

Mt. Vernon Township High School  
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting  
April 18, 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 roll call were Tena Elliott, Norma Fairchild, Terry Knowles, Ben Mitchell, Larry Smith and Bill Beck. Absent member was Carl Miller. Also present were Principal Rowdy Fatheree, Vice-Principal of Operations Rob Knutson, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

**Public Input** - There was no public input.

**Staff Input** - There was no staff input.

**Board Input** - Board Member Knowles commented on the new school regarding the cages that are in the warehouse.

Board member Tena Elliott also commented on the cages. She also said as a board member she felt she did not have enough input in decisions that were made.

**Board Member Miller entered the meeting at 6:02 pm**

**Reports of Board Committees**

**A. Finance Committee**

Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2016

Beginning checking balance of \$7,105,021.37

Revenue of \$3,476,621.93

Payroll and Benefits \$828,920.33

Bills \$3,863,406.74

TAW Payment \$0

Total Expenditures of \$ 4,692,327.07

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance March 31, 2016 of \$ 5,889,316.23

Ending savings and investments March 31, 2016 of \$11,938,686.87

Total cash balance March 31, 2016 of \$ 17,828,003.10

Total outstanding liabilities March 31, 2016 of \$ 809,684.53

Total unencumbered fund balance March 31, 2016 of \$ 17,018,318.57

Activity Funds – March 31, 2016

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 195,222.20

Revenue of \$ 70,349.87

Expenditures of \$ 49,957.49

Ending balance March 31, 2016 of \$ 215,614.58

Vocational Account – March 31, 2016

Vocational fund beginning balance of \$ 104,057.92

Revenue of \$ 8.81

Expenditures of \$ 5,973.40

Ending balance March 31, 2016 of \$ 98,093.33

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$3,733,326.43. Payroll for April 05, 2016 was in an amount of \$78,634.66 which included \$5,232.37 above contracted amounts.

*The next Finance Committee meeting will be May 9, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.*

#### **B. Building Committee**

##### **Bullet Points of Building Committee Meeting**

#### **Safety**

No recordables or lost time since last year.

#### **Quality**

They are starting the punch list process.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Lockers show up at the end of April.

Media Center flooring has been laid.

Kitchen equipment is being installed.

Cafeteria is now being cleared of work equipment and ready for flooring.

Gym floors have been installed. Auxiliary gym bleachers are set-up at this time.

West side bleachers of competition gym have arrived and will be installed in approximately 2 weeks, then the east side will be completed.

#### **G Building**

Lighting is being installed in Art rooms.

Aluminum exterior doors being installed.

Auditorium seating slabs have been poured.

The stage was also poured on Friday.

Walls of the stage also were painted.

Sound reflectors are continuing to be installed.

Stage rigging crew will be installing rigging for the next 3 to 4 weeks.

#### **D Building**

Classrooms painting should be completed by the end of the week.

Shop Area mezzanines are completed. They are framing the divider walls at this time.

#### **Site**

They are ready to start asphaltting.

All site lighting is up. North side is not wired as yet.

The site concrete should be completed in the next two weeks then the pavers will begin work.

The Football field was re-graded last week. The landscaper should be working in the area this week. The football goals should arrive on site this week. The scoreboard will not arrive onsite as anticipated and installation is delayed. The fencing is being installed around the football field.

#### **Historical Timeline**

The timeline will be installed in about two to three weeks.

Elevators are ready.

The school is around 86%-87% completed.

*The next Building Committee meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm*

### **Administrative Reports**

**Principal Report** – Principal Fatheree spoke on the following:

April 25 – April 29<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Map Accessment

Prom

Spring Fling Week

April 12<sup>th</sup> – coffee with the principal.

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Smith had passed out the report for the board members. He gave a short talk on his report. He stated he would like to be able to hire new employees and then bring to the board for final approval. Some board members stated they would like to be included in the Assistant Principal and Executive Assistant interviews.

### **Consent Agenda Action Items**

- A. Minutes: Regular Open Board Meeting, March 21, 2016  
*Recommendation was to approve the Regular Open Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2016.*
- B. Minutes: Closed Board Meeting, March 21, 2016  
*Recommendation was to approve the Closed Board minutes of March 21, 2016.*
- C. First Consideration of Adoption of Policy Updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards, Issue 91  
*Recommendation was to approve the First Consideration of Adoption of Policy Updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards, Issue 91.*
- D. Prevailing Wage Ordinance  
*Recommendation was to approve the adoption of the ordinance as presented. The district is required annually to adopt such an ordinance and publish a notice indicating that adoption. Also included are listings of the prevailing wages for Jefferson County.*
- E. Trip  
*Recommendation was to approve the Student Council trip to Springfield, IL on May 4 to May 7, 2016 as presented.*
- F. Resignation  
*Recommendation was to accept the resignation of Head Volleyball Coach Angie Higgins as presented.*
- G. Treasurer's Report March 2016  
*Recommendation was to approve the March 2016 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.*
- H. Financial Reports and Bills March 2016  
*Action on this item approved the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.*

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Miller to approve the consent agenda items as presented except item H.

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

Item H: Board member Knowles wondered why the school needed \$19,000 worth of dog cages in the warehouse. Mr. Knutson stated the panels are important for storage at this time. When they are no longer needed on campus the panels can be taken down to be used at the new school.

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Fairchild to approve item H for payment.

The motion passed by a vote of 5-2 (Mitchell, Fairchild, Miller, Smith Beck; No votes Elliott and Knowles)

#### **Action Items**

##### **A. Oehm Scholarship Recipients**

*Recommendation was to approve the presented Oehm scholarship recipients as recommended by the selection committee.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve the presented Oehm scholarship recipients as recommended by the selection committee.

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

##### **B. Wireless System Communication**

*Recommendation was to approve the ASG Wireless Bid of \$129,061.00 as presented.*

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Smith to approve the ASG Wireless Bid of \$129,061.00 as presented.

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

##### **C. Bids for Grounds Equipment – Died for lack of a motion**

##### **D. Telephone Lease Agreement**

*Recommendation was to approve the Gibson Teldata VOIP Phone System lease agreement of \$187,236.00 contingent upon successful execution of a 5-year lease agreement with Great America Leasing Corporation as presented.*

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Fairchild to approve the Gibson Teldata VOIP Phone System lease agreement of \$187,236.00 contingent upon successful execution of a 5-year lease agreement with Great America Leasing Corporation as presented.

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

##### **E. QNS System Upgrade Proposal**

*Recommendation was to approve the QNS network upgrade proposal for a grand total of \$57,963.42 on the 3-year pay plan of \$19,610.96 a year as presented. These are the recommended upgrades necessary to support the expanded capabilities of the district network at the new campus. This cost will be paid out of the operating budget beginning next school year.*

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Smith to approve the QNS network upgrade proposal for a grand total of \$57,963.42 on the 3-year pay plan of \$19,610.96 a year as presented.

The motion passed by a vote of 6-1. (Fairchild, Smith, Elliott, Miller, Mitchell, Beck; Abstain-Knowles)

##### **F. Retirement**

*Recommendation was to approve the retirement of Teacher Dalelisa Richardson effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year as presented.*

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the retirement of Teacher Dalelisa Richardson effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year as presented

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

##### **G. Employment**

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Wayne Whitfield as Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Knowles to approve the employment of Wayne Whitfield as Assistant Football Coach for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

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

*Recommendation is to approve the employment of Pierce Borah as a Social Studies Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at Lane A, Step 1 as presented.*

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Pierce Borah as a Social Studies Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at Lane A, Step 1 as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Kristin Miller as Math Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at Lane H, Step 9 as presented.*

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Smith to approve the employment of Kristin Miller as Math Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at Lane H, Step 9 as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Andrea Cross as Math Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at Lane E, Step 9 as presented.*

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Knowles to approve the employment of Andrea Cross as Math Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year at Lane E, Step 9 as presented.

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

#### C. Bids

*Recommendation was to approve the Grounds Equipment bid for 2 Grasshopper 932 mowers with accessories as listed for a total price of \$56,704 and 1 RETCO trailer as specified by Country Blacksmith in an amount of \$2,990.00 as presented.*

Motion was made by Mitchell and seconded by Miller to approve the Grounds Equipment bid for 2 Grasshopper 932 mowers with accessories as listed for a total price of \$56,704 and 1 RETCO trailer as specified by Country Blacksmith in an amount of \$2,990.00 as presented.

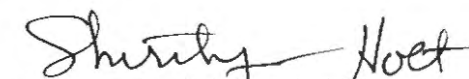
The motion passed by a 5-2 vote (Mitchell, Miller, Fairchild, Smith, Beck; No – Elliott and Knowles)

#### Adjournment

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Board members presented voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Bill Beck, Board President

  
Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

5/16/16  
Date Signed