



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Open Meeting of the Board of Education
December 21, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Robert Stewart in the absence of President Karen Goodwine. The following Board members answered roll call: Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, Carl Miller and Robert Stewart. Absent were Board members Kim Alvis, Jon Hawthorne, and Karen Goodwine. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principal Susan Talley, media, guests, and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Miller to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:01 p.m. in accordance with school board policy 2:220 – E2 item # 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 item #2, collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILSC 120/3(c)(2).

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

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Davis to approve moving out of executive closed session at 7:52 p.m.

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

Reports of Committees

Finance Committee

The committee met on December 14th.

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$437,672 this included no Bond and Interest payment and P-Card procurements of \$8,047 and payroll in an amount of \$847,769. This total also included an amount of \$31,935 for compensation above contracted amounts through December 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 \$2,857,433

Revenue of \$712,870

Expenditures of \$1,222,061

Transfers from Savings of \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance November 30, 2009 of \$2,348, 242

Ending savings and investments November 30, 2009 o \$61,892f

Total cash balance November 30, 2009 of \$2,410,134

Total outstanding liabilities November 30, 2009 of \$1,698,223

Total unencumbered fund balance November 30, 2009 of \$711,910

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$176,909

Deposits of \$19,181

Debits of \$18,947

Ending balance November 30 of \$177,144

FY 2009 Property Tax Levy

A presentation will be given during the superintendent's report.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Building Committee

The committee met on December 14th.

The committee discussed the status of the G Building Roofing Project. Singles Roofing has informed the district that work is complete. The district is now waiting for FGM Architect to conduct a final inspection and provide certification of completion so the final payment can be issued.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Policy Committee

The committee met on December 14th.

The committee reviewed and approved for recommendation several of the remaining policies from last month. There are six remaining polices that have been determined by the committee to need some additional review before recommendation for adoption.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Curriculum Committee

The committee met on December 14th.

The committee discussed several areas. A new calculation process for the weighted grade determination was presented. Committee members and staff will continue to study the application of this formula for possible adoption next school year. Research was presented by library staff regarding interest and usage of our current library and best practice applications of libraries. The principal will provide information from some other districts. Also staff will provide input as to the alignment of library services with school improvement activities. From this information, an analysis will be conducted based on current practice and best practice to design a standards based proposal

that supports needed school improvement activities. The principal presented the school improvement plan highlights. Finally, a structure for a data based student academic intervention process was presented. This process will begin in opening stages in January.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input.

STAFF INPUT –

FFA Sponsor and Students:

Teachers John Kabat and Cherie Rogier and students gave a presentation regarding attendance of the local Chapter at the National FFA Convention.

Educational Support Personnel Local 4818 IEA – NEA Scholarship

A representative of the Custodial and Maintenance Union will outline a proposed scholarship the local wishes to award annually to a deserving student(s).

BOARD INPUT - There was no Board input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal Ron Daniels gave a report on the School Improvement Plan

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Smith spoke regarding the November dashboard.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

November 16th, 2009 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

November 16th, 2009 Regular Meeting Closed Session

C. 2009 School Report Card

D. School Improvement Plan

E. Financial Reports and Bills November 2009

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

F. Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

Second Reading and Adoption of Illinois Association of School Boards Selected Policy Updates for the Second Quarter 2009-2010

Action approves portions of the PRESS summary supplied by the Illinois Association of School Boards of some selected policy revisions presented for first reading last month. Last month, the policy committee recommended the adoption of certain policy revisions which were noted with a check mark in the enclosure. These were items were recommended for immediate action from the IASB. The non-checked items in last month's packet were recommended revisions which needed further review by the committee. These remaining updates from last month have now been further examined and discussed by the committee. The enclosed policies are being recommended for adoption this evening. As mentioned in the Policy Committee report, there are six remaining policy revisions still under review.

Motion was made by Davis 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 Board as presented this evening.

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

Employment of English Teacher

Davis made a motion that no action would be taken at this time concerning the employment of an English Teacher with a second by Garrett.

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

Release of Executive Session Minutes: July 2009 through December 2009.

The Closed Executive Session Minutes from July 16, August 17, September 21, October 13, October 19, November 2, and November 16, 2009 have been reviewed. Based on the specific content of these minutes, it is recommended that none of these minutes be released for public inspection at this time.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis not to release any of the closed executive session minutes for the dates reviewed at this time.

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

Intervention in Pending Assessment Appeal of Developers Diversified

After a short discussion Acting President Stewart read the resolution.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Davis to approve the authorizing of intervention in the pending assessment appeal of Developers Diversified as per the resolution.

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

Bus Contract Extension

Last month a renewal quote was presented as received from Beck Bus for a one year renewal of the current bus service contract. The quote also had an allowance per gallon of fuel increase of 12.6 percent as indicated. Based on an overall increase of 1.5 % when the fuel allowance increase is factored in, it is being recommended that the district extend the current bus service contract with Beck Bus for one year.

After a short discussion of the contract contents a motion was made by Davis and seconded by Miller to approve a one year extension of the current bus service contract with Beck Bus Transportation Corporation under the terms and conditions as presented.

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

2009 Property Tax Levy

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve the 2009 property tax levy as per the resolution read by Acting President Stewart.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Miller to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

All Board members present voted aye. Motion Carried

Robert Stewart, Acting President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed