



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
October 21, 2008
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M.

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

Recognition of Public Comments: There were no comments.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes – Open Minutes from September 16, 2008 and Workshop on October 9, 2008
- B. Bills
- C. Treasurer's Report

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

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine)

Superintendent Milt reviewed and discussed the measurable outcomes with the Board.

Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent

- Milt stated a gentleman whose father graduated in 1932 has asked to establish a scholarship for a senior student in his father's name. The donor has asked that his name remain anonymous. The scholarship is a \$10,000 endowment and the guidelines are set for a student with a physical disability who plans on attending college. Milt explained the scholarship could be given out this school year or next year.
- Mt. Vernon Conference on October 30 and 31, along with a social at the Holiday Inn on Thursday.
- The school is continuing to work on the FCC license with attorneys.
- Students and educators from the Chicago area along with Illinois Senator Kwame Raoul, have toured the Mt. Vernon campus. On November 17 and 18 several Mt. Vernon Township High School students and staff will travel to Chicago to tour schools and industry.
- Interested parties may pick up filing packets for the April 7, 2009 school board election. There are three seats available. The last day to file will be no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2009.
- Milt mentioned the copies of the students' 1st quarter grades. Milt stated 43.5% of students grades were A's and 26.8% were B's. The failing rate was 6.4%.
- The Math consultant will be in town on Monday, October 27.

Old Business:

No old business to be conducted

New Business:

7.1 Presentation: 2007-2008 school year audit (discussion/action)

After presentation from Jim Leuty and discussion, Stewart made a motion to approve the audit with a second by Backes.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.2 Presentation Odessey Ware: credit recovery options (discussion)

After discussion Backes made a motion to approve the report with a second by Copenhaver.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.3 Course title changes for CTE/new course

This item was tabled

7.4 Discussion of "Project Lead the Way" (discussion/action)

After discussion Garrett made a motion to approve with possible implementation in the 2010-2011 school year with a second by Copenhaver.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Copenhaver, Backes, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.5 Outcome of goal setting (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a combined motion to move the superintendent committees to Board of Education committees and set a financial committee meeting date of the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with a second by Stewart.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Copenhaver, Stewart, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.6 Approve SADD co-sponsor (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve Sheila Stowers as SADD co-sponsor with a second by Garrett.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Garrett, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.7 Approve Application for Recognition of Schools by acclamation (discussion/action)

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

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.8 Accept resignation of Business Teacher (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to accept the resignation of Paula Quionis with a second by Copenhaver.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.9 Approve employment of Business Teacher (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to approve employment of Rob Pipher with a second by Copenhaver.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.10 Discussion of sales tax referendum (discussion/action)

After discussion Backes made a motion to approve the administration to continue exploring the sale tax and report back to the Board, with a second by Copenhaver.

The motion passed by vote of five, with one abstention vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Abstain-Garrett, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.11 Report on school report card for 2008 (discussion)

Superintendent Milt led discussion on student progress.

7.12 Approve advertisement for special education aide (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve advertising for a special education aide with a second by Hawthorne.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Backes, Garrett, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.13 Date for next TAG meeting

Stewart made a motion to have a special meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., with a second by Hawthorne.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Hawthorne, Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.14 Policy review process with dates (discussion)

Superintendent Milt recommended the board members review the board policies section by section.

Garrett made a motion to set a schedule which will be developed at the next meeting or a special meeting, with a second by Backes.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Backes, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.15 Employ assistant softball coach (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to employ Kevin Braddy as assistant softball coach with a second by Hawthorne.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.16 Request to move November Board of Education meeting (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to move the November Board meeting to November 25 due to the exchange program with Chicago, with a second by Copenhaver.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

7.17 Employment of clerk typist for attendance office (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to hire Nakeisha Lash as clerk typist with a second by Backes.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

8. Adjournment – 8:50 p.m.

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

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman, Absent-Goodwine) **Motion Carried**

Dan Hoffman, President

Terry Milt, Recorder

Date