



Mt. Vernon Township High School
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
February 21, 2017 - 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Beck who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering to roll call were Tena Elliott, Norma Fairchild, Karen Goodwine, Terry Knowles, Carl Miller, Ben Mitchell, and Bill Beck. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Rowdy Fatheree, Financial Director Angie Brentlinger, Board Secretary Carleka Spann, media and guests.

Administrative Reports

Principal Report

Principal Rowdy Fatheree gave his report to include the information below.

- Science Family Night
- Vision 20/20
- Community Liaison Group

Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith shared his thoughts on the recent social media uproar.

Dr. Smith gave comments on the school budget, financial management, resignations, and also spoke on no layoffs for the past two years.

Dr. Smith invited the community to support the progress of the school.

Board Input, Staff Input, Student Input

Board member: Ben Mitchell spoke on the letter from Gary Phillips regarding the cost of the school, correspondence with Tim King, and having adequate funds to pay for the school. Ben Mitchell also discussed the demolition of the old campus.

President of the Board: Bill Beck, spoke on the financing of the school.

Mr. Beck offered a comparison of Centralia High School's gymnasium vs. Mt. Vernon Township High School's gymnasium.

Mr. Beck also pinpointed specific items that are being worked on at MVTHS, and highlights of the new school.

Staff: Quinn McClure -- donation of surplus equipment to the MVPD.

Special Olympics -- Megan Clodi and members of the Unified Basketball Team spoke on the success of the team, and shared personal experiences.

FBLA -- Students gave a presentation.

Mock Trial -- Students gave a presentation.

Public Input

Randy Olson -- Test scores & Doug Creel as an Administrator.

Susie Schmidt -- MVTHS concerns.

Jerry Gass - MVTHS concerns.

Reports of Board Committees

Finance Committee

Finance Director Angie Brentlinger gave a report on the finances of the District.

A. Treasurer's Report – January 31, 2017

Beginning checking balance of \$ 6,071,780.21

Revenue of \$4,625,177.62

Payroll and Benefits \$813,970.55

Bills \$429,865.53

TAW Payment \$0

Total Expenditures of \$ 1,243,836.08

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance January 31, 2017 of \$ 9,453,121.75

Ending savings and investments January 31, 2017 of \$3,870,700.43

Total cash balance January 31, 2017 of \$ 13,323,822.18

Total outstanding liabilities January 31, 2017 of \$ 1,718,402.03

Total unencumbered fund balance January 31, 2017 of \$11,605,420.15

Activity Funds – January 31, 2017

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 202,083.23

Revenue of \$ 25,778.43

Expenditures of \$ 26,041.77

Ending balance January 31, 2017 of \$ 201,819.89

Vocational Account – January 31, 2017

Vocational fund beginning balance of \$ 4,784.46

Revenue of \$.23

Expenditures of \$ 1,859.02

Ending balance January 31, 2017 of \$ 2,925.67

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$2,246,430.71.

Payroll for February 03, 2017 was in an amount of \$84,999.23, which included \$7,171.45

above contracted amounts.

B. Building Committee

Highlights of the Building Committee:

Brian of McCarthy, gave an update on the new high school. Brian shared:

- Closeouts and punch lists are being wrapped up as well as warranty booklets
- A few contractors will be coming in on Monday February 20th to work on needed items
- The shot put pit was discussed to include the exact set up which will meet guidelines
- Single Shot Put will total approximately \$13,600
- Two Shot Put rings will total approximately \$21,300

The Board discussed Landscaping:

- Possible locations for greenhouse were discussed

- FGM Amendment for greenhouse bid was discussed. FGM amendment will be included in the board packet
- Latest FGM proposal for the greenhouse is \$42,850
- No total cost has been estimated for the greenhouse project

The Board discussed storage:

- Athletic storage for track and field will need a total of 4,000 square feet for sufficient storage
- Irrigation is still needed for football fields, and should be completed prior to the summer
- 2017 graduation will be held on the football field

Consent Agenda Action Items

- A. Minutes: Regular Open Board Meeting, January 17, 2017
Recommendation was to approve the Regular Board Minutes of January 17, 2017 as presented with corrections.
- B. Minutes: Closed Board Meeting, January 17, 2017
Recommendation was to approve the Closed Board Minutes of January 17, 2017 as presented.
- C. Minutes: Special Closed Board Meeting, January 25, 2017
Recommendation was to approve the Special Closed Board Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2017 as presented.
- D. Proposed Frederick Oehm Scholarship Judges
Recommendation was to accept the proposed scholarship judges, (Melanie Andrews, Bria Ashby, Hillary Esser, Ann Garrett, and Cleo Holt), for the Frederick Oehm scholarship competition as presented.
- E. Early Graduation Request
Recommendation was to discuss the approval of early graduation of Catelyn Field for December 2017 in Executive Closed session. .
- F. Trips
Recommendation was to approve the Youth and Government trip to Springfield, IL from March 16th through March 19th, 2017 as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the HOSA trip to Decatur, IL from March 1st through March 3rd, 2017 as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the FFA trip to Peoria, IL from April 10th through April 11th, 2017 as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the Student Services trip to St. Louis, MO on March 10th, 2017 as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the Special Olympics, Unified Basketball trip to Peoria, IL from March 17th through March 18th 2017 as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the Future Business Leaders of America trip to Springfield, IL from March 24th through March 26th as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the Mock Trial trip to Champaign, IL from March 11th through March 12th as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the Choir and Band trip to Freeburg, IL on March 4th as presented.

G. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Updates

Recommendation was to approve the IASB Policy Updates Press Issue 93 as presented.

H. Resignations

Recommendation was to discuss the approval of the resignation of Special Education teacher, Hope Kobbert in Executive Closed Session.

Recommendation was to approve the resignation of Assistant JV Baseball Coach, Seth English as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the resignation of Study Hall Supervisor Jeff Ressler, contingent upon being hired as the full time English teacher as presented.

I. Treasurer's Report January 2017

Recommendation was to approve the January 2017 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

J. Financial Reports and Bills January 2017

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

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Fairchild to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. (Mitchell, Fairchild, Elliott, Goodwine, Knowles, Miller, and Beck.)

Action Items

A. Bakery Activity Account

Recommendation was to open a "Go Rams!" Bakery Activity Account to assist with student transitional services for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Knowles to open a "Go Rams!" Bakery Activity Account to assist with student transitional services for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Knowles, Elliott, Fairchild, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

B. WYSE Activity Account

Recommendation was to open a WYSE Activity Account for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion by Goodwine and seconded by Elliott to open a WYSE Activity Account for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

C. Speech and Acting Team Activity Account

Recommendation was to defer this item until a late date.

D. FGM Amended Services Agreement

Recommendation was to approve the Amended Services Agreement with FGM Architects for services related to the new greenhouse project for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion by Mitchell and seconded by Miller to approve the Amended Services Agreement with FGM Architects for services related to the new greenhouse project for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by a 6 to 1 vote. (Mitchell, Miller, Elliott, Fairchild, Goodwine, and Knowles.)
Beck Abstained.

E. Donation Surplus Exercise Equipment

Recommendation was to approve the donation of surplus exercise equipment to the Mt. Vernon Police Department for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion by Goodwine and seconded by Elliott to approve the donation of surplus exercise equipment to the Mt. Vernon Police Department for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by a 6 to 1 vote. (Goodwine, Elliott, Fairchild, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)
Knowles abstained.

F. 2017-2018 School Calendar

Recommendation was to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (Miller, Fairchild, Elliott, Goodwine, Knowles, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

G. Administrative Positions 2017-2018

Recommendation was to return the Athletic Director position to Administrative status for the 2017-2018 school year with all duties and responsibilities as the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Goodwine to return the Athletic Director position to Administrative status for the school year with all duties and responsibilities as the 2016-2017 school year.

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (Miller, Goodwine, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

H. Substitute Pay

Recommendation was to increase substitute teaching pay from \$75.00 to \$80.00 effective immediately for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion by Fairchild and seconded by Goodwine to increase the substitute teaching pay from \$75.00 to \$80.00 effective immediately for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (Fairchild, Goodwine, Elliott, Knowles, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

I. Employment of Personnel

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Randy Knox as Boys Tennis Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Goodwine to approve the employment of Randy Knox as Boys Tennis Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Goodwine, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Mitchell, and Beck.)

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Pierce Borah as Assistant JV Baseball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Goodwine to approve the employment of Pierce Borah as Assistant JV Baseball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (Elliott, Goodwine, Fairchild, Knowles, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Scott Lane as Bass Fishing Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and Elliott to approve the employment of Scott Lane as Bass Fishing Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. (Miller, Elliott, Fairchild, Goodwine, Knowles, Mitchell, and Beck.)

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Jeff Ressler as an English Teacher at Lane A, Step 7 for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Jeff Ressler as an English Teacher at Lane A Step 7 for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Executive Closed Session

The appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Elliott to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:04 p.m. in accordance with school board policy 2:220 – E2 items: the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. (Knowles, Elliott, Fairchild, Goodwine, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve entering open session at 9:58 p.m.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Elliott, Fairchild, Goodwine, Knowles, Mitchell, and Beck.)

E. Early Graduation Request

Recommendation was to approve the early graduation of Catelyn Field for December 2017 as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve the early graduation of Catelyn Field for December 2017.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Fairchild, Elliott, Goodwine, Knowles, Mitchell, and Beck.)

H. Resignations

Recommendation was to approve the resignation of Special Education teacher, Hope Kobbert as presented.

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the resignation of Special Education teacher, Hope Kobbert as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Elliott, Miller, Fairchild, Goodwine, Knowles, Mitchell, and Beck.)

I. Employment

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Jeff Ressler as an English Teacher at Lane A Step 7 for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Jeff Ressler as an English Teacher at Lane A Step 7 for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

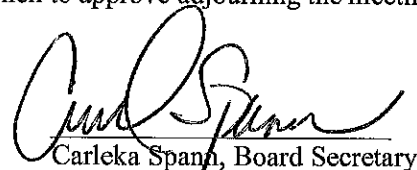
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Elliott, Fairchild, Goodwine, Knowles, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

Adjournment

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Mitchell to approve adjourning the meeting at 10:02 p.m.


Bill Beck, Board President

4/6/17
Date Signed


Carleka Spann, Board Secretary