



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
February 12, 2009
Special Open Session 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.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Hoffman. Members present were Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart, and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principals Rob Knutson, Tammy Beckham, Melanie Gulley, and Doug Creel, media representation from the Sentinel and Register News, and guests.

Resignation

President Hoffman read the letter of resignation from Superintendent Terry Milt. Backes made a motion to accept the resignation with regret, with a second by Stewart. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman).

9th Grade Academy

Assistant Principal's Tammy Beckham and Melanie Gulley gave a report on the Academy. Questions and comments were given by the Board members. Some highlights were:

- Students will be able to take some electives.
- Students would not be allowed to go off campus for lunch.
- Only students who are mainstreamed or supported by a resource class would be in the academy at this time.
- There will be four teams within the academy.
- Goals will be established for the academy.
- One Administrator and guidance counselor will be moved to 'G' Building.

Backes made a motion to approve the 9th grade Academy with a second by Goodwine.

Garrett made an amendment to the motion that it be delayed until all questions had been answered with a second by Stewart.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-4 (Yes-Garrett, Stewart, Hawthorne – No-Backes, Copenhaver, Goodwine, Hoffman)

The motion to approve the 9th grade Academy passed by a vote of 6-1. (Yes – Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman. No – Garrett).

7:50 p.m. - Closed Session: personnel – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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

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

8:30 p.m. – Open Session

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

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

Backes made a motion to authorize President Hoffman to find the most appropriate search firm with a second by Goodwine.

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

8:33 p.m. – Adjournment

Copenhaver made a motion to adjourn with a second by Stewart. All members stated yes.

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary