



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
Minutes of the January 20, 2009  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

**Mission Statement**

*The Mission Statement expresses the purpose for which we exist  
and the functions we perform in a learning process.*

Mt. Vernon Township High School is a community including students, parents, staff, and citizens. The mission is to provide challenging educational and social experiences that will create in all students lifelong learning and responsible citizenship in a diverse and changing world.

President Hoffman called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members answering roll call were: Greg Backes, Ron Copenhaver, Pat Garrett, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart and Dan Hoffman. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, members of the media and guests.

During the public comments, community members Melissa Hurst and Beth Lundus spoke regarding the Rockin' Rams dance team.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

- A. Minutes – Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 16, 2008
- B. Bills
- C. Treasurers Report

Backes made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Copenhaver. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)

Superintendent Milt explained the measurable outcomes sheets.

**Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Milt mentioned the following items:

- First semester grades. He stated 6% of students failed the first semester.
- Will talk about a date for the tag workshop and policy updates.

**Old Business:**

None to date.

**New Business:**

- Recognition of National Board Certified teacher  
Superintendent Milt introduced Science teacher Angela Box and President Hoffman presented her with a gift in recognition of attaining the status of National Board Certified teacher.
- Presentation of 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy  
Superintendent Milt called on Assistant Principal Tammy Beckham, who explained the information regarding the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy.  
After discussion Backes made a motion to approve the concept of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy with more information to be presented to the Board, with a second by Copenhaver.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)

- Setting of Board of Education dates and times for 2009.  
Copenhaver made a motion to set the Board time/dates to 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month beginning with the May meeting, with a second by Goodwine.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- FGM presentation on Health, Life, Safety work  
FGM presented information regarding the school  
After the presentation and discussion Goodwine made a motion to approve the plan with a second by Garrett.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Goodwine, Garrett, Backes, Copenhaver, Hawthorne, Stewart, Hoffman)
- Approve re-issue of bids for roof work on Building G  
After discussion Backes made a motion to approve with a second by Stewart.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Stewart, Copenhaver, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman)
- Set date for Policy Updates and Bob Shanks, TAG workshop  
The policy review meeting was set for 5:30 p.m. The TAG meeting was set for 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2009.

#### Closed Session - 9:15 p.m.

Backes made a motion to enter closed session for issues relating to personnel, parent concerns, and contract negotiations with a second by Goodwine  
All board members voted yes. *Motion passed*

#### Open Session - 10:45 p.m.

Backes made a motion to enter open session with a second by Copenhaver.  
All board members voted yes. *Motion passed.*

Superintendent Milt stated the State of Illinois is in bad shape. Some State payments have been received. However the district could be in a negative balance if other state money does not arrive in a timely manner. Milt gave an overview of anticipated cost increases for the 2009-2010 school year as well as cost savings because of retirements and/or staff movement.

#### Adjournment

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Goodwine. All board members voted yes.

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Dan Hoffman, Board President

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Terry Milt, Minutes Recorder