

Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
July 18, 2011
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Miller who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members who answered roll call were: Kim Alvis, Greg Backes, Karen Goodwine, Robert Stewart and Carl Miller. Absent were: Cynthia Davis and Jon Hawthorne.

PUBLIC INPUT – Jeremy Hall was present and gave a short report on the Hall of Fame Scholarship.

STAFF INPUT – Model Schools Conference - Teachers, Megan Clodi, Sean Docherty, and Kiley Thomas along with Curriculum Director Rob Pipher were present to give a short report on their trip to the model schools conference.

BOARD INPUT – There was no Board input.

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$1,117,836. This included P-Card procurements of \$9,398.34. Payroll was in an amount of \$841,296.53. This included an amount of \$40,867.64 for compensation above contracted amounts through July 5, 2011 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$2,935,571.25

Revenue of \$1,211,172.27

Expenditures of \$ 1,117,836.00

Transfers from Savings of \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance June 30, 2011 of \$3,028,907.52

Ending savings and investments June 30, 2011 of \$858,173.70

Total cash balance June 30, 2011 of \$3,887,081.22

Total outstanding liabilities June 30, 2011 of \$3,671.46

Total unencumbered fund balance June 30, 2011 of \$3,890,752.68

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$166,005.57

Deposits of \$30,580.31

Debits of \$17,754.57

Ending balance June 30, 2011 of \$178,831.31

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th, at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee

This committee did not meet.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th, at 5:30 p.m.

C. Policy Committee

The committee did not meet this month, but there have been some new PRESS UPDATES of board policies that were recently received. The committee will need to meet in August to prepare a first reading of these policy updates for the August board meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9th, at 5:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Report

Principal Olson had submitted a report to the Board which was included in the packet. He stated he was working to get to know the teachers, parents, students and the culture of our community.

Superintendent Report

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

June 20, 2011 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. June 20, 2011 Regular Meeting Closed Session

C. Employee Resignation

Action approves the resignation of:

Katelyn Kombrink - Girl's P.E. Teacher

Kara Andrews – Guidance Counselor

Jara Fetcho - Business Teacher

D. Financial Reports and Bills June 2011

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

E. Treasurer's Report June 2011

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

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

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Alvis, Goodwine, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Possible Release of Executive Session Minutes January to June 2011

The executive session minutes had been reviewed according to the bi-annual review policy. The following minutes are recommended to be released at this time: Special Meeting January 11, 2011, Regular Meeting January 18, 2011, and Special Meeting March 11, 2011.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Goodwine to approve the release of executive session minutes as recommended.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Goodwine, Alvis, Backes, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

B. Area Vocational Center (AVC) Budget

The Area Vocational Center Budget Tentative Budget was presented and discussed by Assistant Principal Knutson. The budget will be placed on public display to be adopted in September.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve the tentative Area Vocational Center Budget for 2011-2012 to be placed on public display as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Alvis, Backes, Stewart, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

C. Hall of Fame Scholarship

The terms and conditions of the proposed new Hall of Fame Scholarship had been provided to the Board.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Backes to approve the establishment of the Hall of Fame Scholarship as presented and discussed.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Backes, Goodwine, Stewart, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

D. District Signatory List

The following action added Wes Olson as district signatory for financial transactions.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Goodwine to approve the addition of Wes Olson as signatory on district accounts.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Goodwine, Alvis, Backes, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

E. Application for Five Year Waiver for Lincoln's Birthday

Action approved the application to the State Board for a five year waiver for nonattendance on Lincoln's Birthday as the District observes President's Day.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve the application to the State Board for a five year waiver of attendance on Lincoln's Birthday as the District observes President's Day.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Alvis, Goodwine, Stewart, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

F. Property Tax Appeal Settlement Agreement

The settlement agreement reached between the district and Rome Meadows had been supplied to Board members. There will be no refund required, and the total reduction in taxes paid to both District 80 and District 201 will be around \$10,000 total. Based on the information provided, the recommendation is to accept the settlement agreement.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve the property tax settlement agreement between Mt. Vernon Township High School District 201 and Rome Meadows as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Alvis, Goodwine, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

G. Employment of Personnel

The following employments are being recommended for the 2011-2012 school year:

Cheryl Allen: Special Education Coordinator

Beth Snyder: Cook

Tammy Hendricks: Administrative Secretary, Freshman Academy

Jan Neibert: Administrative Secretary, Attendance Office

Jeff Scarborough: Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach

Jim Duncan: Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve the employments for the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Alvis, Backes, Stewart, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

Item 'H' was deferred until after executive session.

Resolution Verifying Availability of District 201 Local Share of School Construction Grant Funds

Executive Session

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:45 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, #2 Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). #5 the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired: 5 ILSC 120/2C, as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Alvis, Goodwine, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

Open Session

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Goodwine, Alvis, Backes, Miller, Absent: Davis and Hawthorne).

Adjournment

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

All members present voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed