



Mt. Vernon Township High School  
Board of Education Retreat  
Saturday, July 11, 2015 – 9:00 am  
Holiday Inn – Mt. Vernon, IL

Board President Beck called the meeting to order at 9:15 am with the following board members present 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 Doug Creel, Assistant Principal Rob Pipher, Assistant Principal Julie Littlefair and Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt.

Introduction of board of education members and administration.

### District Goals Discussion

Superintendent Smith led the discussion regarding the past trends and the future which included:

- Finance
- Programming
- Fall Enrollment for students

Principal Rowdy Fatheree presented information regarding the Attendance Office from 2014-2015 and comparison of other school years.

- Attendance - District goal - 94% or higher
- Discipline
- Physical Altercations
- Referrals
- Parental Contact

Assistant Principal Julie Littlefair spoke regarding the Freshman Academy which has been in existence since 2008-2009 school year.

- Meeting planning time for teachers, social worker, counselor and assistant principal.
- No longer doing home visits.
- Freshman boot camp
- Kuno's for the students
- Working with World Wide Work Force- with JCDC - Career planning
- Goals for Freshman Academy
- Monthly awards for students
- Family Partnership Association
- Incentives to praise teachers

Break at 10:10 am

10:20 am

Assistant Principal Pipher spoke regarding Curriculum and Testing

- MAP testing and data
- Breakdown of Grade Distribution
- Credit Recovery

- 2015-2016 Class schedules for teachers
- Family Night's - Senior Parents night; Helping to fill out Financial Aide forms; 8th grade night
- We have hired new teachers for Art, Special Education, and Science. There are Area Vocation positions still needed at this time.
- Assistant Principal Position has 19 total applicants, 16 external and 3 internal.

Rob Knutson spoke regarding the following in the Area Vocational Center:

- Computer Labs
- Project Lead the Way - Program/Course Descriptions
- AVC School Concept/Mission Statement
- 2013 Career and Technical Education Snapshot

Dr. Smith stated at this time 45% of our students have gone to junior college or a 4-year college in the past few years.

The Board would like the administrators to come up with ideas on goals.

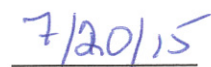
### Adjournment

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Fairchild to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm.

All members present voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Bill Beck, Board President

  
Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

  
Date Signed