

# MVTHS Board reports stable finances

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MT. VERNON — At the monthly Mt. Vernon Township High School Board of Education meeting, held Monday night, the board was informed that the school was "right on track" financially.

After the discussion of amended budget items this month, the board will see the 2009-10 school year budget for approval at the June meeting.

According to the treasurer's report for the month end of April, the district has used 99.6 percent of this year's budget.

In other business, the board heard from Rob Knutson, director of the Mt. Vernon Area Vocational Center. He presented a possible



**EDUCATIONAL UPDATE** — MVTHS Board of Education members Robert Stewart, LEFT, and Cynthia Davis, CENTER, look on as Mt. Vernon Area Vocational Center Director Robert Knutson presents information regarding the AVC curriculum. At the meeting, Knutson advised an addition dual credit opportunity may be available to students in the future.

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opportunity for additional Rend Lake College dual credits in the vocational department.

"An additional dual credit option came at RLC. We match up with their transportation curriculum closely," stated Knutson.

According to Knutson, the possibility of Transportation I becoming a dual credit class at the high school is likely for the 2009-2010 school year. The course, which provides education on repairing transportation and utility vehicles, would be offered to junior and senior students.

In addition, Knutson provided an update on the Health Occupations Program at the school. According to Knutson, MVTHS Health Core Skills teacher Tammy Martin has noticed the possibility for students to earn a state license as first respon-

ders after taking the Health Core Skills course.

Information provided by Knutson states that Martin has been working closely with Robert Hyman, the EMD system coordinator for the North Egyptian EMS System, in looking into offering the option of lining up the curriculum and adjusting the course so students are eligible to take a state licensure test at the end of the year.

"We're always looking for ways students can get certification and licensure," Knutson noted.

After receiving the update from Knutson, the board went through the first reading of the 2009-2010 student handbook, approved employment of physical education teacher Courtney Denton, appointed Carl Miller as liaison for special education cooperative, approved the 2009-2010 school year theme "High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation," and accepted the resignation of attendance clerk Nakeisha Lash.