



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
September 21, 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Goodwine who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were: Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Absent were members Kim Alvis and Cynthia Davis. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, representatives from Register News and Mt. Vernon Sentinel.

**Executive Session:**

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Miller to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:02 p.m. in accordance with school board policy 2:220 – E2 items # 1, the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee for the District to determine its validity: 5 ILSC 120/2C (1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; and #9, student disciplinary cases 5ILSC 120/2C (9).

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

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to enter Open Session at 7:35 p.m. to determine the guilt or innocence of student 092109.

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

Motion made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to find student 092109 guilty of violating school rules.

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

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Garrett at 7:40 p.m. to enter Closed Session to determine discipline for student 092109.

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

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Miller to approve moving out of executive closed session at 8:15 p.m.

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

**Reports of Committees**

**Finance Committee:**

GFI, Inc. New Copier Contract Presentation

*A presentation was given by representatives of GFI regarding the possibility of significant savings by ending our current Xerox contract and moving to a new contract with updated Sharp machines. A use/cost study was conducted by GFI indicating an estimated savings of \$98, 463 over a five year period. In addition to the savings, the new networked*

*machines would establish a strong technological foundation for additional monitoring and efficiency in this area.*

#### Review of EBS License Discussion

*Best final offers from three vendors were reviewed and were accompanied by a summary prepared by Todd Gray, district advising counsel on this matter. The consensus of the committee was that after weighing all factors and information submitted that Buzz Broadband submitted the offer in the best interest of the district.*

#### Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

*Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$348,394 and payroll in an amount of \$818,846. This included an amount of \$28,000 for compensation above contracted amounts through August 31 for a variety of reasons such as summer work, temp help during registration, overtime and meeting attendance. Discussion was held in continuing a critical analysis and monitoring of these extra activities.*

#### Treasurer's Report

<i>Beginning checking balance of:</i>	<i>\$1,218,924</i>
<i>Revenue of \$554,236 and Expenditures of:</i>	<i>\$1,168,523</i>
<i>Transfers from Savings of:</i>	<i>\$420,000</i>
<i>Ending checking balance August 31, 2009 of:</i>	<i>\$1,024,637</i>
<i>Ending savings and investments August 31, 2009 of:</i>	<i>\$922,395</i>
<i>Total cash balance August 31, 2009 of:</i>	<i>\$1,947,035</i>
<i>Total outstanding liabilities August 31, 2009 of:</i>	<i>\$1,702,937</i>
<i>Total unencumbered fund balance August 31, 2009 of:</i>	<i>\$244,097</i>

#### Activity and Revolving Funds

*Activity fund \$123,522 beginning balance*  
*Deposits of \$62,697*  
*Debits of \$7,111*  
*Ending balance August 31, 2009 of \$179,109*

#### FY 2010 Tentative Budget

*Discussion under the superintendent's report*

Attorney Don Musick gave a short talk regarding the board retaining Todd Gray as a lawyer. He suggested if the contract was approved tonight the board should also approve the fee of Todd Gray. It was noted that the actual contract was not up for discussion tonight. Recommendation was to move forward, contingent upon final language.

Stewart mentioned he would like to make sure the board is treating Mt. Vernon Net correctly. Musick has reviewed the minutes of the Boards action and it stated the Board would work with Mt. Vernon Net six months or shorter. All entities had the chance to submit a final offer.

#### **Building Committee:**

Review of Discussions

***Committee did not meet. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.***

**Policy Committee:**

Review of Discussions  
*Committee did not meet.*

**Curriculum Committee:**

Review of Discussions  
*Committee did not meet. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00*

**PUBLIC INPUT** – There was no public input at this time.

**STAFF INPUT** – There was no staff input at this time.

**BOARD INPUT** – Board Member Garrett gave a short update regarding the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. Vernon Conference.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

District September Dashboard Report

Superintendent Smith mentioned the Average Daily Attendance information from the Attendance Office and the department meetings regarding skill Target Development. There is a process for identifying intervention schedules for staff and departments. A Data Team will be lead by Asst. Principal Rob Knutson. There will be quarterly bench mark reports for the Board.

