



Minutes of the
Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
June 15, 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.

The meeting was called to order by President Goodwine who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were: Kim Alvis, Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Melanie Gulley, Assistant Principal Susan Talley, reporters from the Register News and Mt. Vernon Sentinel, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt and guests.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Administrators report – Superintendent Milt and Principal Daniels gave updates on the following:

- Fire Marshall Report – Superintendent Milt stated the report only found a few door stops and electrical cords. Milt mentioned what was needed. Fire detector – we are rated B
- District 80 back in line for construction grant. Milt has updated our file and we are back in line to receive any money to build or update.
- Roof project to begin next week
- Capital bill update – all department heads were called back to Springfield.
- Moisture problem in G Building around windows Hinds Environment came in for samples to check for asbestos
- Fris Inquiry – State of Illinois owes \$610,000 to us this year.
- Principal Daniels spoke regarding:
 - Dual credit classes. The school is working with Rend Lake College and next year Pre-calc will become a dual credit. Dual Credit acceptance does not require board action.
 - Math teachers have been meeting to develop curriculum.
 - Freshmen parent visits have begun.
 - Daniels stated PBIS teams are planning for the next year. This team will look at social, attendance, and emotional issues for the students. RTI is also in action. Testing all freshmen using the Aim project.

Old Business

Budget Hearing-7:20 p.m.

Davis made a motion to bring the budget hearing to order with a second by Garrett.

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

Milt mentioned the amended budget had been publicized for 30 days and that the school did the amended budget on the recommendation of the auditor. Superintendent Milt gave a report on the line items.

7:30 p.m.

After a short discussion Garrett made a motion to close the hearing with a second by Alvis.

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

New Business

Item 6.1, parent request to address board was dropped because the parent was not present.

2nd Reading of Student Handbook

After questions, it was noted that the agenda stated discussion only, so the approval of this item will be delayed until the special meeting.

Discussion of EBS radio license.

This item was moved up on the agenda. John Scrivner, owner of Mt. Vernon Net was present to discuss this issue. High points of the discussion were:

- The school needs more internet upgrades.
- Board members want to stay on the cutting edge and wondered when upgrades and faster service are available, would the school be upgraded to the best available service. Scrivner is willing to put language in the contract that states he would make sure we would get the value for our money.
- There were discussions regarding the need for a 30 year agreement. Scrivner will need to make significant investments over the next 10 years and needs security. A 30 year term is customary according to Milt.
- Milt stated he likes that the company is home town and he feels this is a better offer than a company we have not heard of.
- Scrivner stated he would like to come to terms with the Board now and has a \$3000 earnest money check.

Stewart made a motion to enter into an agreement to work with Mt. Vernon Net up to 6 months or sooner to work out terms. The motion was seconded by Garrett.

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

Closed Session – 8:15 p.m. – 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)

Davis made a motion to enter Closed Session with a second by Alvis.

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

Open Session – 9:35 p.m.

Davis made a motion to enter Open Session with a second by Miller

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

Approval of Amended Budget

Alvis made a motion to approve the amended budget with a second by Davis

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

Driver's Education Summer Program and 2009-2010 School Year

Stewart made a motion to give permission to seek bids on three vehicles and compare the cost of rentals with a second by Alvis. Milt mentioned he will deliver bids to the hometown dealers. The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine)

Principal Daniels then spoke on moving the Drivers Education program to allow half of the freshman class to take drivers education. He gave a brief synopsis of the cost of the Fall 2009 and 2010 Spring semester.

Resignation of Special Education Teacher

Alvis made a motion to accept the resignation of Melissa Cockburn with a second by Miller. The vote passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Miller, Davis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Goodwine)

Approve Student Teacher Resolution with SIU-Carbondale

Garrett made a motion to approve the resolution with SIU-Carbondale with a second by Davis. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

Approve Resignation of Speech and Acting Coach

Stewart made a motion to accept the resignation of Sheila Stowers as Speech and Acting coach with a second by Garrett. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

Approve Speech and Acting Coach

Miller made a motion to approve hiring Jeff Bourne as a Speech and Acting coach with a second by Davis. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Goodwine)

Approve Bids for Grain, Milk, Pizza

Miller made a motion to approve the milk bid from Prairie Farms with a second by Davis. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Goodwine)

Stewart made a motion to approve the pizza bid from Pizza Pro with a second by Davis. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine)

Superintendent Milt mentioned the cooks would like to continue buying bread from a local establishment.

Davis made a motion not to accept the bid from IBC Sales with a second by Stewart. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine)

Discussion of Stimulus Money

Miller made a motion to budget according to the superintendent's presentation with a second by Stewart. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Stewart, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Goodwine)

Discussion of Weighted Grades

Gulley gave a short report on other school's weighted grades and short discussion followed. Garrett made a motion to review weighted grades policy and bring the issue back in July with a second by Miller. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Discussion of Carpet for Administrative Offices

Alvis made a motion to seek bids for carpet in the administrative offices with a second by Davis
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine)

Accept Retirement of Maintenance Employee

Miller made a motion to accept the retirement of Calvin Hayes with a second by Davis.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart, Goodwine)

Approve Contract with Clerical Association

Garrett made a motion to ratify the MHCA contract with a second by Stewart.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Stewart, Davis, Alvis, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine)

Set salary for Administration/Non Contractual Employees

Stewart made a motion to set Greg Poole, Network Director's salary at \$42,000 with a second by Davis.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine)

Alvis made a motion to give the Administration a 2% raise with a second by Garrett.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Garrett, Davis, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine)

Set Special Meeting to Hire Attendance Clerk and Special Education Teacher

Davis made a motion to conduct the special meeting on June 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with a second by Alvis.

All present voted aye and the motion carried.

Approve Volunteer Football Coach

Alvis made a motion to approve Nick Bradford as a volunteer football coach with a second by Davis.
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine)

Adjournment - 10:25 p.m.

Alvis made a motion to adjourn with a second by Stewart.
All present voted aye and the motion carried.

Karen Goodwine, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed