



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Minutes of the December 16, 2008
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, and Dan Hoffman. Board member Robert Stewart was absent. Also present were Superintendent Terry Milt, Principal Ron Daniels, members of the media and guests.

During the public comments, community member Jim Rippy spoke regarding his concerns over the tax increase.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes – Special Board Meeting minutes of September 23, 2008, Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 25, 2008, Special Disciplinary Open and Closed minutes of December 10, 2008
- B. Bills
- C. Treasurers Report

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

Principal Daniels gave a short report to the Board regarding the measurable outcomes.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Milt mentioned the following items:

- The Board is invited to attend the breakfast gala on December 18 starting at 7:30 in C gym
- Parent/Teacher Conference attendance was up 129 from last year. 556 parent/teacher conferences with 87 teachers.
- Treasurer Jane Brown and Board Secretary/Admin. Assistant Shirilyn Holt are recuperating from surgery.

Old Business:

None to date

New Business:

- FFA presentation (discussion)
- FFA advisor John Kabat and 12 students gave a presentation.

Approve volunteer baseball coach (discussion/action)

Copenhaver made a motion to approve Tom Fulkerson as a volunteer coach with a second by Backes. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Copenhaver, Backes, Garrett, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Hoffman, Absent – Stewart)

To consider making closed session minutes from July, 2008 to December, 2008 public (discussion/action)

Backes made a motion to keep July 15, August 19, and December 10 closed session minutes closed with a second by Goodwine. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Backes, Goodwine, Copenhaver, Garrett, Hawthorne, Hoffman, Absent – Stewart)

7:25 p.m. – 7:43 p.m.

Levy hearing for proposed levy increase for 2009-2010 school year (discussion/action)

Hoffman announced the Levy hearing was open. Superintendent Milt indicated there was a copy of the proposed levy at the meeting.

- Milt gave a short explanation of the proposed increases and gave individual fund totals proposed.
- Our school district is entitled to every dollar and needs every dollar the CPI will allow.
- The tax rate for this school is either the lowest or 2nd lowest in the state.
- Total levy requested is \$6,301,263, an increase of \$821,903.
- Some Board members made comments on the levy.
- Rev. Gene Tucker addressed the Board regarding the levy.
- The hearing was closed.

Approve 2009-2010 tax levy (discussion/action)

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

Presentation of ideas and thoughts of 9th grade academy (discussion)

This item was tabled until the January 20, 2009 board meeting.

7:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Backes made a motion to adjourn with a second by Goodwine. Motion passed by consensus of all board members present.

Dan Hoffman, President

Terry Milt, Recorder