

Mt. Vernon Township High School  
Board of Education Regular Board Meeting  
September 21, 2015 – 5:45 PM

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 5:47 pm with Board President Bill Beck leading 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

Board President Beck opened the public hearing for the **Fiscal Year 2016 District and AVC Budgets**

Board member Carl Miller entered the meeting at 5:53 pm

**Public Input, Staff Input, Board Input**

There were no public or staff input at this time. Dr. Smith spoke regarding the District and AVC Budgets. No changes in the AVC budget. He gave a short report on changes in the district budget.

**Close Public Hearing**

President Beck closed the public hearing.

**Open Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

Board President Beck opened the Regular meeting.

**Public Input, Staff Input, Board Input**

Kent Southers –

- Asking for clarification regarding committee meetings.
- Perceived unawareness of board members regarding authorization for payments - \$500,000 change orders.
- No details regarding the building committee minutes. The committee meeting information was discussed with him by the board members.
- Finance Committee has more details than the building committee minutes which are included in the regular board minutes each month.

**Reports of Board Committees**

A. Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report – August 31, 2015

Beginning checking balance of \$5,681,037.51

Revenue of \$4,843,572.86

Payroll and Benefits \$762,712.07

Bills \$4,430,728.90

TAW Payment \$0

Total Expenditures of \$ 5,193,440.97

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance August 31, 2015 of \$ 5,331,169.40

Ending savings and investments August 31, 2015 of \$13,302,211.59

Total cash balance August 31, 2015 of \$ 18,633,380.99

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

Total unencumbered fund balance August 31, 2015 of \$ 16,948,690.87

Activity Funds – August 31, 2015

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 190,474.82

Revenue of \$ 12,745.19

Expenditures of \$ 14,206.44

Ending balance August 31, 2015 of \$ 189,013.57

Vocational Account – August 31, 2015

Vocational fund beginning balance of \$ 39,855.43

Revenue of \$ 3.32

Expenditures of \$ 19,228.65

Ending balance August 31, 2015 of \$ 20,630.10

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$4,302,711.15. In addition an easement payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to various vendors was paid after a special board meeting on September 10, 2015 per board approval. Payroll for September 04, 2015 was in an amount of \$78,005.66 which included \$4,374.58 above contracted amounts.

*The next Finance Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.*

**B. Building Committee**

The committee received an update of the new building project.

*The next Building Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm.*

**C. Policy Committee**

*The Policy Committee did not meet in September. There will be a need of a meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 4:30 pm. for a review of policy updates.*

**Administrative Reports**

**Principal Report**

Principal Rowdy Fatheree referred to September minutes regarding:

- Dates of homecoming and open house.
- Strategic planning teams meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- AG Teacher Cherie Rogier being selected as one of the top five Outstanding Ag teachers in Illinois.

**Superintendent Report Superintendent Update –**

- Public Input Policy Review - Policy 2.?? Will be reviewed at the policy committee meeting.
- Athletic Event Ticket Pricing – Administration is receiving input from the public regarding ticket pricing.
- District Goals - Goals are being recommended for approval tonight.

**Consent Agenda Action Items**

**A. Minutes: Special Open Board Meeting, June 24, 2015**

*Recommendation was to approve the Special Open Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2015*

**B. Minutes: Regular Open Board Meeting, August 17, 2015**

*Recommendation was to approve the Regular Open Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2015*

**C. Minutes: Special Open Minutes of September 10, 2015**

*Recommendation was to approve the Special Open Board Minutes of September 10, 2015*

**D. Trip\_Special Olympics**

*Recommendation was to approve the Special Olympics trip to Decatur, IL on October 2nd and October 3rd*



*as presented.*

- E. Trip\_FFA  
*Recommendation was to approve the FFA members to attend the 88th National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY on October 29 - October 31, 2015 as presented.*
- F. Trip\_FCCLA  
*Recommendation was to approve the FCCLA trip to Springfield, IL on October 4 -5, 2015 for the Ignite! Conference as presented.*
- G. Resignations  
*Recommendation was to accept the resignation of SkillsUSA co-sponsor Tammy Martin as presented.*  
  
*Recommendation was to accept the resignation of WYSE Sponsor Dustin Foster as presented.*
- H. Treasurer's Report August 2015  
*Recommendation was to approve the August 2015 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.*
- I. Financial Reports and Bills August 2015  
*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 Smith to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

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

#### **Action Items**

- A. Adoption of Area Vocational Center Budget for Fiscal Year 2016  
*The AVC budget has been on display since July, and there are no changes.*  
  
*Recommendation approved the Area Vocational Center Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as discussed and presented this evening.*  
  
Motion was made by Knowles and seconded by Fairchild to approve the Area Vocational Center Budget for 2016 as discussed and presented.  
  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Knowles, Fairchild, Elliott, Miller, Mitchell, Smith, Beck)
- B. Adoption of District Budget for Fiscal Year 2016  
*Recommendation was to approve the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as discussed and presented this evening.*  
  
Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Smith to approve the District Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 as discussed and presented this evening.  
  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Smith, Elliott, Fairchild, Knowles, Mitchell, Beck)
- C. Frederick Oehm, Sr. Scholarship Topics  
*Recommendation approved the selection of the Frederick Oehm (Aim) Scholarship topic suggested by the Mt. Vernon Township High School Student Council for the 2015-2016 school year.*  
  
Motion was made Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve the suggested Frederick Oehm, 'Sr. Scholarship topic for the 2015-2016 school year.  
  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Fairchild, Elliott, Knowles, Mitchell, Smith, Beck)  
  
The topic is "From Wi-Fi and SmartBoards to tablet computers, technology plays a crucial role in the 21st century classroom. In an essay or through a project, demonstrate how academic growth has been influenced through the use of technology in the classroom."

D. District Goals

*The goals were developed with input received during the Board Retreat and from subsequent conversations/meetings with board members. These were discussed during the superintendent's report.*

*Recommendation was to approve the district goals for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Knowles to approve the district goals for 2015-2016 as presented.

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

Board member Elliott questioned whether the goals were administrative goals rather than board goals.

E. Application for Recognition of Schools

*This is an 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.*

*Recommendation was to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools as presented.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools as presented.

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

F. Pepsi Vendor Contract

*It is recommended at this time, the district enter into a different multi-year deal for the new campus. The school's beverage vendor business should well be worth increased amounts, if the \$250,000 is off the table. The recommendation is to counter back to Pepsi (Pepsi Mid America Gym) or Harry Crisp, Sr. Athletic Annex (Turf Room/Auxiliary Gym area) for the multi-year vendor contract as presented.*

*It was recommended that the one year extension on the existing campus portion of the Pepsi Vendor multi-year contract be approved as presented.*

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the year one extension of the current Pepsi beverage vendor contract for service on the existing campus for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

The motion passed by a vote of 5 with two abstentions. (Miller, Fairchild, Knowles, Mitchell, and Beck; Abstain: Elliott and Smith)

Item G was moved until after Closed Session

H. Employment of Personnel

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Heather Borowiak as FBLA assistant sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Knowles to approve the employment of Heather Borowiak as FBLA assistant sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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



*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Dustin Foster as FIRST Robotics co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Dustin Foster as FIRST Robotics co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Annette Gullidge as Sophomore Class co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year.*

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the employment of Annette Gullidge as Sophomore Class co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Jay Koester as assistant sponsor for SkillsUSA for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of Jay Koester as assistant sponsor for SkillsUSA for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Jason VanMatre as assistant sponsor for SkillsUSA for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Jason VanMatre as assistant sponsor for SkillsUSA for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Rhonda Seibert as FCCLA co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Knowles to approve the employment of Rhonda Seibert as FCCLA co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Jamey VanZandt as Sophomore Class co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year.*

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Fairchild to approve the employment of Jamey VanZandt as Sophomore Class co-sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Mark Drennan as SkillsUSA sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Miller and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of Mark Drennan as SkillsUSA sponsor for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Andrew Kopin as co-sponsor of FIRST Robotics for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Knowles and seconded by Elliott to approve the employment of Andrew Kopin as co-sponsor of FIRST Robotics for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

*Recommendation was to approve the employment of Judy Lemke as assistant sponsor of FCCLA for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.*

Motion by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the employment of Judy Lemke as assistant sponsor of FCCLA for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

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

### **Executive Closed Session**

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve moving into executive closed session at 6:53 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 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 8:07 pm

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

#### **G. Administrative and Non-Collective Bargaining Employee Compensation**

*Recommendation was that the four non-collective bargaining employees and the members of the administration receive a 3% increase in compensation which is in alignment with what other employees of the district have received for this year.*

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve the administration and four non-collective bargaining employees receive a 3% increase in compensation.

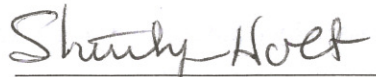
The motion passed by a vote of four with one no vote and two abstentions. (Elliott, Fairchild, Miller, Beck: No - Mitchell, Abstain-Knowles and Smith)

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Miller to approve adjourning the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

All board members present voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Bill Beck, Board President

  
Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

10-19-15  
Date Signed