



Minutes of the
Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
May 18, 2009
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

President Goodwine called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were: Kim Alvis, Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Absent at this time was Jon Hawthorne. Also present were Principal Ron Daniels, Shirilyn Holt Board Secretary and guests

President Goodwine mentioned Hawthorne was at the HOSA initiation and would return to the meeting.

Recognition of Public Comments: Mrs. Stephanie Walters spoke regarding weighted classes and re-examining weighted grades.

Goodwine asked that this item be placed on the June agenda.

Hawthorne entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes – Regular Open and Closed Board meeting minutes from April 21, 2009; Special Open and Closed April 28, 2009; Special Open and Closed Discipline Hearing of April 30, 2009.
- B. Bills
- C. Treasurer's report

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

The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine)

2. Measurable outcomes:

Principal Daniels gave an overview of the measurable outcomes which included attendance, social suspensions, and discipline referrals.

3. Administrative Reports: Principal/Superintendent.

- Freshmen academy teachers are finalizing room assignments and policy.
- Mr. Knutson gave a short report regarding Health Occupations.
- President Goodwine mentioned the e-mail received from visiting Danville Freshmen Academy teachers who expressed their thanks to Mr. Daniels for driving them home after their van had broken down.
- President Goodwine mentioned a letter from Illinois State Board of Education stating the school meets the requirements for Special Education.

Hawthorne left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

4. Old Business:
None to date

5. New Business: 7:30 p.m.
 - 6.1 Closed session for purpose of personnel issues and negotiations 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
Alvis made a motion to enter closed session with a second by Davis.
The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine
Absent: Hawthorne)

 - 7:45 p.m.
Miller made a motion to enter Open Session with a second by Stewart.
The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Stewart, Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Goodwine
Absent: Hawthorne)

 - 6.2 1st reading of student handbook for 2009/2010 school year
Principal Daniels and Assistant Principal Talley gave an overview of the major changes in
the student handbook for a 1st reading.

Hawthorne re-entered the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

 - 6.3 Employment of Physical Education teacher
Miller made a motion to hire Cortney Denton as a Physical Education teacher with a
second by Stewart.
The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Stewart, Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Hawthorne,
Goodwine)

 - 6.4 Discussion of amended budget items for the 2008-2009 school year
Treasurer Brown gave a short report on the amended budget items.

 - 6.5 Appoint liaison for special education cooperative
Garrett made a motion to appoint Board member Carl Miller as the liaison for Special
Education cooperative with a second by Davis.
The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Davis, Alvis, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart,
Goodwine)

 - 6.6 Approve school theme for 2009-2010 school year
Stewart made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 school theme of "*High achievement
always takes place in the framework of high expectation*" with a second by Davis.
All members voted aye and the motion carried.

 - 6.7 Approve resolution for student teachers from SIUC
This item was tabled until next month's board meeting.

 - 6.8 Approve dates for IASB TAG workshops
The Board will look at dates in July.

 - 6.9 Set date for policy updates
Superintendent Milt will contact the policy committee for a meeting date.

6.10 Accept resignation of attendance clerk

Stewart made a motion to accept the resignation of Nakeisha Lash effective June 30, 2009, with a second by Miller.

The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Miller, Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Goodwine)

7.0 Adjournment – 8:15 p.m.

Garrett made a motion to adjourn with a second by Hawthorne. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Karen Goodwine, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary