



Minutes of the
Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
April 21, 2009
Regular Open 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.

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

1. Recognition of Public Comments:

There were no public comments at this time.

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes – Regular Open and Closed Board Meeting minutes: Regular meeting from March 17, 2009; Special Open and Closed meetings of April 1, 3, 4, 6, and 9, 2009

B. Bills

C. Treasurer's report

Garrett mentioned the April 6 minutes stated he was absent and he had attended the meeting. Stewart made a motion to approve the consent agenda with corrections, with a second by Garrett.

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

3. Measurable outcomes

Superintendent Milt stated attendance is at 90%, but social suspensions are going up.

4. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent

- Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. a company will be present to talk about software regarding the 9th grade academy.
- There will be a meeting concerning the student/parent handbook on May 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- Ticket sales for basketball were \$14,422.45 and wrestling \$800.50 for a total of 15,222.95 for Winter sports.
- Rend Lake College will offer summer school on campus. This will be a 60 hour sequence, with no cost to the school except maintenance.
- There will be a summer lunch program at the school again this summer.

- There are 92 senior students who owe money and will not be allowed to walk across the stage at graduation if their debt remains unpaid.
- Health insurance renewal single rates up 11%.
- Principal Daniels attended a North Central meeting in Chicago where the school received a banner for being accredited for 100 years.

5. Old Business:

5.1 Roof bids for G building (discussion/action)

Roger Greenwalt of FGM was present with information on winning bids. Joiner Sheet Metal had to withdraw their bid because they had forgotten to include some allowances. He presented information to the board with two new bidders.

After discussion Goodwine made a motion to accept the bid from Singles Roofing with a second by Copenhaver.

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

5.2 Driver's Education update/request (discussion/action)

Principal Daniels gave a short update on the driver's education summer program. He recommended filling the driver's education position. This will still be a savings of around \$45,000, but hiring of personnel will need to be discussed in closed session.

6. New Business: 7:20 p.m.

6.1 Closed session for purpose of personnel issues and negotiations 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

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

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

8:14p.m.

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

All present voted aye and the motion carried.

6.2 Employment of Science instructor (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to employ Travis McCollum as a Science teacher with a second by Stewart.

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

6.3 Employment of Spanish instructor (discussion/action)

Goodwine made a motion to employ David Edwards as Spanish teacher with a second by Stewart.

The motion passed by a 6-1 vote. (Goodwine, Stewart, Backes, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Hoffman, Abstain – Garrett)

6.4 Employment of Physical Education instructor (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to hire Katelyn Kombrick as a Physical Education teacher with a second by Copenhaver.

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

- 6.5 Employment of 2 Special Education instructors (discussion/action)
Copenhaver made a motion to employ Christi Julius and Andrea Felty as Special Education teachers with a second by Stewart.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Copenhaver, Stewart, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman)
- 6.6 Approve retirement of maintenance personnel (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to accept the July 1, 2010 retirement of Maintenance personnel, Norman Vance with regrets, with a second by Goodwine.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.7 Employment of District Superintendent (discussion/action)
Garrett made a motion to employ Mike Smith as District Superintendent as of July 1, 2009 with a second by Copenhaver.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Copenhaver, Backes, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.8 Discussion of cost reduction measures (discussion/action)
This item was taken off the agenda.
- 6.9 Approve WYSE sponsor and assistant sponsor (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to approve Tracie Shackles as the WYSE sponsor and Diane Todd as assistant sponsor with a second by Goodwine.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.10 Accept resignation of assistant volleyball coach (discussion/action)
Stewart made a motion to approve the resignation of Diane Todd as assistant volleyball coach with a second by Backes.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman)
- 6.11 Approve volunteer assistant football coaches (discussion/action)
It was mentioned there are 8 paid coaches and 2 volunteer football coaches.
Copenhaver made a motion to approve Marty Swartz and Anthony Lash as volunteer football coaches with a second by Backes.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.12 Approve assistant wrestling coach (discussion/action)
Goodwine made a motion to approve Rob Pipher as assistant wrestling coach with a second by Copenhaver.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.13 Request to seek quotes and purchase sound system for football field (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to seek quotes with approval up to \$15,000 and for Superintendent Milt to call board members with a final figure, with a second by Copenhaver.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)

- 6.14 Approve membership in IHSA (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to approve the membership in the IHSA with a second by Goodwine.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Goodwine, Garrett, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.15 Approve OEHM Scholarship winners (discussion/action)
Goodwine made a motion to approve the OEHM Scholarship winners with a second by Copenhaver.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.16 Approve date for special meeting for student discipline issue (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to approve April 30 at 6:30 for the student discipline hearing with a second by Stewart.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Goodwine, Garrett, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Hoffman)
- 6.17 Approve resolution to issue tax anticipation warrants for remainder of school year (discussion/action)
Milt mentioned his recommendation was borrow from a local bank *Community First*.
All Board members had copies of the resolution.
After a short discussion Backes made a motion to approve the resolution to issue tax anticipation warrants with a second by Stewart.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.18 Informational updates for 9th grade academy (discussion/action)
Principal Daniels gave a short update on staffing, lunch options, and curriculum for the 9th grade academy.
- 6.19 Approve letting of bids for milk, grain products, and pizza (discussion/action)
Backes made a motion to approve the letting of bids with a second by Copenhaver.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Goodwine, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- 6.20 Employment of guidance counselor
Backes made a motion to hire Sarah Watts as guidance counselor with a second by Goodwine.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Goodwine, Garrett, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
7. Adjournment - 8:50 p.m.
Backes made a motion to adjournment with a second by Stewart.
All present voted aye.

Dan Hoffman, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary