



Special Open Board of Education Meeting  
February 23, 2009  
6:30 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 6:58 p.m. The following board members answered roll call: Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart, and Dan Hoffman. Absent board member was Pat Garrett. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principal Susan Talley and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.

Stewart made a motion to appoint school board president Dan Hoffman to preside over the hearings with a second by Copenhaver.

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

6:59 p.m.

Backes made a motion to enter Closed Session for the purpose of a student discipline hearing, pursuant to the open meetings act -5ILCS 120/2(c)(9), with a second by Goodwine.

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

7:10 p.m.

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

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

Backes made a motion to find student 22309 guilty due to the evidence with a second by Goodwine.

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

7:12 p.m.

Backes made a motion to enter Closed Session to consider appropriate disciplinary action with a second by Goodwine

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

7:30 p.m.

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

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

Backes made a motion that student 22309 be expelled from the Mt. Vernon Township High School for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year and also the 2009-2010 school year with a second by Stewart.

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

7:33 p.m.

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

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

Information/Hiring of Search Firm for Superintendent Search (discussion/action)

President Hoffman discussed different options with the board. After discussion Goodwine made a motion to hire *The Consulting and Resource Group, Inc.* out of Monticello, IL, with a second by Copenhaver.

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

President Hoffman called and confirmed the hiring with Don Pratt of Monticello.

Adjournment – 8:40 p.m.

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

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

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Dan Hoffman, Board President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary