



Mt. Vernon Township High School
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
December 19, 2016 - 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, and Bill Beck. Absent Board Member was Ben Mitchell. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Rowdy Fatheree, Financial Director Angie Brentlinger, Board Secretary Carleka Spann, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Public Input, Staff Input, Board Input

Jeff Haarmann introduced a few students from the CEO class. The students gave a presentation on what the class has to offer, examples of what they have experienced thus far and why credit is being requested. Jeff Haarmann spoke to the board about gas and electric suggestions for the old and new campuses. Jeff also shared information on the Department of Commerce issuing a check between 250,000 and 300,000. John Kabat and the FFA members spoke on highlights of their experience at Nationals as well as the judging process. The FFA members thanked the board members for the opportunities to compete and travel.

Open Public Hearing: 2016 Tax Levy

Superintendent Mike Smith shared details about the tax levy. The high school would end up with 279,000 in additional money.

Close Public Hearing

President Bill Beck brought the meeting to a close.

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Reports of Board Committees

Finance Committee

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

A. Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2016

Beginning checking balance of \$ 6,738,575.05

Revenue of \$2,833,045.04

Payroll and Benefits \$842,414.83
Bills \$686,049.81
TAW Payment \$0
Total Expenditures of \$ 1,528,464.64
Transfers \$0
PMA Investment Transfer of \$0
Ending checking balance November 30, 2016 of \$ 8,043,155.45
Ending savings and investments November 30, 2016 of \$6,182,495.78
Total cash balance November 30, 2016 of \$ 14,225,651.23
Total outstanding liabilities November 30, 2016 of \$ 1,718,402.03
Total unencumbered fund balance November 30, 2016 of \$ 12,507,249.20

Activity Funds – November 30, 2016
Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 233,479.55
Revenue of \$ 50,161.41
Expenditures of \$ 55,715.51
Ending balance November 30, 2016 of \$ 227,925.45
Vocational Account – November 30, 2016
Vocational fund beginning balance of \$ 12,812.00
Revenue of \$.82
Expenditures of \$ 3,836.89
Ending balance November 30, 2016 of \$ 8,975.93

Financial

Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$3,852,248.08.

Payroll for December 05, 2016 was in an amount of \$84,723.22, which included \$7,774.82 above contracted amounts.

B. Building Committee

Highlights of the Building Committee were:

- Vice Principal of Operations, Rob Knutson provided building updates from operations department.
- Additional outstanding items from previous building committee meeting and owner meetings were discussed.
- The committee considered discussions of QNS current contract and future options. Discussion was postponed for a later date
- The lettering for the labeling of the main entrance lobby was discussed.
- The status of utility bills for both old and new campus were discussed.
- The final billing process from McCarthy was discussed.
- The status of the current shot put area, and the area for Spring was discussed.

C. Policy Committee

Clarifications on selected policies are in process. Issue 93 updates will be presented later for approval of first reading.

Administrative Reports

Principal Report

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

The speech and acting team has had an increase in members, and has also won thirty five awards. Administration will be collaborating with a few community leaders in order to work on recruiting within colleges that have a minority population.

Students will resume Christmas break on January 3rd.

Faculty resumes on January 2nd.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith shared that we are working through business related issues, and personnel issues as we transition into our new school.

Consent Agenda Action Items

"The Consent Agenda items for approval are as follows:"

A. Minutes: Regular Open Minutes, November 21, 2016.

Recommendation was to approve the Regular Open Minutes of November 21, 2016.

B. Minutes: Closed Board Minutes, November 21, 2016

Recommendation was to approve the Closed Board Minutes of November 21, 2016

C. Trips

Recommendation was to approve the FFA members to attend the Leadership Conference in Mt. Vernon, IL on February 3-4, 2016 as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the Chess Team field trip to Peoria, IL on February 9-11, 2016 as presented.

D. Resignations

Recommendation was to accept the resignation of Colorguard sponsor Savannah Harrell as presented.

Recommendation was to accept the resignation of Assistant Cheer Coach Kristi Kniffen as presented.

Recommendation was to accept the resignation of Football Coach Brian Shockley as presented.

Recommendation was to accept the resignation of Automotive Instructor Jason VanMatre as presented.

Recommendation was to accept the resignation of English teacher Jacqueline Brand as presented.

E. Treasurer's Report November 2016

Recommendation was to approve the November 2016 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

F. Financial Reports and Bills November 2016

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

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

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

Action Items

A. 2016 Tax Levy

Recommendation was to approve the 2016 Tax Levy as discussed and presented.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Fairchild to approve the 2016 Tax Levy as discussed and presented.

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

B. Auditor Services

Recommendation was to approve Emling and Hoffman to provide annual auditing services for Mt. Vernon Township High School and for the Mt. Vernon Area Career Center for a three year period of FY2017 through FY2019 at a cost of \$21,560 for Mt. Vernon Township High School and a cost of \$3,300 for the Mt. Vernon Area Career Center.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Miller to approve Emling and Hoffman to provide annual auditing services for Mt. Vernon Township High School and for the Mt. Vernon Area Career Center for a three year period of FY2017 through FY2019 at a cost of \$21,560 for Mt. Vernon Township High School and a cost of \$3,300 for the Mt. Vernon Area Career Center.

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

C. District Signatory Designee

Recommendation was to approve Carleka Spann as District Signatory Designee on the Revolving and Activity Accounts to replace Shirilyn Holt who is retiring.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Mitchell to approve Carleka Spann as District Signatory Designee on the Revolving and Activity Accounts to replace Shirilyn Holt who is retiring.

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

D. District FOIA Officer

Recommendation was to approve Carleka Spann as Freedom of Information Act Officer to replace Shirilyn Holt who is retiring.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Goodwine to approve Carleka Spann as Freedom of Information Act Officer to replace Shirilyn Holt who is retiring.

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

E. Compensation for Administrative and Non-Contractual Employees

Recommendation was to defer the approval on increases as presented and discussed.

F. Employment of Personnel

Recommendation was to approve the continued employment of Chelci Wilson as Choral Music Teacher for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Miller to approve the continued employment of Chelci Wilson as Choral Music Teacher the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

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

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 Miller and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving into executive closed session at 6:59 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. (Miller, Goodwine, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Miller, and Beck.)

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Goodwine to approve entering open session at 9:13 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.


Bill Beck, Board President


Carleka Spann, Board Secretary

1/17/2017
Date