



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 16, 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Goodwine who led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were: Kimberly Alvis, Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principal Rob Knutson, Assistant Principal Susan Talley, Assistant Principal Melanie Gulley, guests, Media and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart 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.

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

Open Session:

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Miller to approve moving out of executive closed session at 7:45 p.m.

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

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$660,762 – this included Bond and Interest payment of \$291,715, P-Card procurements of \$4,613, and payroll in an amount of \$863,062. This included an amount of \$37,714 for compensation above contracted amounts through November 5, 2009 for a variety of reasons such as driver ed., subs, athletic workers, overtime, student workers, temporary help, and meeting attendance.

Treasurer's Report

*Beginning checking balance of \$1,558,311
Revenue of \$2,829,989 and Expenditures of \$1,528,438
Transfers from Savings of \$0
PMA Investment Transfer of \$0
Ending checking balance October 31, 2009 of \$2,857,433
Ending savings and investments October 31, 2009 of \$64,871
Total cash balance October 31, 2009 of \$2,922,330
Total outstanding liabilities October 31, 2009 of \$1,698,410
Total unencumbered fund balance October 31, 2009 of \$1,223,919*

Activity Funds

Activity fund \$188,431 beginning balance

Deposits of \$27,698

Debits of \$39,220

Ending balance October 31, 2009 of \$176,909

FY 2009 Tentative Tax Levy

The deficit reduction plan and three year financial projections were presented and discussed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee

The committee met on November 9th. Items discussed included: G building, boiler pump repair and costs, Health, Life, Safety report, B building elevator upgrade, school tractor mechanical issues, and the facility plan.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m.

C. Policy Committee

The committee met on November 9th. The committee, based on the number of updates to review and time allowed that evening, is recommending the adoption of all required updates and will review the remaining discretionary updates over the next month. The committee will develop a position in relation to those remaining updates for the December board meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

D. Curriculum Committee

The committee met on November 9th. The committee reviewed the status of the weighted grades calculation formula development which is not yet complete. The principal presented some initial information on library usage as part of the library study that is ongoing this year. Information was presented and discussion was conducted related to benchmarking of student progress including the current role of the data team and thoughts for the future. The principal presented a survey of classroom materials and textbooks. The information confirms that classes using individual books for students have materials for each student according to the principal. The status and timeline for the school improvement plan process were also discussed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input.

STAFF INPUT – There was no staff input.

BOARD INPUT – It was noted the Board would like to receive notices of any activities sponsored by the various school clubs and organizations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Parent Teacher Conference Report

Principal Daniels stated there were 381 parent/teacher conferences held. This was down 17 from last year.

Principal Daniels gave a short explanation of the 2009 report card.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- Bus Cameras – Superintendent Smith discussed the 17 proposed cameras and mentioned the expenses of the bus contract.
- Technology Department Transition Plan – Superintendent is getting weekly reports from Assistant Principal Knutson regarding the technology department.
- Lincoln Park Softball Field Renovation – Waiting to hear if an extension on the project is possible. Smith has met with the city and has an agreement to move forward with work in the Spring.
- District November Dashboard Report – Smith reported on the charts that were included in the packet regarding grades, social suspension, and disciplinary charts. It was mentioned class size should also be considered and reported in the comparison for class discipline. Assistant Principal Knutson discussed spreadsheets regarding student grades and test scores in Math, English, Science and Reading.
- Deficit Reduction Plan/Financial Projections – Excel graphs and reports were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

October 19, 2009 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

October 19, 2009 Regular Meeting Closed Session

C. Minutes

November 2, 2009 Special Meeting Open Session

D. Minutes

November 2, 2009 Special Meeting Closed Session

E. Class of 2013 Activity Account

Action approves a new account for the current freshman class

F. Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Activity Account

Action approves a new account for the PBIS Team to manage dollars used to provide positive behavior incentives for students

G. Financial Reports and Bills October 2009

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

H. Treasurer's Report

Action on this item approves the October 2009 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

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

Second Reading and Adoption of Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Updates Second 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. The policy committee is recommending the adoption this evening of the policy revisions which are noted with a check mark. These items, based on legal changes, are recommended for immediate action from the association. The non-checked recommended revisions will be further examined and discussed at the December committee meeting for recommendation at the December board meeting.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to approve the second reading and adoption of the selected quarterly board policy updates as provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards and as presented this evening.

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

Employment of Coaching Staff

Action approves the employment of Josh Reeves as assistant bowling coach. Josh is recommended by the athletic director and high school principal.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve the employment of Josh Reeves as assistant bowling coach.

It was mentioned that Josh Reeves would be a volunteer assistant bowling coach.

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

Employment of Reading Coordinator

Action approves the employment of Sheila Stowers as district reading coordinator with a start date of second semester. This position will be grant funded and will require the posting and hiring of an English teacher second semester.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve the employment of Sheila Stowers as district reading coordinator effective the first day of the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year.

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

District Commercial Property/Casualty Insurance

Renewal quotes were received from the current broker, Tedrick Insurance Agency. Also, quotes were received from Prairie State Insurance Cooperative. In addition to the savings indicated, the Prairie State quote also includes student coverage. This is not available through the current carrier and is currently provided at a cost of \$46,000 through an additional company. Based on the savings over this year of approximately \$38,000 and a savings over the existing carrier renewal quote of \$21,768, it is recommended that the district enter into a three year intergovernmental agreement with Prairie State

Insurance Cooperative to provide property/casualty insurance coverage. This action results in an estimated savings of \$84,000 over the current budget expenditure.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve entering into a three year intergovernmental agreement with Prairie State Insurance Cooperative to provide district property/casualty insurance coverage.

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

District Worker's Compensation Insurance

Renewal quotes were received from the current broker, Tedrick Insurance Agency and Prairie State Insurance Cooperative. Based on the savings over this year of approximately \$32,000 and a savings over the existing carrier renewal quote of \$15,377, it is recommended that the district enter into a three year intergovernmental agreement with Prairie State Insurance Cooperative to provide worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Motion was made by Hawthorne and seconded by Davis to approve entering into a three year intergovernmental agreement with Prairie State Insurance Cooperative to provide district worker's compensation insurance coverage.

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

Superintendent Smith acknowledged and thanked Brad Williams of Tedrick Insurance for his service to the board and the Mt. Vernon Township High School.

Tentative 2009 Tax Levy

Action approves the Tentative 2009 Tax Levy. The tentative 2009 tax levy will be available for public inspection and will require a public hearing for adoption. The public hearing and proposed tax levy will be published according to legal guidelines.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Miller to approve the tentative 2009 tax levy to be placed on public display with a public hearing to be held Monday, December 21, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with required public notice.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

All members voted aye. Motion Carried.

Karen Goodwine, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date