



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
August 16, 2010  
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Goodwine who led the Pledge of Allegiance. The following board members answered roll call: Kim Alvis, Cynthia Davis, Pat Garrett, Carl Miller, Robert Stewart, and Karen Goodwine. Absent member was Jon Hawthorne. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principal Rob Knutson, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, Media and guests.

### **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Bond Issue Notification Act Hearing for up to \$2,500,000 School Bonds

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to open the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

There was no public, staff or board comment at this time.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Davis to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.  
The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### **Reports of Committees**

##### **A. Finance Committee**

*The committee met on August 9<sup>th</sup>.*

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Treasurer's Report

*Beginning checking balance of \$1,543,552.53*

*Revenues of \$2,037,734.20*

*Expenditures of \$958,166.77*

*Transfers from Savings of \$0*

*PMA Investment Transfer of \$0*

*Ending checking balance July 31, 2010 of \$2,623,119.96*

*Ending savings and investments July 31, 2010 of \$157,322.88*

*Total cash balance July 31, 2010 of \$2,780,442.84*

*Total outstanding liabilities July 31, 2010 of - \$2,055,973.34*

*Total unencumbered fund balance July 31, 2010 of \$724,469.50*

#### Activity Funds

*Activity fund beginning balance of \$120,104.44*

*Deposits of \$651.65*

*Debits of \$3,017.09*

*Ending balance July 31, 2010 of \$117,739*

***Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.***

#### **B. Building Committee**

*The committee met on August 9<sup>th</sup> to receive an update on the facility feasibility study that is ongoing. The health life safety amendments and process were discussed. The schedule and interviews with construction management firms on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> were also discussed.*

***Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.***

#### **C. Policy Committee**

*The Policy Committee did not meet. The next meeting is to be announced as the policy committee will work with the curriculum committee to revise the six policies regarding instructional practice identified by the TAG process with IASB.*

#### **D. Curriculum Committee:**

***The Curriculum Committee did not meet, pending upcoming scheduling with the Policy Committee.***

- 4. PUBLIC INPUT** – There was no public input at this time.

**STAFF INPUT** – There was no staff input at this time.

**BOARD INPUT** – There was no board input at this time.

#### **5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

##### **A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

- Principal Daniels stated 1283 students have registered. There is a possibility of 154 students who are still expected to register.
- At this time there are 87 sections with over 30 students in each class. Some classes will be balanced.
- Student's had met with administration in an assembly and were given the expectations for the school year.

##### **B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

- Superintendent Smith mentioned the next months reports will be focused on student progress and bench reports.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes  
*July 13, 2010 Special Meeting Open Session*
- B. Minutes  
*July 19, 2010 Regular Meeting Open Session*
- C. Minutes  
*July 19, 2010 Regular Meeting Closed Session*
- D. Dual Credit Agreement with Rend Lake College
- E. Study Hall Supervisor  
*Action approves the recall of Valerie Bigley to fill this supervisory aide position.*
- F. Student Council Sponsor  
*Action approves Sarah Watts as student council sponsor to work with Mr. VanZandt.*
- G. Girls Bowling Coach  
*Action approves the addition to the coaching/sponsor list for 2010-2011 of Susan Gentry.*
- H. Financial Reports and Bills July 2010  
*Action on this item approves the treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.*
- I. Treasurer's Report July 2010  
*Action on this item approves the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.*

Assistant Principal Knutson spoke regarding some courses which are no longer dual credit because of legislation changes.

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Miller to approve the consent agenda items with noted corrections.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Miller, Alvis, Davis, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### **Executive Session:**

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Garrett to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:48 p.m. in accordance with school board policy 2:220 – E2 item # 1, the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Garrett, Alvis, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Stewart to approve moving out of executive closed session at 8:40 p.m.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Stewart, Alvis, Davis, Garrett, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Employee Compensation for 2010-2011**

*Action will approve a 2.1% raise for the administrative staff excluding the superintendent who has requested no raise for the upcoming year. Action also will approve affecting a 2.1% salary increase for the remaining 5 non-association employees of the district. (Superintendent assistant and board secretary, finance director, principal secretary, plant superintendent and bookroom supervisor) The 2.1% increase equate to the average teacher increase for the upcoming year.*

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve a 2.1% increase in salary for the mentioned employees.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Garrett, Alvis, Miller, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

### **B. Approval of District Treasurer**

*Action approves John Ashby as district treasurer for an amount not to exceed \$4,800.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Miller to approve John Ashby as district treasurer effective September 1, 2010.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Miller, Alvis, Davis, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

### **C. Employment of Assistant Principal**

*Action approves Ms. Joyce Dalton as Assistant Principal of the Attendance Office.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to approve Joyce Dalton as Assistant Principal for the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Davis, Alvis, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

### **D. Additional Employment of Support Staff and or Sponsors**

*It was noted there are no positions to approve at this time.*

### **E. Life Safety Amendments for K and M Buildings**

*Action approves additional life safety amendments for Buildings K and M which were not part of our filed plan from 2009.*

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Garrett to approve the Life Safety Amendments for submission as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Garrett, Alvis, Davis, Miller, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

**F. Resolution to establish a Public Hearing for the consideration of a permanent transfer of \$100,000 from the Education Fund to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.**

*Action approves the setting of a hearing on August 23, 2010 to transfer \$100,000 from the Education Fund to IMRF Fund. IMRF rates have been increased, and the district had developed a surplus in past years. As a result, the levy rate for the IMRF Fund had been reduced to utilize the fund balance for retirement obligations. Now that the surplus has been depleted, the rate will be incrementally increased annually to cover this shortfall in revenue in the IMRF Fund.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Davis to establish a Public Hearing on August 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. to consider action to permanently transfer \$100,000 from the Education Fund to the IMRF Fund.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Davis, Alvis, Miller, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

**G. Adoption and Display of the FY 2011 Tentative Budget**

*The tentative budget will be placed on public display for 30 days to be adopted in September.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to approve and place on display the FY 2011 tentative budget as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Garrett, Alvis, Davis, Stewart, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

**H. Establishment of a Public Hearing on September 20, 2010 for the Adoption of the FY 2011 Budget.**

*Action approves the establishment of a public hearing on September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for the adoption of the fiscal year 2011 budget.*

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve a public hearing on September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for the consideration of the adoption of the FY 2011 budget.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Davis, Stewart, Alvis, Garrett, Miller, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

Superintendent Smith mentioned the TIF information that had been passed out to the Board members. There will be a meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> at City Hall and he asked the members to attend if possible.

It was noted that a website link to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Governance Review will be sent to the board.

**I. “Adoption of General Obligation Limited Tax School Refunding Bonds Series 2010A Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2010B (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment)), of Mt. Vernon Township High School District No. 201, Jefferson County, Illinois but with no action on this resolution on August 16, 2010**

*Action approves a resolution authorizing the sale of a \$1,000.000 of Health Life Safety Bonds.*

**No Action Was Taken At This Time.**

**9. Adjournment**

This August 16, 2010 regular meeting is not scheduled to adjourn, but is to be “reconvened” on August 23, 2010 at 5:45 p.m. to take up the aforementioned bond resolution.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to not adjourn the meeting, but to move to recess and to reconvene at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2010.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Stewart, Davis, Alvis, Garrett, Miller, Goodwine. Absent was Hawthorne)

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Karen Goodwine, Board President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

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Date Signed