



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

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Goodwine who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance: The following board members answered roll call: Kim Alvis, Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart and Karen Goodwine. Absent Board member was Cynthia Davis. Also present was Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Open 2010 Truth in Taxation Public Tax Levy Hearing:

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to approve the opening of the 2010 Truth in Taxation public tax levy hearing at 6:31 p.m.

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

- A. Presentation of the 2010 Tax Levy by Dr. Smith.
- B. Public Comment – There were no public comments.
- C. Staff Comment – There were no staff comments.
- D. Board Comment – There were no Board comments.

Close the 2010 Truth in Taxation Public Tax Levy Hearing

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve closing the 2010 Truth in Taxation public tax levy hearing at 6:45 p.m.

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

Reports of Committees

Finance Committee

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll were presented by Business Manager Jane Brown.

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$905,359.31. This included P-Card procurements of \$7,474.31 and payroll in an amount of \$662,149.84. This included an

amount of \$36,951.64 for compensation above contracted amounts through December 5, 2010 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$4,476,843.27

Revenue of \$840,458.46

Expenditures of \$1,696,513.07

Transfers from Savings of \$600,000

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance November 30, 2010 of \$3,020,788.66

Ending savings and investments November 30, 2010 of \$861,843.64

Total cash balance November 30, 2010 of \$3,882,632.30

Total outstanding liabilities November 30, 2010 of \$1,000,254.21

Total unencumbered fund balance November 30, 2010 of \$2,882,378.09

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$162,278.95

Deposits of \$20,251.24

Debits of \$16,591.10

Ending balance November 30, 2010 of \$165,939.09

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

“The recommendation of the Finance Committee was to approve the financial reports, bills, payroll, and treasurer’s report for November 2010 as action items later in the meeting as presented by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.”

Building Committee

The committee met on December 13th and on December 14th. Both evenings involved review and analysis of Facility Upgrade options. After 9 months of study which established 7 different options and which included staff, administration, general contractor, and community input, the board has determined that Option 3B (a new facility at a new location) best meets the evaluation criteria of best overall location, support of the desired educational program, and best value present and future for the dollars spent.

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PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Dave Wagner, volunteer bowling team sponsor asked if it would be possible for the board to pick up bus cost for the bowling team for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Bob Herr, Area Engineer and Project Lead the Way Chair spoke regarding the last Project Lead the Way meeting and being a guiding source for students.

STAFF INPUT – There was no staff input.

BOARD INPUT – Board member Garrett read a minority report he had drafted regarding the building project.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mr. Daniels spoke regarding:

- Close of the 1st semester challenges with snow days and gearing up for finals.
- The 2nd Semester schedule is being finalized.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The superintendent gave a brief update and review of each of the following:

- Dashboard Report Update – A full semester dashboard will be available at the January meeting.
- Tax Appeal Update
- Project Lead the Way and Future Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
November 15th, 2010 Regular Meeting Open Session
- B. Minutes
November 23rd, 2010 Special Meeting: Community Forum
- C. Minutes
November 30th, 2010 Special Meeting: Community Forum
- D. Employee Resignations
Action approved the following resignations:
Jennifer Dagg – Assistant Softball Coach
Lana Moore – Teacher Assistant
Ron Daniels – High School Principal
Jane Brown – Business Manager
- E. School Report Cards 2010
Action approved the state report cards for 2010
- F. Financial Reports and Bills November 2010
Action on this item approved the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.
- G. Treasurer's Report
Action on this item approved the November 2010 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

Garrett asked to move the report card from the consent agenda. Superintendent Smith gave a short report on the report card and student performance data.

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

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

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve the school report card as presented.

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

Goodwine stated the board accepted the resignation of Principal Daniels with regret.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Band and Orchestra Trip

Action approved the Symphonic Band and Chorus to travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida on March 17 through March 22, 2011.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Miller to approve the Symphonic Band and Orchestra to travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida on March 17 – 22, 2011 as presented and discussed.

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

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Miller to provide half the transportation cost up to a maximum of \$6,658.00

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

B. Application for Project Lead the Way: Biomedical Program

Action approved a preliminary application for a Project Lead the Way 3-year biomedical program of study, and stipulates final approval of the program will be voted on after a review by the Board, including cost, sources of funding, staffing and impact on existing curriculum.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Stewart to approve as stated.

The motion was passed by a vote of five, with one no vote. (Garrett, Stewart, Alvis, Hawthorne, Miller; Goodwine no, and absent Davis.)

C. 2010 Property Tax Levy

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the 2010 property tax levy as per the attached resolution.

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

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:25 p.m. in accordance with school board policy 2:220 – E2 items # 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.

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

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve moving out of executive closed session at 9:25 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Miller to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

All present voted yes.

Karen Goodwine, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed