motion that the students drive as much as possible, using weekends, after school options, without simulators and using existing staff with a second by Stewart. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Garret made a motion to table this item until June with a second by Stewart.

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

6.3 Appoint board member to serve on committee with other districts on sales tax issue (discussion/action)

Milt stated he would like Garrett to serve on the committee.

Copenhaver made a motion to appoint Garrett with a second by Backes.

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

6.4 Approve student teacher application with Greenville College (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the application with a second by Goodwine.

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

- 6.5 Accept resignation of Heath Occupations aide (discussion/action)
Goodwine made a motion to accept the resignation with a second by Copenhaver.
Roll Call: Yes – Goodwine, Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
- 6.6 Approve request of Mark Goodheart to return to classroom as teacher (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to approve this request with a second by Goodwine.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
- 6.7 Employee notice of intent to retire (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to accept the notices from Nurse Judy Knolhoff (year 2012), Family Consumer Teacher, Tena Dawson (year 2011), and CTE teacher Ken Feather (year 2012), with a second by Copenhaver.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
- 6.8 Information on AED purchase (discussion/action)
Milt mentioned this was informational regarding House Bill 1279 which requires installation of AEDs at outdoor sports facilities.
- 6.9 Release of short term school social worker (discussion/action)
Goodwine made a motion to release Sarah Smith with a second by Copenhaver.
Roll Call: Yes – Goodwine, Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
- 6.10 Letting of diary, grain, local school supplies, and pizza bids (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to approve the letting of bids with a second by Stewart.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
- 6.11 Discussion of 3-year plan calling for semi-closed campus, 9th grade academy, etc. (discussion/action)
Milt asked the board for guidance on how to proceed with information on the 3-year plan. The decision was to discuss this item in the board meetings with Dave Love on June 3, 2008.
Backes made a motion for the Board to give administration the authority to pursue concepts in establishing our school goals with a second by Copenhaver.
Roll Call: Yes – Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman
No - None **Motion Carried**
- 6.12 Policy updates 1st reading (discussion)
Question re 7:190 page 3 #10 In-school suspension, Recommendation to consider 10 school days instead of five.
First reading only.

6.13 Approve FFA state convention (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve FFA trip to the state convention with a second by Stewart.

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

6.14 Approve FFA trip to Washington DC

Backes made a motion to approve the FFA trip with a second by Stewart

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

6.15 Yearbook sponsorship and direction (discussion/action)

Milt stated he would recommend helping the yearbook at this time and would also like to work with the yearbook staff in the future regarding finances. Garrett mentioned the yearbook staff could work on how to keep the costs down and increase revenue.

Stewart made a motion to supplement the yearbook \$7500 this year and \$7500 next year with a second by Copenhaver.

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

7. Closed session: 9:16 p.m. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(10)

Parent request to address board over their student/Personnel Issues/contract negotiations

7.1 Anticipated employment action to follow closed session

Teaching positions

Special Education aide

Extra-curricular sponsor

Library clerk

Other

11:20 p.m. – Open Session

Backes made a motion to enter Open Session with a second by Goodwine. All voted yes.
Motion carried.

Stewart made a motion to hire Scott Gamber as head basketball coach with a second by Goodwine.

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

Backes made a motion to hire Erin Livengood as English teacher with a second by Hawthorne.

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

Copenhaver made a motion to hire Jeff Bourne as English teacher with a second by Goodwine.

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

Backes made a motion to hire Ann Perry as Art teacher with a second by Goodwine.

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

Stewart made a motion to hire Jason McFarland as Industrial Education teacher with a second by Hawthorne.

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

Backes made a motion to hire Tammy Martin as Health Occupations Teacher with a second by Copenhaver.

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

Goodwine made a motion to hire Mark Leahy as Special Education aide with a second by Stewart.

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

Backes made a motion to hire Trish Wagner as Rockin Rams sponsor with a second by Goodwine.

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

Stewart made a motion to hire Brittney McReynolds as Rockin Rams sponsor with a second by Hawthorne.

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

Backes made a motion to approve a 5% raise for administrators with a second by Goodwine.

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

Backes made a motion to add two years to Superintendent Milt's contract (bringing the years to four) and approving a 5% raise with a second by Copenhaver.

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

8. Adjournment – 11:25 p.m.

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Stewart. All voted yes.

Motion Carried

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary