



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 20, 2010
6:30 P.M.

President Karen Goodwine called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board Members answered roll call: Kim Alvis, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart and Karen Goodwine. Absent were Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, and Jon Hawthorne. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, representatives from the Sentinel and the Register News and guests.

PUBLIC HEARING

Health and Life Safety Needs of the District – Emergency Communication Equipment

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Miller to open the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Alvis, Miller, Goodwine. Absent members were Davis Garrett, and Hawthorne)

Hawthorne entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The school would like to upgrade the telephone and phone system with Health/Life Safety Funds. Plant Superintendent Brian Rightnowar spoke to the Board regarding the present intercom and phone system. He mentioned if there was an emergency in a classroom the school would not be able to isolate where calls were coming from.

It was recommended looking into the video cameras on campus.

There were no public comments, staff or Board comments at this time.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to close the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6:47 p.m.

Review of Fiscal Year 2011 School District Budget

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to open the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Stewart, Alvis, Hawthorne, Goodwine. Absent members were Davis and Garrett)

There were no public comments, staff, or Board comments.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Stewart, Alvis, Hawthorne, Goodwine. Absent members were Davis and Garrett)

REGULAR MEETING

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

The committee met on September 7th. The monthly bills and payroll were discussed as was the FY 2011 Tentative Budget.

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$2,623,119.96

Revenues of \$1,078,988.91

Expenditures of \$1,135,697.16

Transfers from Savings of \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance August 31, 2010 of \$ 2,566,411.71

Ending savings and investments August 31, 2010 of \$157,092.68

Total cash balance August 31, 2010 of \$2,723,504.39

Total outstanding liabilities August 31, 2010 of \$2,056,406.96

Total unencumbered fund balance August 31, 2010 of \$667,097.43

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$117,738.39

Deposits of \$40,519.96

Debits of \$7,080.87

Ending balance August 31, 2010 of \$151,177.48

“Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve the Financial reports, bills, payroll, and treasurer’s report for August 2010 as action items later in the meeting as presented by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.”

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee

The committee met on September 7th. Discussion was held regarding possible savings on natural gas by joining the Illinois Energy Consortium. This is an 18 month commitment. A presentation was given by Sean Troxel regarding the program and an estimated \$7,000 annual savings. An update of the construction analyst work on the feasibility study and facility plan was presented. The next meeting of the architects and construction analyst with district staff is 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 20th. Also a discussion took place on quotes for possible communication upgrades.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Joint Curriculum/Policy Committee

The committee heard a presentation from Cambridge and Associates representative Dr. Ray Broderick on intervention program materials and ACT prep provided by the company. District plans on the development of a growth model for monitoring student progress were also discussed.

The committee discussed the first reading of IASB policy revisions from the PRESS Program and established a timeline of activities for the revision of the selected policies from the TAG meetings.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

The next and final TAG meeting to discuss the Board Governance Review survey results is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

4. PUBLIC INPUT –

- a. Parent Kami Restin - regarding dress code.
- b. Parent Wendy McKenzie - regarding dress code.
- c. Parent Dani (last name not given) - regarding dress code.

STAFF INPUT – Assistant Principal Dalton offered information regarding the dress code.

BOARD INPUT – There was no Board input.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal Daniels spoke regarding

- Scheduling training for Cambridge.
- Training for use of Cambridge materials.
- Re-writing the school improvement plan.
- Response to Intervention.
- Connie Harre-Blair's Track Team has once again received the IHSA Team academic award for having a 3.34 cumulative grade point average.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Smith spoke regarding dashboard objectives and Board and District goals.

OTHER: Superintendent Smith gave short reports on the following:

- Financial Projections
- TIF Discussions – TIF Advisory Committee
- Targeting Student Achievement through Board Governance Presentation
- Triple I Joint Conference, Chicago, IL.

Assistant Principal Rob Knutson handed out information regarding mid-term grades.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

August 11, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

August 12, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session

C. Minutes

August 16, 2010 Regular Meeting Open Session

- D. Minutes
August 16, 2010 Regular Meeting Closed Session
- E. Minutes
August 16, 2010 Reconvened Meeting Open Session: (August 23, 2010)
- F. Minutes
August 23, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session
- G. Skills USA Sponsor
Action approves Mr. Hatfield as Skills USA sponsor
- H. Employee Resignation
Action approves the prior resignation of Amber Leahy as Child Care teacher aide.
- I. Establishment of the RAM WOW Activity Account
Action approves the establishment of a RAM WOW Activity Account for the management of fundraising receipts and expenditures related to the activities of this group. The RAM WOW is a community led partnership to assist in raising funds for cosmetic upgrades to the existing high school facilities and grounds.
- J. Appointment of School Board Election Officers
Action approves Shirilyn Holt and Jane Brown as school board election officers.
- K. First Reading of First Quarter Policy Updates
Action approves the first reading of suggested policy revisions as suggested by the Illinois Association of School Boards. The Policy Committee will further review these updates prior to a second reading in October.
- L. Financial Reports and Bills August 2010
Action on this item approves the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.
- M. Treasurer's Report August 2010
Action on this item approves the treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

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

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

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Hawthorne to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:09 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, Hawthorne, Stewart, Miller, Goodwine. Absent members were Davis and Garrett)

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Miller to approve moving out of executive closed session at 8:46 p.m.

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

Superintendent Smith read an article that Board member Garrett had asked him to share with the Board regarding a Chicago public schools research report.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Application for Recognition of Schools

Action approves the annual application for recognition status with the state board of education.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve the application for recognition of schools for submittal to the Regional Office of Education as presented.

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

B. Approval of 2011 School District Budget

Action approves the Fiscal Year 2011 School District Budget.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget as presented.

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

C. Employment of Support Staff

Action approves Jeffrey Ressler as Study Hall Supervisor.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve Jeffrey Ressler as Study Hall Supervisor.

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

D. Oehm Scholarship Topic

Annually, the board selects a topic from a provided list for the essay based scholarship.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the topic "Using Technology to Maximize Learning in American Schools" as the 2010-2011 Oehm Scholarship Essay Topic.

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

E. "Action on Resolution Regarding a Petition to Withdraw from Franklin and Jefferson Counties Special Education District No. 801 by Frankfort CUSD No. 168."

West Frankfort has petitioned to withdraw from the Special Education Cooperative Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year. The director of the coop has stated there will be equal reductions in

services and staffing to accommodate the withdrawal, such that there is no expected increased cost to the remaining districts who share the cost of services.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Miller to approve action on the resolution regarding a petition to withdraw from Franklin and Jefferson Counties Special Education District No. 801 by Frankfort CUSD No. 168.

The motion passed by a vote of four, with one “no” vote. (Stewart, Miller, Alvis, Goodwine; no – Hawthorne. Absent members were Davis and Garrett)

F. FFA Trip to Indianapolis, Indiana

Action approves the enclosed request for the FFA Chapter to attend the national convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 20-22, 2010.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the request for FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 20-22, 2010.

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

G. Appointment of School Board Delegate for the Chicago, Illinois Tri- Conference

Action approves a delegate board member to represent Mt. Vernon District 201 as a voting member at the annual conference in Chicago, Illinois. The delegate will cast representative votes on several IASB positions during the conference to be held November 18 – 21, 2010.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Hawthorne to approve Kim Alvis as IASB Conference Delegate.

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

H. Establishment of the Bob Troutt Memorial Art Scholarship

Action would approve the establishment of an Art Scholarship as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the establishment of the Bob Troutt Memorial Scholarship as presented.

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

9. Adjournment

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Hawthorne to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

All members present voted yes.

Karen Goodwine, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed