



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 14, 2011 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Goodwine who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present 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 Principal Rob Knutson, Assistant Principal Tammy Beckham, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$243,220.29. This included P-Card procurements of \$1097.09 and payroll in an amount of \$683,749.39. This included an amount of \$41,598.83 for compensation above contracted amounts through March 4, 2011 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

*Beginning checking balance of \$4,258,361.61
Revenue of \$789,255.23
Expenditures of \$1,316,118.25
Transfers from Savings of \$0
PMA Investment Transfer of \$0
Ending checking balance February 28, 2011 of \$3,731,498.59
Ending savings and investments February 28, 2011 of \$859,514.24
Total cash balance February 28, 2011 of \$4,591,012.83
Total outstanding liabilities February 28, 2011 of \$416,915.21
Total unencumbered fund balance February 28, 2011 of \$4,174,097.62*

Activity Funds

*Activity fund beginning balance of \$157,975.49
Deposits of \$32,500.58
Debits of \$9,628.14
Ending balance February 28, 2011 of \$180,847.93*

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m.

“Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve the Financial reports, bills, payroll, and Treasurer’s report for February 2011 as action items later in the meeting as presented by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.”

B. Curriculum Committee

The committee met on March 8th to review recommendations from the administrative team and the district staff curriculum committee related to: Third Year Math Credit Clarification, Graduation Credits, and Class Rank Determination Procedures.

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

PUBLIC INPUT – Parent, Paula Brown spoke regarding her son’s classes. It was recommended that Ms. Brown meet with Principal Daniels at a later time to discuss these matters.

STAFF INPUT - None Scheduled

BOARD INPUT Goodwine presented a Certificate of Recognition to Board Member Kim Alvis for attending the Delegate Assembly in Chicago last November and voting on issues for the Mt. Vernon Township High School District.

Goodwine also passed out a paper regarding misinformation about the referendum. She spoke to each issue that she felt were misrepresented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

- Principal Daniels passed out Oehm Scholarship judges names to the Board members.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Superintendent Smith reported on the following items:

- Class Rank Determination
- Third year/Junior Math credit
- Credits for graduation requirement

CONSENT AGENDA

“The Consent Agenda Items For Approval Are As Follows:”

- A. Minutes
February 17, 2011 Special Meeting Open Session
- B. Minutes
February 22, 2011 Regular Meeting Open Session
- C. Minutes
March 11, 2011 Special Meeting Open Session
- D. Minutes
March 11, 2011 Special Meeting Closed Session
- E. Illinois High School Association Membership Agreement
Action approved the renewal of the annual membership agreement between Mt. Vernon Township High School and the Illinois High School Association.
- F. Skills USA Annual Conference Trip
Action approved the annual conference and competition trip to Springfield, Illinois on April 14th through April 16th, 2011. This is an overnight trip which requires board approval.

G. FBLA Annual Conference Trip

Action approved the annual conference trip to Decatur, Illinois on March 24 through March 26, 2011. This is an overnight trip which requires board approval.

H. Financial Reports and Bills February 2011

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

I. Treasurer's Report February 2011

Action on this item approved the February 2011 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

A. Employment of Personnel

Action approved the following employments: Jeff Harrison as Head Boys and Girls Soccer Coach, Katelyn Kombrink as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, and Jeff Scarborough as an unpaid volunteer coach for Girls Soccer

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve the employment of Jeff Harrison as Head Boys and Girls Soccer Coach.

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

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve the employment of Katelyn Kombrink as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach.

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

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Miller to approve the employment of Jeff Scarborough as an unpaid volunteer assistant girls' soccer coach.

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

B. Third Year Math Credit

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to approve the requirement of all junior status students to take a core curriculum math class.

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

C. Credits for Graduation

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the following new requirements for graduation: 2011-2012 school year 23 credits, 2012-2013 school year 24 credits, 2013-2014 school year 26 credits, and the 2014-2015 school year 27 credits.

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

D. Amended 2010-2011 School Calendar

Action approved the amended school calendar for this school year based on the use of seven emergency days. The calendar reflects the last day of student attendance as May 31, 2011 and the last day of attendance for staff as June 1, 2011.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Alvis to approve the amended 2010-2011 school calendar as presented.

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

E. Proposed 2011-2012 School Calendar

The proposed calendar for the 2011-2012 school year has been arrived at after discussion with the administrative team and area administrators of neighboring school districts.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Alvis to approve the proposed school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.

Garrett suggested adding at least five more emergency days to the end of the year.

Motion was made by Garrett to amend the motion to increase the number of emergency days to 15 days. After a short discussion, the motion died for lack of a second.

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

Executive Session

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:55 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. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Miller, Goodwine.)

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve moving out of executive closed session at 8:45 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve adjourning the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

All present voted aye.

Karen Goodwine, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed