



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
September 16, 2008
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M.

1. 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 and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, representatives of the media and guests.

Greg Backes entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2. Recognition of Public Comments:
There were no public comments at this time.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes – Open and Closed Minutes from August 19, 2008 and September 9, 2008
Special Board Meeting
 - B. Bills
 - C. Treasurer’s Report

Backes made a motion to accept the consent agenda with a second by Copenhaver

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

No - None Absent – Stewart **Motion Carried**

4. Measurable outcomes:
Superintendent Milt gave a break down of the August totals of measurable outcomes. 1381 students are enrolled at this time. Milt believes PBIS, visiting homes in the summer and the Attendance Office making home calls has helped with the lower total for tardies. The Board would like numbers on how many students are truant vs. the number of days truant.

	August	September
Tardy Comparison	Total Students= 722 Students with 1 or more tardies = 358	
Truancy Comparison	131 Days	
Average Daily Attendance	93.68 ADA 1241	
Financial Information		
PBIS Referrals	162 for 130 students	
Social Suspension	30 Students (All Truancy)	

5. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent
Superintendent Milt gave the following reports
 - October 2 – School board dinner in McLeansboro.
 - Friday, September 12 was the first PBIS drawing. 19 students received gift card prizes. Students are excited about the pride tickets.
 - Special meeting on September 23 to ratify the budget. Bob Shanks would like to present a two hour workshop that night.

- The contract for the math consultant is coming in the mail from the International Center for Schools, Willard Daggart. The lead consultant in Math is from New York and will spend 2 days (October 27 & 28) with the teachers at a cost of \$3100 a day plus expenses. The expenses will be paid by Title I grant for staff development and other state funds.

6. Old Business:

6.1 Parent request for class trip with approved days for missing school (discussion/action)

Milt explained the details of the trip to the board. Concerns were addressed regarding the expense of the trip and changing policy.

Backes made a motion not to approve the school trip with a second by Copenhaver.

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

No - None Absent – Stewart **Motion Carried**

6.2 Strategic plan: goal development and mission statement (discussion/action)

Hoffman read the mission statement and a short discussion followed.

Copenhaver made a motion to approve the mission statement with a second by Backes.

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

No - None Absent – Stewart **Motion Carried**

There will be a workshop on setting district measurements for Board goals on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.

6.3 New graduation guidelines (discussion/action)

Milt stated his recommendation was to stay with three students giving speeches during graduation.

The Board agreed with the recommendation.

7. New Business:

7.1 Presentation: Project Lead the Way (discussion/action)

Leaders of Project Lead the Way gave a short discussion and DVD presentation on the program. Mary Ellen Bechtel from the JCDC spoke regarding support of the project.

A short discussion followed regarding the program.

The Board directed Milt to work on a proposal and work out cost analysis, and what grants might be available. It was also mentioned to tie this in with the Math consultant work.

7.2 Approve contract with cooks, custodians, and maintenance (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve the ESP contract with a second by Copenhaver.

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

No - None Absent – Stewart **Motion Carried**

7.3 Accept resignation of lifesavers co- sponsor (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to accept the resignation of Hannah Rodgers with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None Absent – Stewart **Motion Carried**

Board member Robert Stewart entered the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

7.4 Accept resignation of clerk/typist for attendance (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to accept the resignation of Heather Taaka with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None Absent – Stewart **Motion Carried**

7.5 Approve volunteer football coaches (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve Neal Beatty and Jeremy Easley as volunteer football coaches with a second by Backes.

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

No - None **Motion Carried**

7.6 Accept resignation of special education aide (discussion/action)

Goodwine made a motion to accept the resignation of Jenny Campbell with a second by Stewart

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

No - None **Motion Carried**

7.7 Approve employment of speech and acting sponsor (discussion/action)

Superintendent Milt mentioned Sean Tolley was the other speech and acting sponsor.

Garrett made a motion to approve the hiring of Sheila Stowers with a second by Backes.

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

No - None **Motion Carried**

7.8 Approve letting of bids for pest management (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve letting of bids for pest management with a second by Goodwine. A bid notice will be put in the paper and there will be a public opening of bids.

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

No - None **Motion Carried**

7.9 Approve letting of bids for workers compensation, property, and casualty insurance (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve letting of bids for workers compensation, property, and casualty insurance with a second by Stewart.

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

No - None **Motion Carried**

7.10 2008-2009 budget discussion

Superintendent Milt stated he recommended putting the maintenance salary and the plant superintendent salary into the O & M Fund from the Education Fund. Custodian salaries would remain in the Education Fund. The resolution would be presented to the Board at the September 23 special board meeting. The Board agreed and asked Milt to bring salary totals to the September meeting.

7.11 Employment of social worker (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to employ Sarah Smith for one year as social worker with a second by Goodwine.

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

No - None **Motion Carried**

8. Adjournment 8:30 p.m.

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Goodwine. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Dan Hoffman, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary