



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, June 21, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Alvis to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:04 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. (Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine)

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Miller to approve moving out of executive closed session at 7:25 p.m.

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

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

The committee met on June 14th.

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$2,119,682.97

Revenues of \$705,745.29

Expenditures of \$1,235,013.19

Transfers from Savings of \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance May 31, 2010 of \$1,590,415.07

Ending savings and investments May 31, 2010 of \$157,289.86

Total cash balance May 31, 2010 of \$1,747,704.93

Total outstanding liabilities May 31, 2010 of \$53,490.08

Total unencumbered fund balance May 31, 2010 of \$1,801,195.01

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$136,624.17

Deposits of \$20,170.73

Debits of \$24,560.98

Ending balance May 31, 2010 of \$132,233.92

A presentation was given by Bushue Human Resources, Inc. as to available contracted services provided by the company.

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 previous years. Also, a status of the Health/Life Safety Bond Sale was presented.

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

B. Building Committee: Superintendent Smith gave a report regarding the companies. *(The committee is scheduled to meet on June 17th to discuss the selection process of a construction analyst.*

Next meeting: Thursday, June 24th at 5:00 p.m.

C. Policy Committee *(Committee met on June 14th)*

The committee discussed a new weighted grade procedure and conducted a review and needed revisions for consistency of the current graduation requirement policy and corresponding handbook sections.

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

D. Curriculum Committee: Did Not Meet

The committee will meet to continue the dialogue with the Illinois Association of School Boards and stakeholders to address the delivery of instruction through the TAG process.

July 13th at 4 pm is the tentative date.

PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input.

STAFF INPUT – There was no public input.

BOARD INPUT – There was no public input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal Daniels stated 12 staff members went to the Model Schools conference in Florida. Teachers Sean Docherty, Mary Beth Mezo, Rob Pipher, and Guidance Counselor Sarah Watts spoke about the conference materials and activities.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Smith gave a short report on each item.

- June 2010 Dashboard Report
- Weighted Grade Formula/P.E. Credit: Graduation Policy
- Operational Plan for Library 2010-2011
- Easement Request from the City of Mt. Vernon
- Targeting Student Achievement through Board Governance

Assistant Principal Rob Knutson spoke on EXPLORE test.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

May 17, 2010 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

May 17, 2010 Regular Meeting Closed Session

C. Minutes

May 19, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session

D. Minutes

May 19, 2010 Special Meeting Closed Session

E. Disposition of Surplus Xerox Copiers

Action approves the declaring of these copy machines as surplus equipment. The old Xerox Copiers have been sitting in the warehouse since the new contract with GFI started. The recommendation is for the board to declare these machines surplus equipment so they may be advertised for sale. Mr. Knutson discussed selling these items on Ebay. Business Teacher Rob Pipher stated students in FBLA will work on this and will give students a chance to work on starting a business.

F. Employee Resignations

Action approves the resignation of Gary Pierce as Supervisory Aide, the resignation of Lillie Bland as Supervisory Aide, and Lance Boldt as Freshman Basketball Coach.

G. Southern Illinois University Student Teacher Agreement

Action approves the renewal of the annual agreement allowing the placement of student teachers in the district from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

H. Financial Reports and Bills May 2010

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

I. Treasurer's Report May 2010

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

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

A. Employment of an Instrumental Music Instructor

After conclusion of the interview process the following candidate is recommended to fill the position opened by the retirement of Mr. Winchester. This is being recommended as a full time position.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve Nicholas Loafman as instrumental music instructor.

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

B. Employment of Part Time Vocal Music Instructor

Action approves the recommended candidate for employment as vocal music instructor for 3/7ths time.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve Brett Gibbs as part time vocal music instructor for 3/7ths time for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

C. Prevailing Wage Resolution

Action approves the prevailing wage schedules for outside contractors for publication as required by law.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve the prevailing wage schedule for publication as presented.

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

D. Amend the 2010-2011 School Calendar

The prior calendar submitted for 2010-2011 is being recommended for revision. The difference is to accommodate an evening conference on November 4 and a morning conference on November 5th with students not in attendance on this date, the number of instructional days must be adjusted from 176 to 175 which is allowable by statute. Attendance day will be on March 28 with non attendance on April 25 for Easter Monday.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to approve the amendment of the 2010-2011 School Calendar as discussed and presented.

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

E. Handbook Revisions 2010 – 2011

Action approves previously submitted handbook revisions. The section of the handbook referring to the graduation requirement policy change will be revised accordingly for consistency.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve the Handbook Revisions for 2010-2011 as presented.

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

F. Graduation Requirement Policy Change

Over the years as requirements have changed there have been some inconsistencies with existing board policy, handbook language, and/or practice. Action approves the revision of the policy to align with the handbook guidelines and current practice.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve the revision of the graduation requirement policy as presented and reviewed by the Policy Committee.

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

G. Weighted Grade Procedure

Action approves the weighted grade procedure that has been proposed. This new formula will go into effect for incoming freshman and would be a four year phase in so as not to effect any current students.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve the weighted grade calculation formula as presented.

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

H. Milk and Juice Bids

Milk and Juice products were duly bid. The recommendation is to award the Milk and Juice Bid to our current vendor Prairie Farms.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Garrett to approve Prairie Farms to supply Milk and Juice products for the 2010-2011 school year as presented.

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

I. Pizza Bid

Pizza and related products were duly bid. The recommendation is to award the Pizza Bid to Pizza Pro for the 2010-2011 school year,

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Davis to award the Pizza Bid to Pizza Pro as presented.

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

J. Bread Bid

The Grain/Bread products were duly bid. The recommendation is to approve hostess of Mt. Vernon, Illinois to supply Bread/Grain products for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Miller to approve Wonder Hostess Bakery Outlet of Mt. Vernon, Illinois to supply Bread/Grain products for the 2010-2011 school year as presented.

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

K. Resolution to Intervene in Property Tax Appeal

Action approves a resolution to formally intervene in the property tax appeal of Holiday Inn. This is a continuation of the partnership with District 80 to challenge these appeals of property tax value.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Garrett to approve the resolution to intervene in a pending property tax assessment appeal of Baldwin Enterprises, Holiday Inn.

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

L. Amended Line of Credit Resolution

Action approves a revised resolution based on continued dialogue between district counsel and People's Bank which aligns more closely with the specific transaction entered into. The original bank paperwork was designed for private entities and did not exactly align with legal provisions required of public school systems. These have been corrected and mutually agreed to.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to approve the revised following resolution for the establishment of a line of credit with Peoples National Bank under the terms and conditions as presented.

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

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

All present stated aye.

Karen Goodwine, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed