



Mt. Vernon Township High School
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
November 16, 2015 - 6:00 PM

Board President Bill Beck called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following board members answering roll call: Tena Elliott, Norma Fairchild, Terry Knowles, Carl Miller, Ben Mitchell, Larry Smith, and Bill Beck. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Rowdy Fatheree, Vice-Principal of Operations Rob Knutson, Assistant Principal Rob Pipher, Finance Director Angie Brentlinger, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, and MHEA President Jessica Pilson. Guests included media representatives, Jim Rippy, Dan Black, and Don Bounds.

Superintendent Smith mentioned that the school code section 10-20.12a(a) allows districts to apply for a waiver of the School Code. This waiver is to allow the children of full-time employees who do not reside in the district to attend without the requirement to pay tuition. The schools three Unions, Senator Luechtefeld, Representative Bryant and the Register-News newspaper had been notified regarding the hearing.

Hearing Input

President Beck asked if there were any comments regarding the waiver of school code section 10-20.12a(a) from the public. There were no comments from the public.

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The Waiver Hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education opened at 6:05 p.m.

Public Input – There was no public input

Staff Input – There was no staff input.

Board Input – There was no board input.

Reports of Board Committees – Report given by Finance Director Angela Brentlinger

A. Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report – October 31, 2015

Beginning checking balance of \$4,876,074.79

Revenue of \$4,804,906.77

Payroll and Benefits \$838,041.72

Bills \$4,423,803.05

TAW Payment \$0

Total Expenditures of \$ 5,261,844.77

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance October 31, 2015 of \$ 4,419,136.79

Ending savings and investments October 31, 2015 of \$28,982,581.75

Total cash balance October 31, 2015 of \$ 33,401,718.54

Total outstanding liabilities October 31, 2015 of \$ 1,684,690.12

Total unencumbered fund balance October 31, 2015 of \$ 31,717,028.42

Activity Funds – October 31, 2015

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 201,698.24
Revenue of \$ 48,813.21
Expenditures of \$ 40,447.54
Ending balance October 31, 2015 of \$ 210,063.91

Vocational Account – October 31, 2015
Vocational fund beginning balance of \$ 13,745.25
Revenue of \$.81
Expenditures of \$ 13,473.82
Ending balance October 31, 2015 of \$ 272.24

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$3,981,263.35. Payroll for November 05, 2015 was in an amount of \$82,677.65 which included \$5,367.72 above contracted amounts.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee

Monday, November 9, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

Highlights of the Building Committee Meeting

Update of New High School – Brian Baldwin of McCarthy

Lost Time Injury – Employee is back at work

Quality

Pre-installs as they start new contractors.

Corrections were made to concrete foundation work.

Concrete company slated to be here December 1 to set the grandstands and visitor bleachers.

Company that does the theater rigging will be coming in.

Elevator's installed after Christmas Schedule.

- a. A Building – 1st floor is drywalled and first coat of paint. Ceiling grid will begin: Lights, fire alarms, smoke detectors, sprinkler head will be dropped into the grid. Flooring will begin after.
- b. C Building – Dry wall is hung and being taped. Paint will follow.
- c. B Building – Ready for in-wall inspection.
- d. Media Center - Glass has been installed in media center. Sprinkler system is complete and ready for in wall blockings and dry wall.
- e. G Building - Roof is on stage and the auditorium. Now working on roofing band and choral rooms. Interior walls have been framed.
- f. Cafeteria – working on sprinkler piping. Kitchen equipment such as hoods over cooking equipment and cooler and freezer will be installed next week.
- g. Locker rooms, gyms have all had one coat of paint or block filler. Expecting basketball goals and score boards in the first two weeks of December. The bleachers will be put in after the main gym flooring is completed. The auxiliary gym bleachers will be put in first.
- h. D Building – they are trying to get it enclosed.
- i. The school is just at a little over 65% completed, based on money spent.
- j. Technology – All of first floor A building cabling is pulled, closets are set up. ASG is the technology prime contractor.
- k. Items are beginning to be moved from present high school to new high school.
- l. Overall budget – we are staying on budget.
- m. The football field was not seeded. Options were discussed regarding sodding the field.

Door Access System – Baldwin spoke regarding this item.

- a. Security for entry to the buildings. There will be video.
- b. Software was accidentally left out of the specs for wiring and computer.
- c. Costs for items that were left out were discussed.
- d. Everyone agreed to pay for items needed.
- e. Dr. Smith mentioned - Wireless network piece be considered for purchase.

f. Change orders were discussed.

Dr. Smith spoke regarding proposed fencing at the baseball practice field.

Transition Planning Update

- Rob Knutson spoke regarding using some of the present campus next school year.
- Dr. Smith asked for a full proposal with potential costs to bring to the board.
- Board member Elliott will work with Doug Creel regarding the fence project.

The next Building Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

C. Policy Committee

The policy committee met on November 10, 2015 at 4:30 pm. The committee reviewed policy update 89 from the Illinois Association of School Boards which were presented for final reading.

Highlights of the meeting were:

- Public Participation at Board Meeting policy
- Review and discussion of additional policies as listed:
2.160, 2.260, 4.50, 5.50, 5.170, 5.270, 5.290, 7.10, 7.40, 7.220, 7.260, 7.3010, 7.325, 8.10, 8.80, and 2.230

The next Policy Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Administrative Reports

Principal Report

Principal Fatheree spoke regarding the following:

- National FFA Convention – students won awards in different divisions
- Illinois State School Report Card
- New Committee at the High School – Marketing Committee
- Teacher John Kabat received the NAAE Outstanding Service Citation award given to only six people in the nation.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith spoke regarding the following:

- National School Board Day. Dr. Smith read a Resolution honoring the school board members.
- Public participation policy with additional language.
- The Levy
- New School Daily Schedule from the recommendations of the School Day Committee.

Consent Agenda Action Items

A. Minutes: Special Open Board Meeting, October 19, 2015

Recommendation was to approve the Special Open Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2015

B. Minutes: Special Closed Board Meeting, October 19, 2015

Recommendation was to approve the Special Closed Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2015

C. Minutes: Regular Open Minutes of October 19, 2015

Recommendation was to approve the Regular Open Board Minutes of October 19, 2015

D. Trip

Recommendation was to approve the Chess Team trip to Peoria, IL from February 11 to February 13, 2016 as presented.

Recommendation was to approve the Special Olympics Project Unify trip to Decatur, IL from December 4 - 6, 2015 as presented.

E. Treasurer's Report October 2015

Recommendation was to approve the October 2015 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

F. Financial Reports and Bills October 2015

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 Fairchild to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

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

Action Items

A. Second Consideration of Policy Updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards, Issue 89

Recommendation was to approve the second consideration and adoption of Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Updates from Issue 89 as reviewed by the policy committee and to approve the new draft of the Public Input at Meetings policy.

Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Miller to approve the second consideration and adoption of Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Updates from Issue 89 as reviewed by the policy committee and to approve the new draft of the Public Input at Meetings policy.

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

B. Waiver of School Code, Section 10-20.12a(a)

Recommendation was to approve submission of the waiver to the State Board for consideration and action, as presented.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve submission of the waiver of School Code Section 10-20.12a(a) to the State Board for consideration and action, as presented.

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

C. Tentative 2015 Tax Levy

It was recommended to approve the 2015 tentative tax levy to be placed for public viewing and comment as presented.

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Miller to approve the 2015 tentative tax levy to be placed for public viewing and comment as presented.

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

D. Truth in Taxation Hearing

Recommendation approved a Truth in Taxation hearing to be held in conjunction with the adoption of the 2015 tax levy at 6:00 pm on December 14, 2015.

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Mitchell to approve a Truth in Taxation hearing to be held in conjunction with the adoption of the 2015 tax levy at 6:00 pm on December 14, 2015.

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

E. Tax Abatement Resolution

Recommendation is to approve the Building Bond abatement resolution to be enacted as presented, with passage of the 1% county sales tax in March 2016.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Smith to approve the Building Bond abatement resolution to be enacted as presented, with passage of the 1% county sales tax in March 2016.

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

F. Early Graduation Request

Recommendation was to approve the early graduation request of Drew Hester as presented.

Motion was made by Fairchild and seconded by Elliott to approve the early graduation request of Drew Hester as presented.

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

G. Employment of Personnel

All employments are contingent on proper paper work being completed and turned in.

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Ashley Jolly as Custodian effective November 9, 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Motion by Knowles and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Ashley Jolly as Custodian effective November 9, 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

Recommendation was to approve the employment of Lance Vosburgh as assistant wrestling coach for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Smith to approve the employment of Lance Vosburgh as assistant wrestling coach for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

Executive Closed Session

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve moving into executive closed session at 6:39 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 passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Mitchell, Smith, Beck)

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Smith to approve entering open session at 7:40 p.m.

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

There was a short discussion regarding the issues related to the new high school football field.

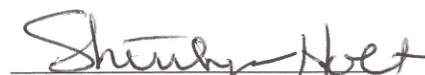
Adjournment

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Members present voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.


Bill Beck, Board President

12/15/15
Date


Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary