



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Minutes of the Regular July 20, 2009
Board of Education Meeting

President Goodwine called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members answered roll call: Kim Alvis, Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Media representation from The Morning Sentinel and Register News, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt and guests.

Reports of Committees

Superintendent Smith mentioned there would be four committees: finance, building, policy, and curriculum. He recommended these committees be sub committees. The first committee meeting will be on August 10, 2009 with others on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Superintendent Smith gave a short explanation of the treasurer's report.

PUBLIC INPUT – No Public input.

STAFF INPUT – No Staff input.

BOARD INPUT – No Board input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal Daniels gave a recap of the Model Schools Conference he and 26 staff members had attended in Atlanta.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent mentioned the following items:

- The proposed Mt. Vernon Township High School Organizational Chart.
- A short update on the EBS license.
- Weighted Grades – Superintendent Smith stated he did not feel comfortable making a recommendation at this time. He would like to organize committees with staff and other stake holders.
- G building is clear of mold.
- Triple I conference information is included in the board member packet.
- State of the District report for the Board to review is included in the board member packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Due to an error in the minutes, President Goodwine asked that the June 15, 2009 minutes be pulled out of the consent agenda.

A. Minutes

June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting Closed Session

June 24, 2009 Committee of the Whole

June 24, 2009 Special Meeting Open Session

B. Financial Reports and Bills June 2009

Action on this item approves the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.

C. Treasurers Report

Action on this item approves the treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

D. Employee Letter(s) of Resignation (enclosure)

Action approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mary Fields as head cook effective June 22, 2009.

E. Illinois Association of School Boards Membership 2009-2010

Action renews the annual membership of Mt. Vernon High School in the Illinois Association of School Boards for a cost of \$3,828.

F. Board Committee Changes

Action is being recommended to abolish two existing board level committees and replace these with two new committees. The executive committee and the transportation committee would be abolished and a board finance committee and board curriculum committee would be established. The appropriate changes to board policy would be prepared for the Policy Committee to review as part of the second reading of policy revisions in August.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 4:00 p.m. Meet Quarterly

BUILDING COMMITTEE – 5:00 p.m. Meet Monthly

FINANCE COMMITTEE – 6:00 p.m. Meet Monthly

POLICY COMMITTEE – 7:00 p.m. Meet Quarterly

All meetings to be held in the Board Room

G. Establish New Activity Accounts

There is a need to establish two new activity accounts. One is an annual action establishing the junior class to begin raising and managing dollars for prom. The second would be a new account to manage funds associated with the new district PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) program. There are individuals wishing to donate dollars to help support this program which recognizes and builds on positive behaviors of students.

Consent Action Items: Establish a Class of 2011 Activity Account

Establish a PBIS Activity Account

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve the consent agenda items as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Davis, Alvis, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine).

ACTION ITEMS

First Reading of Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Updates

Action approves the formal presentation for review of board policy updates as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards. The proposed changes will be available for public, staff, and board review over the next month. A second reading will be held in August by the board after review by the policy committee. Final adoption would be anticipated on August 17, 2009.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Garrett to approve the first reading of quarterly board policy updates as provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

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

Review and Release of Closed Session Minutes – January to June 2009

Public School Boards are required to review closed session minutes bi-annually and to determine which if any may be appropriate for release for public inspection. A review has been conducted, and the closed session minutes from the following meeting dates are recommended to be released to the public.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve the release of closed session minutes to the public as follows:

APRIL 1, 2009

APRIL 3, 2009

APRIL 4, 2009

APRIL 6, 2009

APRIL 9, 2009

MAY 18, 2009

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

School Fee Schedules 2009-2010

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Miller to approve the 2009-2010 student fees schedules as presented.

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

Approval of 2009-2010 Coaches and Sponsors

The administration believes it is important for the board to have a complete coach and sponsor list going into the school year.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Hawthorne to approve coaches and sponsors for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.

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

Change of District Signatory Authority

This is the approval of changing superintendent signatory for transacting district business and district accounts. This action changes superintendent signatory name from Terry Milt to Michael Smith.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Garrett to approve adding Michael Smith as superintendent signatory for the district.

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

Prevailing Wage Resolution

Annually, public school boards must adopt and certify a resolution of ordinance and publish such stating the district is a prevailing wage governmental entity.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to approve, certify, and publish the prevailing wage ordinance as presented.

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

AVC Fiscal Year 2010 Budget

This is the tentative budget for the Area Vocational Center administered by Mt. Vernon Township High School. This will be placed on public display for 30 days and the final adoption would be anticipated on September 21, 2009.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve the AVC Tentative Budget with correction, to be placed on public display.

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

Purchase of New Identification Machine Equipment

This action approves the purchase of new equipment to produce student and staff identification cards. There will be grant dollars to pay for this action.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to approve the purchase of a new identification machine as supplied by Identocard Systems at a cost of \$3,558.00.

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

Rend Lake College Dual Credit Class Agreement

Action will approve the annual agreement with Rend Lake College to allow Mt. Vernon High School students to take college level courses and simultaneously receive high school and college credit.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Davis to approve the Dual Credit Agreement between Mt. Vernon High School and Rend Lake College for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.

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

Employment of Drill Team Instructor

The recommendation of the administration is to employ Lea Harris.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve Lea Harris as Drill Team Instructor for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Driver's Education Vehicles

The vehicle bids received were from Ford Square. The administration is recommending that the existing three 2009 Ford Escapes be purchased as opposed to either purchasing new or continuing to lease new.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to approve the purchase of three 2009 Ford Escapes with extended Premium Care warranties for the purposes of Driver's Education classes and district business for a total purchase price of \$49,170 as presented.

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

Approve Bids for School Supplies

Board members were supplied bid results from responding companies to provide general school supplies for the district. The companies selected were indicated in bold print

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Hawthorne to approve the bids for the selected companies to provide school supplies for the 2009-2010 school year per cost as indicated on the enclosed bid summary.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve adjourning the meeting.
The motion carried by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Stewart, Alvis, Davis, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine).

Karen Goodwine, President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed