



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 15, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Davis to appoint Robert Stewart as president pro tem.

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

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve moving the board meeting to the cafeteria.

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

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Alvis to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:03 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.

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

Open Session:

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve moving out of executive closed session at 7:22 p.m.

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

Change agenda

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Miller to approve changing the agenda to allow Superintendent Smith to give his report before the public and staff input.

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

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

The committee met on March 8th.

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$749, 687.86 this included no Bond and Interest payment, and no P-Card procurements and payroll in an amount of \$701,043. 30. This total also included an amount of \$47,255.30 for compensation above contracted amounts through March 5, 2010 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$3,836,751.20

Revenue of \$683,017.34

Expenditures of \$1,208,444.57

Transfers from Savings of \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance February 28, 2010 of \$3,311,323.97

Ending savings and investments February 28, 2010 of \$59,218.16

Total cash balance February 28, 2010 of \$3,370,542.13

Total outstanding liabilities February 28, 2010 of \$1,195, 628.35

Total unencumbered fund balance February 28, 2010 of \$2,174,913.78

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$155,461.03

Deposits of \$14,006.39

Debits of \$10,265.08

Ending balance February 28, 2010 of \$159,202.34

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee

The committee met on March 8th.

The committee discussed Health and Life Safety upgrades to the buildings and the status of top priority upgrades as listed in the 2008 10-Year Survey. The committee also discussed the possible impact on the buildings and grounds as a result of discussed reductions in the areas of custodial and maintenance.

Next meeting: TBA.

C. Policy Committee

The committee met on March 8th.

The committee decided to review the third quarter updates for an additional 30 days and to postpone second reading and adoption of these latest updates until the April regular meeting. The committee also now has a second set of updates to review for first reading as well. The committee

also acted to utilize a student, staff, and community survey for a data collection instrument needed for the March 24th TAG meeting with the IASB.

Principal Daniels stated he had received an e-mail regarding the surveys and believes the results will be available within two weeks.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 5:00 p.m.

D. Curriculum Committee

The committee met on March 8th.

The committee discussed several areas. The curriculum alignment and prioritizing process underway was reviewed. This work is expected to be completed by the end of summer. The current identification of students for interventions and the format for interventions were reviewed. State test preparation activities were presented by the principal.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Sophomore Academy Status

Superintendent Smith stated the academy had been studied throughout the year. At this time after several months of study and consideration the recommendation by the administration is that the school will not pursue a sophomore academy for next year. The school will concentrate on the freshman academy at this time.

Financial Projections- Staffing Levels- Fees – Budget Reductions 2010-2011

Dr. Smith handed out financial sheets and gave a report on the finances and staffing.

It was noted that every student who enrolls for Art will be able to take Art and every student who enrolls in Music will be able to take Music.

PUBLIC INPUT - The following students and community members spoke regarding possible dismissals.

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| 1. Jeanette Straeter – student | 11. Adrian Breihof - student |
| 2. Victoria Lewis – student | 12. Ian Dodd - student |
| 3. Greg Patton – parent | 13. Cody Clark - student |
| 4. Brett Gibbs – retired teacher | 14. Bobbie Jo Staley - student |
| 5. Carrie Schott – graduate | 15. Hunter Quarterman - student |
| 6. Molly Burdette – student | 16. Kayla Burk - student |
| 7. Rachel Bumpus – student | 17. Clay Jackson – student |
| 8. Shaelynn Tice – student | 18. Katie Clark – student |
| 9. Ray Lewis – parent | 19. Cassandra Rowe - student |
| 10. Shaye Riley - student | |

STAFF INPUT – The following staff members spoke regarding possible dismissals.

1. John McGhee
2. Hannah Rodgers
3. Crystal Nowak

BOARD INPUT – None Scheduled Prior to Agenda Posting

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal Daniels gave a short report on:

- Nine students qualified to go to the State SkillsUSA Competition.
- Nine students Art work was admitted into the National Scholastic Art Competition.
- The Special Olympics basketball team won 2nd place in the State competition.
- The Rockin' Ram dance team won 5th place in Champaign
- Recognition to the cast and crew of the Operetta.
- The Vernois News staff won a Blue Banner Award at the Southern Illinois Press Association Winter Conference.
- The Yearbook staff won their 8th Golden Dozen Award.
- Alicia Sheldon won 1st place in Feature Writing.
- The Chess team won 4th place in a recent tournament.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

February 15, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

February 15, 2010 Special Meeting Closed Session

C. Minutes

February 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Open Session

D. Minutes

March 9, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session

E. Employ Head Cook

Action approved the official hire of Ellen Payne with a start date of January 27th. Ellen has been filling the position after the resignation of Mary Fields.

F. Skills USA Trip

Action approved the Skills USA overnight trip to Springfield, Illinois April 15, and 16, 2010. Students and sponsor will attend and compete at the State Skills USA Leadership and Skills Conference.

G. Financial Reports and Bills February 2010

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

H. Treasurer's Report February 2010

Action on this item approved the 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 passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Miller, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart. Absent was Goodwine).

ACTION ITEMS

A. Non-Resident Tuition Rate

The following action will establish a rate for tuition charge for attendance of non-resident students at the Mt. Vernon High School. The calculated rate from the FY 2009 school audit of instructional expense tuition for attendance in 2010-2011 is \$10,248. A second rate would be established for children of employees. This rate would be \$4,619.

Dr. Smith had a point of clarification regarding the second rate. He stated the second rate for children of employees of the District was arrived at by taking the average property tax, divided by the average daily attendance. State and federal dollars would be received for these student's and the parent's would pay the non-resident portion. They would pay the same amount, on average, that a local property tax payer would pay.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Alvis to approve the out of district tuition rates as presented.

The motion passed by a vote of five, with one "no" vote. (Garrett, Alvis, Davis, Miller, Stewart/ no – Hawthorne. Absent Goodwine).

B. Audit Firm

Requests for Proposals were sent out regarding qualified firms to provide the annual audit and annual financial report for the district. There was one response. The district's current auditing firm Krehbiel and Associates submitted the only bid. Action approves Krehbiel and Associates to provide auditing services to the district for Fiscal Year 2011. The proposed contract amount is a total of \$23,600. Last year was \$23,000.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve Krehbiel and Associates as the district auditing firm for fiscal year 2011 under terms and conditions as presented.

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

C. OEHM Scholarship Judge Approval

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Miller to approve the list of judges for the OEHM Scholarship as presented.

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

D. Early Graduation Request

This junior student is on track to meet all requirements as specified in Board Policy and as listed in administrative procedure and handbook provisions.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Miller to approve the early graduation request for Davianne Kirk pending successful fulfillment of all requirements.

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

E. First Reading of Board Policy Updates

The new updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards were presented for first reading. The policy committee intends to review the remaining outstanding updates from last quarter and the new updates for recommendation in April.

No vote was taken.

F. Honorable Dismissal of Certified Staff

Action approved the following honorable dismissal of specific certified employees of the district. Resolutions regarding the dismissal from employment of the following certified employees have been prepared and are presented for recommended action.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve the following resolutions for honorable dismissal of the following employees as presented this evening.

Release of 1 FTE Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher Position (**Jan Catron**)

Release of 1 FTE Social Worker Position (**Lyndsey Moore**)

Release of 1 FTE Library and French Position (**Rebekah Reyling**)

Release of 1 FTE English Position (**Lindsey Applebee**)

Release of 1 FTE Art Position (**Anne Perry**)

Release of 1 FTE Music Position (**John McGhee**)

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

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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

Robert Stewart, Vice President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed