



Mt. Vernon Township High School
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 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, Ben Mitchell, and Bill Beck. 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

Max Hooper spoke on the naming rights of the school gymnasium.

Emily Timmons spoke about concerns with student athletes and the use of athletic resources, (to include the the wall in the multipurpose room and use of work out areas), on school grounds.

Board member Carl Miller spoke on athletic concerns. He had questions about the wall that Emily Timmons spoke on.

Board member Ben Mitchell, spoke on the athletic field and their preparation.

Reports of Board Committees

A. Finance Committee

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

Treasurer's report – September 30, 2016

Beginning checking balance of \$4,936,490.44

Revenue of \$1,043,359.73

Payroll and Benefits \$859,564.54

Bills \$842,854.39

TAW Payment \$0

Total Expenditures of \$ 1,702,418.93

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance September 30, 2016 of \$ 4,277,431.24

Ending savings and investments September 30, 2016 of \$6,208,614.90

Total cash balance September 30, 2016 of \$ 10,486,046.14

Total outstanding liabilities September 30, 2016 of \$ 1,718,402.03

Total unencumbered fund balance September 30, 2016 of \$ 8,767,644.11

Activity Funds – September 30, 2016

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 214,226.77

Revenue of \$ 27,418.71

Expenditures of \$ 13,609.25

Ending balance September 30, 2016 of \$ 228,036.23

Vocational Account – September 30, 2016
Vocational fund beginning balance of \$ 14,437.89
Revenue of \$ 1.12
Expenditures of \$ 722.18
Ending balance September 30, 2016 of \$ 13,716.83
(New bill received/invoice will be paid per Dr. Smith)

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$1,958,653.27.
Payroll for October 05, 2016 was in an amount of \$92080.37, which included \$11,978.83 above contracted amounts.

B. Building Committee

Bullet Points of the Building Committee

The items discussed included:

- Construction bills presented for payment and items requested before closeout payment can be issued, such as manuals as built drawings and warranties.
- Presented payments in relationship to contingency dollars.
- Punch list items for both McCarthy and the District.
- Balance of punch list items to be compared by October 18, 2016.

Dr. Smith shared that a meeting will be held in the next week or so.

Status of outstanding issues were discussed, and this included:

- Doors
- Lighting
- Fire alarm
- Electrical Outlets
- Exterior boxes to house emergency keys

Dr. Smith spoke on the process of trying to get contractors to stay on timeline regarding the doors. Vice Principal Rob Knutson spoke on the breakdown of what is going on with the doors. There are four different groups of contacts involved in door maintenance. Three departments were done today regarding door completion and use. Vice Principal Knutson anticipates keys going out by Wednesday of this week.

Administrative Reports

Principal Report

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

This year's open house held the highest attendance since 2011.

School tours remain ongoing and successful.

There were 644 ticket sales for homecoming which is an increase from last year.

Mt. Vernon Teacher's Conference will be held on October 28th. Ten of our own staff will be presenting at this conference.

Lunch with the Principal will be held October 18th from 10:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. in Principal Fatheree's meeting room.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith shared an update to include the information below.

Builders risk invoice was discussed. (A past bill that was recently presented and will be paid.)

Dr. Smith passed around samples of the seating plates for gymnasium seating.

A sample of the championship banner was reviewed.

Board member Carl Miller shared that the community can donate to the foundation for the

Dr. Smith discussed that the basketball tickets will be a lottery process, and letters will be going out soon so that prospective buyers can get tickets.

Board members Tena Elliott and Norma Fairchild volunteered to assist with the basketball ticket process.

The Nevco payment needs to be pulled to make sure we are not double paying.

The ASG bill will not be released until all building issues are resolved.

Dr. Smith discussed the turf room, and how we want to utilize all spaces for our students as much as possible.

The turf rooms are not scheduled to be utilized for storage permanently. Dr. Smith and Vice Principal of Operations, Rob Knutson are looking for additional space for storage.

Vice Principal of Operations, Rob Knutson, is in charge of all operations in the building.

Options discussed regarding removing the wall are as follows:

1.) Leaving the temporary wall in place until a facility can be constructed, or using an outdoor storage shed.

2.) Moving the wall to where it originally was in the facility.

