

Mt. Vernon Township High School
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
September 19, 2016 - 6:00 PM

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

Public Input, Staff Input, Board Input

Randy Olson spoke on naming rights of the school gymnasium.

Board member Tena Elliott offered commendations to all administration and staff on a great job with transitioning into the new school.

Reports of Board Committees

A. Building Committee

Bullet Points of the Building Committee Meeting

The items discussed included;

*McCarthy will transfer remainder of building keys to Vice President of Operations.

*The Superintendent and Vice President of Operations will do a walk through check of sidewalks for cracks.

*Warranty information is being collected by McCarthy for maintenance staff.

*McCarthy is finalizing all contract amounts to include putting together a finalization letter. Contractors have to sign off on these letters to validate having no additional claims. (Attached to this are any final punch list items.)

*Landscaping will be done throughout different areas of the campus. The North and South courtyards will be re-seeded. Greenhouse area and baseball field will be seeded/re-seeded over the course of the next few weeks. McCarthy has highlighted all landscaping areas on a drawing.

*McCarthy will check welders and make a determination on what needs to be piped.

The next Building Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

B. Finance Committee

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

Treasurer's Report – August 31, 2016

Beginning checking balance of \$5,527,052.28

Revenue of \$1,754,834.27

Payroll and Benefits \$769,275.13

Bills \$1,576,120.98

TAW Payment \$0

Total Expenditures of \$ 2,345,396.11

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance August 31, 2016 of \$ 4,936,490.44

Ending savings and investments August 31, 2016 of \$6,790,063.38
Total cash balance August 31, 2016 of \$ 11,726,553.82
Total outstanding liabilities August 31, 2016 of \$ 1,718,402.03
Total unencumbered fund balance August 31, 2016 of \$ 10,008,151.79

Activity Funds – August 31, 2016
Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 214,217.07
Revenue of \$ 5,909.98
Expenditures of \$ 5,900.28
Ending balance August 31, 2016 of \$ 214,226.77

Vocational Account – August 31, 2016
Vocational fund beginning balance of \$ 15,856.84
Revenue of \$ 1.55
Expenditures of \$ 1,420.50
Ending balance August 31, 2016 of \$ 14,437.89

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll
Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$838,528.74.
Payroll for September 02, 2016 was in an amount of \$92,720.44 which included \$17,736.77 above contracted amounts.

The next Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Administrative Reports

Principal Report

Open house will be held Oct 4th.
Administration has hosted campus tours for several graduating classes and Casey Middle School is scheduled for a tour also.
Saturday morning tours are held at 10:00 a.m. and can be scheduled by contacting the Main Office.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith gave an update on District Goals and Success Indicators.

Dr. Smith spoke on the Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Partnership
We have partnered with other districts in the county to have an official plan in place.

Dr. Smith mentioned that the ACT Voucher program is free to students.

There was discussion on updating the school website and the possibility of designating students to assist.

Consent Agenda Action Items

- A. Minutes: Regular Open Board Minutes for August 15, 2016.
Recommendation was to approve the Regular Board Minutes for August 15, 2016.
- B. Minutes: Regular Closed Board Minutes for August 15, 2016
Recommendation was to approve the Regular Closed Board Minutes, August 15, 2016
- C. Minutes: Special Open Meeting for August 17, 2016
Recommendation was to approve the Special Open Board Minutes of August 17, 2016

D. Minutes: Special Closed Meeting for August 17, 2016

Recommendation was to approve the Special Closed Board Minutes of August 17, 2016.

E. Minutes: Special Meeting for August 23, 2016

Recommendation was to approve the Special Meeting Board Minutes of August 23, 2016.

F. Trip

Recommendation was to approve the FFA field trip to Indianapolis, Indiana on October 19th through October 22nd as presented.

G. Resignation

Recommendation was to approve the resignation of Paraprofessional David Farley as presented.

H. Treasurer's Report, August 2016

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

I. Financial Reports and Bills August 2016

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

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Knowles to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Action Items

A. District Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

Recommendation was to adopt the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 as discussed and as presented this evening.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve the adoption of the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

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

B. Area Vocational Center Budget for Fiscal Year 2017

The recommendation was to approve the adoption of the Area Vocational Center Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 as presented this evening.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Knowles to approve the adoption of the Area Vocational Center Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

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

C. Frederick Oehm, Sr. Scholarship Topic

Included in the board packet is the Oehm Scholarship topic. This is a standard annual action by the

board to approve the suggested topic for a student essay based scholarship contest. Later in the year the winners are selected by a committee and recommended to the board for approval of scholarship recipients.

Recommendation was to approve the selection of the Frederick Oehm Scholarship topic suggested by the Mt. Vernon Township High School Student Council for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve Topic Number Two as suggested by the Mt. Vernon Township High School Student Council for the 2016-2017 school year.

With the cost of tuition on American college campuses steadily rising, and state budgets threatening many existing college and university programs, how does earning a college undergraduate degree still serve to transform the workplace and community, and ultimately, lead to a better world.

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

D. District Goals

The recommended district goals were presented for board approval. They have been developed with input received during the Board Retreat and from subsequent conversations/meetings with board members and administrators. These were discussed during the superintendent's report.

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Fairchild to approve the District Goals as presented.

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

E. Application for Recognition of Schools

This is the annual application made to the state certifying that the district is in compliance in the various statutory areas indicated. Every three years, there is a compliance visit which verifies the annual applications.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Knowles to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

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

F. Appointment of School Board Delegate for Chicago Tri-Conference

Recommendation was to approve the Appointment of School Board Delegate for Chicago Tri-Conference for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve Terry Knowles as the School Board Delegate for Chicago Tri-Conference for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

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

G. Adopting the Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Recommendation was to approve the adoption for the Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Mitchell to approve the adoption of the Jefferson County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

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

H. Retirement

Recommendation was to approve the revised retirement request of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Shirilyn Holt for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Elliott to approve the revised retirement request of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Shirilyn Holt for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

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

Recommendation was to approve the retirement of Bursar Kathy Shaw for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the retirement of Bursar Kathy Shaw for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.

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

Recommendation was to approve the retirement of Special Education Paraprofessional Robin Morgan for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Fairchild to approve the retirement of Special Education Paraprofessional Robin Morgan for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

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

I. 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 Aaron Webb as Assistant Track Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of Aaron Webb as Girls Assistant Track Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of William Reynolds as Drum Assistant at 75% pay for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of William Reynolds as Drum Assistant at 75% pay for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Kristen Miller as Drum Assistant at 25% pay for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Knowles to approve the employment of Kristen Miller as Drum Assistant at 25% pay for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Frank Winchester as Assistant Operetta Director for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of Frank Winchester as Assistant Operetta Director for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Lauren Keeler as Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Miller to approve the employment of Lauren Keeler as Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

There was no Executive Closed Session held.


Adjournment

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

All members voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.


Bill Beck, Board President


Carleka Spann, Board Secretary


Date