



Minutes of the
Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
February 17, 2009
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.

Appoint Karen Goodwine acting Board of Education president.

Stewart made a motion to appoint Goodwine as acting president with a second by Hawthorne.

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

Acting President Goodwine called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members answering roll call were: Greg Backes, Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Absent board members were: Ron Copenhaver and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, Media representatives, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, and guests.

Recognition of Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes – Regular Open Session Board Meeting minutes of January 20, 2009.

B. Bills

C. Treasurer's report

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

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

Measurable outcomes: Recorded on charts and graphs

Superintendent Milt gave a short synopsis of the charts and graphs.

Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent

- Special Education workload. Milt mentioned this must be in place by July 1 as an acceptable case load.

- Math Teacher/Chess Teacher Coach, Bill England spoke regarding the chess team's accomplishments this year.
- Varsity cheerleaders won first place in the State competition and the Jr. Varsity earned fourth. Coach Lisa Turner was elected to the ICCA Hall of Fame.
- The Girl's basketball won the first round in the Regional Tourney.
- The IASB dinner will be March 3. Milt invited Board members to attend. It was suggested we ask the candidates to attend also.
- President Hoffman has requested a special meeting on Monday evening, February 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:

None to date

New Business:

Request for chess to be added as an extra- curricular activity (discussion/action)

Chess sponsor Bill England was present to discuss school sponsorship for chess.

Garrett made a motion to approve Chess as a school sponsored activity with pay per the activity schedule, with a second by Stewart.

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

Request to update city softball field (discussion/action)

Steve Morris spoke regarding the school helping to update Lincoln Park. The cost would be \$15,000 over two years.

Garrett made a motion to authorize \$15,000 over a two year period for softball with a second by Stewart.

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

Approve two new student scholarships (discussion/action)

Superintendent Milt mentioned two new scholarships needing approval. The Everett D./Nola B. Greer scholarship and the Class of 1998 sponsored scholarship.

Michael Blakemore was present to discuss a scholarship from the class of 1998.

Backes made a motion to approve two new student scholarships with a second by Garrett.

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

1st reading of IASB policy updates (discussion)

Superintendent Milt stated one of the policies is not complete. 3.60 is missing a complete thought. He has a call in to the IASB regarding this.

Set graduation dates (discussion/action)

Stewart made a motion to set the graduation on May 23, 2009, with a second by Backes.

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

Summer driver's education (discussion/action)

Superintendent Milt stated the school would like to have 40 to 50 students enrolled this summer. He has talked with driver education instructors. Milt estimates the cost will be \$10,500. Simulation is no longer allowed and parents want their young people to have their licenses.

Stewart made a motion to approve the summer driver's education program with accommodations up to 50 students according to their ages with a second by Backes.

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

Student accident insurance policy (discussion/action)

Milt stated the plan did not increase and recommended approving the plan.

Backes made a motion to approve the insurance from 1st Agency with a second by Garrett.

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

Approve 2009-2010 school calendar (discussion/action)

Stewart made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 calendar with a second by Garrett.

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

8:20 p.m.

Closed session: Issues relating to personnel – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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

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

9:15 p.m.

Open Session

Backes made a motion to enter Open Session with a second by Stewart.

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

9:16 p.m.

Adjournment

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

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

Karen Goodwine, Acting President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary