



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 19, 2010
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Goodwine who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. With the absence of Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, President Goodwine called the roll. Board members answering roll call were: Kim Alvis, Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, John Hawthorne, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Treasurer V. Jane Brown, media and guests.

Superintendent Smith mentioned he had included, under item 5, individuals who would be addressing the Board. He also stated for reference purposes under 8.G, Action Items, there is an additional name and resolution. Smith stated he had included a third quarter district progress report, the latest FRIS inquiry, a list from the facility study, and the fund balance graphs.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Alvis to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:05 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. (Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine)

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Miller to approve moving out of executive closed session at 8:25 p.m.

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

President Goodwine mentioned the Board had decided to take action on the personnel items at a later date. She mentioned some action is anticipated in the future.

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee - Treasurer Brown presented the Finance report.

The committee met on April 12th.

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$1,203,047.79 this included a Bond Interest payment of \$47,995, and P-Card procurements of \$7,281.85, and payroll in an amount of \$702,302.66. This total also included an amount of \$50,674.63 for compensation above contracted amounts through April 5, 2010 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$3,311,323.97

Revenues of \$1,866,463.60

Expenditures of \$1,718,815.03

Transfers from Savings of \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance March 31, 2010 of \$3,458,972.54

Ending savings and investments March 31, 2010 of \$60,993.69

Total cash balance March 31, 2010 of \$3,519,966.23

Total outstanding liabilities March 31, 2010 of \$697,009.69

Total unencumbered fund balance March 31, 2010 of \$2,822,956.54

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$159,202.34

Deposits of \$23,895.15

Debits of \$28,215.08

Ending balance March 31, 2010 of \$154,882.41

In addition to the review of the bills, payroll, and treasurer's report, financial cash flow projections were reviewed as well as trend data comparing to previous years.

The issuance of a line of credit and a tax anticipation warrant were discussed.

A presentation was given by representatives of Bernardi Securities to outline the district's ability to issue up to \$1,000,000 in bonds for capital improvements through the county Economic Recovery Zone process.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee - Superintendent Smith reported on the Building Committee Meeting.

The committee met on April 12th.

The committee discussed building maintenance needs including Health and Life Safety Study A and B priority items which totaled approximately \$823,000. Also, heating and cooling control upgrades at \$125,000, the conditions of exterior doors, and needed upgrades to bell, alarm, phone, and intercom systems at \$150,000 were discussed.

Items not discussed – School Construction Dollars 2003 CDB List. No new information available. Item for May: Facility Feasibility Study and Facility Needs Assessment.

Building maintenance and custodial personnel needs were discussed as were campus wide supervisory, security, and management needs by non-certified personnel.

Next meeting: Monday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

C. Policy Committee - Superintendent Smith reported on the Policy Committee Meeting.

The committee met on April 12th.

The committee met and reviewed the two policy updates under the consent agenda for approval this evening.

The committee also discussed handbook and or policy changes needed to prepare for full submission of handbook changes in May or June. These included: P.E. credits for graduation, consumer education, and career education, and weighted grades policy recommendation.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 5:00 p.m.

D. Curriculum Committee - Superintendent Smith reported on the Curriculum Committee Meeting.

The committee met on April 12th.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT – Special Presentation

- Jamie Dotson from Jefferson County Comprehensive Services spoke regarding customized employment for our special education students.
- Dr. Smith mentioned the 10-year Health/Life Safety report and Facility Study excerpts. The study was conducted in 2008 and filed in 2009. Dr. Smith introduced Steve from Bernardi Securities.

The following spoke regarding possible personnel releases.

- Lillie Bland
- Gary Pierce
- Tami Lovin
- Camille Jones
- Mark Drennan

STAFF INPUT –

- Laura Ing spoke to the Board regarding the HOSA National Competition in June 2010. The Board unofficially agreed to allow HOSA to make the trip.

BOARD INPUT – None Scheduled Prior to Agenda Posting

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Principal Daniels reported on successes by the FBLA students.
- 23 students finished the first responder's course.
- 131 seniors will be rewarded because of their success on last year's PSAE.
- Seven teachers will receive grants from Mt. Vernon High School Foundation.
- Scholar Bowl students finished first in a tournament. One of our students was MVP.
- A meeting will be held with teachers from our feeder schools in the areas of Math and English.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

- April 2010 Dashboard - District Progress Report Third Quarter
- Three year deficient reduction plan
- Building Needs

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
March 9, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session
- B. Minutes
March 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Open Session
- C. Minutes
March 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Closed Session
- D. Minutes
March 24, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session
- E. Minutes
April 13, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session
- F. Class of 2012 Activity Account
Action approves the establishment of an activity account for the class of 2012 for management of money.
- G. 2010-2011 School Theme
Each year student council recommends a School Theme for the upcoming year. Action approves the enclosed theme for next school year. "Always remember that your own resolution to succeed is more important than anything else." by Abraham Lincoln.
- H. Amend School Calendar for 2009-2010
Action approves the last day of school as May 21, 2010 as the last day of student attendance and May 24, 2010 as the last day teacher institute due to the elimination of unused emergency days reflected in the current calendar.
- I. Special Education Cooperative Operating Agreement Reading
Action approves the first reading of a mandated revision of the Special Education Cooperative Agreement between Mt. Vernon High School and the Franklin – Jefferson County Special Education Cooperative. This draft has been approved by the executive committee and the governing board comprised of the superintendents and a board member representative from all the member districts.
- J. IHSA Membership Agreement
Action approves the standard renewal of the district membership in the Illinois High School Association.
- K. Volunteer Assistant Football Coach
Action approves Ed Doty as a non-paid volunteer assistant football coach pending the successful meeting of all requirements.
- L. University of Illinois Student Teacher Agreement
Action approves the enclosed agreement authorizing student teachers from the University of Illinois to work in conjunction with our staff. The district also has agreements with Southern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, and Greenville College.

M. Second Reading and Adoption of Selected Policy Updates as provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards

Action approves the following policy updates as enclosed. The items and options for approval are marked by a check mark. One policy from the Nov./Dec. update 6:185 is not being adopted. Also, one policy from the February update 7:50 and three administrative procedures which are circled in the enclosure are still under review for possible future adoption.

N. Treasurer's Report March 2010

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

O. Financial Reports and Bills March 2010

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

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

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

ACTION ITEMS

A. Establish Additional School Depositories

Action approves two additional depositories for school funds. The monies deposited will be investment of Working Cash Fund dollars. The dollars will remain in a checking account and can still be accessed if need be. Each account will receive a \$100,000 deposit as a condition of establishing the Line of Credit and the Tax Anticipation Warrants. The board must officially approve each location that handles district funds.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to approve Peoples National Bank and U S Bank as the district depositories.

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

B. Line of Credit Resolution

This resolution establishes a line of credit with Peoples National Bank in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for a term of eight months, at a rate of 3.98%, and with a fee of \$300. Method of repayment shall be General State Aid as scheduled.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to approve the resolution authorizing a line of credit note in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for education fund purposes with Peoples National Bank as presented.

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

C. Tax Anticipation Warrant Resolution

This resolution establishes a tax anticipation warrant in an amount of \$1,750,000 with U S Bank, at a rate of 1.35%, with repayment source of education fund levy revenue.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the resolution to establish and issue a tax anticipation warrant in an amount of \$1,750,000 for education fund purposes with U S Bank as presented.

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

D. Approve the OEHM Scholarship Recipients

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve the OEHM Scholarship Recipients as recommended.

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

E. School Fees 2010-2011 School Year

Action approves changes in admission to athletic events. At this time, no additional adjustments are proposed regarding any other charges to the community, staff, or students.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to approve the recommended changes to admission for athletic events.

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

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:37 p.m.



Karen Goodwine, Board President



Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

May 17, 2010

Date Signed