**B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

- G Building Update - “G” building air quality was retested and tests came back clean.
- 2010 US Census Complete Count Committee – District 80, Mt. Vernon High and other entities are working together to get an actual census count for Jefferson County.
- District Draft Goals - Core Beliefs and 7 board goals
- District Progress Report 1 - Operational Items
- Fiscal Year 2010 Tentative Budget
- Assurant Life Insurance  
Diana Thomas, our insurance representative has brought additional voluntary life insurance for the employees. She will address the staff as to the availability of this insurance.
- Law Alert regarding administrative salaries. This must be posted on the high school website.
- TAG meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The October 14 meeting is cancelled.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes - *August 17, 2009 Regular Meeting Open Session*

B. Financial Reports and Bills August 2009

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

C. Treasurer’s Report

*Action on this item approves the August 2009 treasurer’s report as reviewed by the finance committee.*

- D. Letter of Resignation Girls Softball Coach  
*Action accepts the resignation of Steve Morris as softball coach.*
- E. Letter of Resignation SADD Sponsor  
*Action accepts the resignation of Christina Renth as SADD Sponsor.*
- F. Letter of Resignation JAVA Sponsor  
*Action accepts the resignation of Hannah Rogers as JAVA Sponsor.*
- G. Letter of Resignation Special Olympics Sponsor (*enclosure*)  
*Action accepts the resignation of Melissa Cockburn as Special Olympics Sponsor as the employee is no longer employed by the district.*
- H. Letter of Resignation Teacher's Aide Position  
*Action accepts the resignation of Heather Laskowski as Special Education Teacher's Aide.*
- I. Employment of Special Olympics Sponsor  
*Action accepts the recommendation for employment of Kevin Braddy as Special Olympics Sponsor.*
- J. Employment of JAVA Sponsor  
*Action accepts the recommendation for employment of Anne Perry as JAVA Sponsor.*
- K. Employment of SADD Sponsor  
*Action accepts the recommendation for employment of Sheila Stowers as JAVA Sponsor.*
- L. Employment Teacher Aide Position  
*Action accepts the recommendation for employment of Tammy McGhee as a Special Education Teacher's Aide.*
- M. Request for FMLA Leave Teacher's Aide Position  
*Action approves the request for Margaret Stowers to take Family and Medical Leave for up to 12 weeks as allowed by Board Policy. Leave is effective August 31, 2009. Use of sick days and personal leave will run concurrent.*
- N. Application for Recognition of Schools  
*Action approves the annual application for recognition of schools certifying that the district is in compliance in the listed areas.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Executive Session Minutes of September 21, 2009**

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2009 executive session as reviewed.

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

### **Action Regarding Student Discipline**

*Action approves the two year expulsion of student 092109 for gross misconduct. Expulsion will be held in abeyance pending successful completion of high school in an alternative placement setting.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve the two year expulsion of student number 092109 for gross misconduct to be held in abeyance pending successful completion of high school in an alternative placement setting.

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

### **Second Reading and Adoption of Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Updates First Quarter 2009-2010**

*Action approves the PRESS summary supplied by the Illinois Association of School Boards of the policy revisions presented for first reading last month and the new policy on board committees. Action approves the policy changes to be added to the district policy manual.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Hawthorne to approve the second reading and adoption of quarterly board policy updates as provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards and a revised committee policy.

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

### **FFA Trip to Indianapolis, Indiana**

*Action approves Mr. Kabat's request for 17 FFA students accompanied by Mr. Kabat and Ms. Rogier to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 21, 22, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The costs to the district will be substitutes for the two teachers.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to approve the FFA Chapter representatives to attend the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 as presented.

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

### **Approval of Oehm Essay Topic**

*Action approves the topic for the Frederick Oehm Education Fund Award Essay from the list as enclosed in the board information.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to approve the 2009-2010 topic for the Frederick Oehm Education Fund Award Essay competition as "The Role of the Media in American Politics"

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

### **Copier Contract with GFI, Inc.**

This item was deferred until the October meeting.

**Initiation of Contract Discussions for Lease of District EBS Licenses**

*Action approves entering into contract negotiations under the parameters set forth under the EBS license lease proposal as submitted by Buzz Broadband and as reviewed by the finance committee.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Miller to approve acceptance of the Buzz Broadband EBS license lease proposal terms and to enter into negotiations of terms for a 30 year lease agreement. Negotiations and final contract terms are required to be completed by October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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

**Employment of Grant Funded Social Worker**

*Action approves the employment of an additional social worker which will be funded by the Truant and Alternative Program Grant.*

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Garrett to approve the employment of Lyndsey Moore as a district social worker. Employment is contingent upon sufficient grant funding.

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

**District Tentative Fiscal Year 2010 Budget**

*The final 2010 district budget has been on public display since last board meeting. There have been some adjustments made during this time frame.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve the Fiscal Year 2010 Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201 Budget as presented.

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

**AVC 2010 Fiscal Year 2010 Budget**

*Final copy of AVC 2010 Budget with corrections is being presented for approval.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to approve the Fiscal Year 2010 Area Vocational Center Budget as presented.

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

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Garrett to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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Karen Goodwine, Board President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

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Date