3.) Move all maintenance supplies out of the multipurpose room with board approval for outdoor storage.

Vice Principal Knutson spoke on why we need to keep our lawn and maintenance machines on site

Parents began to speak out on educational concerns in regards to putting education first as well unfinished work on the building and the athletic fields.

Dr. Smith reassured community members that the District is doing everything possible to correct all issues and concerns.

Board members discussed the best option for the wall removal out of the three, along with Dr. Smith and board member Bill Beck. Board members agreed to go with Option 3. Costs will be discussed at a later date.

Consent Agenda Action Items

A. Minutes: Regular Open Board Minutes for September 19, 2016.

Recommendation was to approve the Regular Board Minutes of September 19, 2016.

B. Minutes: Public Hearing Minutes for September 19, 2016

Recommendation was to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of September 19, 2016

C. Trips

Recommendation was to approve the MVTHS Special Olympics field trip to East Peoria, IL on November 12th through November 13th as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the MVTHS FBLA field trip to Milwaukee, WI on November 3rd through November 6th as presented.

Recommendation was to approve MVTHS Drama Club to Urbana, IL on January 5th through January 7th as presented.

D. Court guard Gym Floor Covering

Recommendation was to approve the gym floor covering as purchased on October 3, 2016 as submitted.

E. Resignations

Recommendation was to approve the resignation of Paraprofessional Cynthia Davis as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the resignation of Cook Ellen Payne as presented.

F. Treasurer's Report, September 2016

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

G. Financial Reports and Bills September 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 passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Goodwine, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Miller, and Beck.)

Action Items

A. Adoption of IASB Policy Update Issue #92

Recommendation was to adopt the IASB Policy Update Issue #92 as discussed and as presented this evening.

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Mitchell to adopt the IASB Policy Update Issue #92 as discussed and as presented this evening.

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

B. Acceptance of the FY 2016 District Audit and Financial Report

The recommendation was to approve the adoption of the FY 2016 District Audit and Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2017 as presented at the Finance Committee Meeting with corrections.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Goodwine to approve the adoption of the District Audit and Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2016 as presented with corrections.

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

C. Acceptance of the FY 2016 Area Vocational Center Audit and Financial Report

Recommendation was to approve the Acceptance of the FY 2016 Area Vocational Center Audit and Financial Report for 2015-2016 school year as presented with corrections.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Goodwine to accept the FY 2016 Area Vocational Center Audit and Annual Financial Report for the 2015-2016 school year as presented with corrections.

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

D. Sponsors 2016-2017

Recommendation was to approve the 2016-2017 Sponsor List as presented.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Elliott to approve the 2016-2017 Sponsor List as presented.

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

E. Employment

All employments are contingent on successful completion of proper paper work (I-9, Background Checks etc.) being completed and turned in.

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Loranda Banker as Family Consumer Science Teacher at Lane E Step 10 for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Knowles to approve the employment of Loranda Banker as Family Consumer Science Teacher at Lane E Step 10 for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

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

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Pierce Borah as Volunteer Boys Baseball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Jamey VanZandt and Sarah Watts as Senior Class Sponsors for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of Jamey VanZandt and Sarah Watts as Senior Class Sponsors for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Barry Stricklin as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Goodwine to approve the employment of Barry Stricklin as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Wendy Miller as TLC Classroom Aide for the 2016-2017 school year as of October 3, 2016.

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of Wendy Miller as TLC Classroom Aide for the 2016-2017 school year as of October 3, 2016.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Alex Sheridan as Assistant Cheer Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented upon resignation of current coach Kristie Kniffen.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Goodwine to approve the employment of Alex Sheridan as Assistant Cheer Coach for the 2016-2017 school year upon resignation of current coach Kristie Kniffen.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Goodwine, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Mitchell, 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 Fairchild and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:53 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. (Fairchild, Goodwine, Elliott, Knowles, Miller, Mitchell, and Beck.)

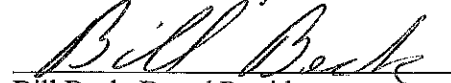
Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Goodwine to approve entering open session at 7:53 p.m.


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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Elliott to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.


Bill Beck, Board President


Carleka Spann, Board Secretary

11/21/16
Date