



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
November 25, 2008  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
7:00 P.M.

**Mission Statement**

*The Mission Statement expresses the purpose for which we exist  
and the functions we perform in a learning process.*

Mt. Vernon Township High School is a community including students, parents, staff, and citizens. The mission is to provide challenging educational and social experiences that will create in all students lifelong learning and responsible citizenship in a diverse and changing world.

1. President Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members answering roll call were: Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Dan Hoffman. Absent was member Robert Stewart. Others present were:

Superintendent Terry Milt	Frank Hartman	Jennifer Kassner
Principal Ron Daniels	Jessica Pilson	Brad Williams
Asst. Principal Susan Talley	Trish Wagner	Chad Curd
Asst. Principal Melanie Gulley	Brad Williams	Tesa Culli
Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt	Julie Shaw	Marty Pulley
	Paula Pulley	Lanny Shaw

Board member Garrett expressed thanks to everyone who helped with the Mt. Vernon Conference.

2. Recognition of Public Comments: There were no comments at this time.
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:
  - A. Minutes – Open Minutes from October 21, 2008
  - B. Bills
  - C. Treasurer’s Report

Backes made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Copenhaver. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman, Absent – Stewart)

4. Measurable outcomes:

Milt commented on the new set-up for the measurable outcomes which is on a spreadsheet and gave a short review.
5. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent  
Milt mentioned the following activities.
  - Property tax exemption notice from District 80 for their new office.
  - Guidance Director Gulley is working on 6<sup>th</sup> assignments.
  - Enrollment of the school is 1,314 students, 39 at the alternative school.
  - Congratulations to Science teacher Angela Box who is now a National Board Certified Science Teacher.

- Christmas gala will be Thursday, December 18 beginning at 7:30 a.m. in “C” gym
- A Finance Committee meeting will be held on December 11 at 6:30.

6. Old Business:

6.1 Sales tax information

Superintendent Milt mentioned the sales tax was defeated across Illinois.

7. New Business:

7.1 Closed Session: student attendance issue

Milt stated this item has been tabled.

Robert Stewart entered the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

7.2 Presentation of new IRS laws for 403B sheltered retirement plans

Milt mentioned changes in the IRS guidelines concerning tax sheltered annuities. Chad Curd of Edward Jones presented information to the board and members who were present at the meeting. Some of the staff present asked questions concerning their options.

Backes made a motion to use Hartford as a single provider for the sheltered retirement plans, with a second by Stewart.

The motion passed by a vote of 6, with one abstention. (Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman/Abstain-Garrett)

7.3 Employment of aide for special education (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to employ Heather Laskowski with a second by Goodwine.

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

7.4 Approve bid for insurance (discussion/action)

Milt mentioned there were two bids, Tedrick Insurance and Guy Wood. Milt recommended the school stay with Tedrick Insurance.

Goodwine made a motion to stay with Tedrick Insurance with a second by Stewart

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

7.5 Approve pest management bid (discussion/action)

Goodwine made a motion to approve the bid of Envirotech for \$400 a month with a second by Copenhaver.

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

7.6 School report card presentation (discussion/action)

Daniels gave a presentation on the school report card. The recommendation was to make no changes to the present report the Board had received.

Stewart made a motion to approve the school report card with a second by Backes.

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

7.7 Approve volunteer coach for boys' basketball (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve A.J. Rude with a second by Backes.

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

- 7.8 Approve topic for Oehm Scholarship (discussion/action)  
Backes made a motion to approve the topic “America’s Economy – What is the Role of Government?” with a second by Copenhaver.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 7.9 Discussion of RTI student interventions plan (discussion)  
Milt discussed the effects of RTI and stated he would bring more information to the next board meeting.
- 7.10 Approval of Band/Orchestra trip (discussion/action)  
Goodwine made a motion to approve the trip with a second by Backes  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 7.11 Discussion of levy for 2009-2010 school year (discussion)  
There was a short discussion regarding setting the levy at 15%. Milt stated there would be more discussion at the December meeting.
- 7.12 Discussion of math report and planning steps (discussion/action)  
Milt mentioned he had contacted University of Illinois and he will be discussing the options with different entities. After discussion Goodwine made a motion that all freshman students will start with Comprehensive Algebra and Physical or Biological Science with a second by Garrett.  
The motion passed by a vote of 6, with 1 no vote. (Goodwine, Garrett, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman/Backes – no)
- 7.13 Approve principal on signature cards at financial institution (discussion/action)  
Backes made a motion to approve adding Principal Daniels signature with a second by Stewart.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman)
8. Adjournment – 8:57 p.m.  
Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Stewart.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman)

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Dan Hoffman, President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary