



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Open Meeting of the Board of Education
December 17, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Miller who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the staff and students of the Newtown, CT. School. Board members answering roll call were: Kim Alvis, Greg Backes, Cynthia Davis, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart and Carl Miller. Also present were Superintendent Mike Smith, Principal Wes Olson, Assistant Principal/CTE Director Rob Knutson, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, Finance Director Angela Brentlinger, media and guests.

Board members answering roll call at the opening of the Tentative Tax Levy Hearing were Kim Alvis, Greg Backes, Cynthia Davis, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart and Carl Miller.

Public Input: The following people spoke regarding the Tax Levy.

Jerome Tobin

Jim Rippy

Bob Shaw

O.J. Cozart

Shirley Bourland

Staff Input: There was no staff input.

Board Input:

Board members Hawthorne and Stewart gave comments regarding the tax levy.

Dr. Smith gave a short report concerning the tax levy.

Close Public Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2012 Tax Levy

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2012 Tax Levy.

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Miller spoke regarding the design and plans of the new school.

STAFF INPUT:

Karen Hamilton spoke regarding insurance problem some staff are experiencing.

BOARD INPUT: No Board Input

Reports of Committees

Finance Director Brentlinger read the treasurer and finance reports.

A. Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report - November 30, 2012

Beginning checking balance of \$5,770,739.90

Revenue of \$4,112,712.09

Payroll and Benefits \$847,826.87

Bills \$483,155.43

TAW Payment \$0

Total Expenditures of \$ 1,330,982.30

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance November 30, 2012 of \$ 8,552,469.69

Ending savings and investments November 30, 2012 of \$ 9,460,111.76

Total cash balance November 30, 2012 of \$18,012,581.45

Total outstanding liabilities November 30, 2012 of \$1,512,715.04

Total unencumbered fund balance November 30, 2012 of \$16,499,866.41

Activity Funds – November 30, 2012

Activity fund beginning balance of \$194,463.74

Revenue of \$19,870.54

Expenditures of \$16,186.02

Ending balance November 30, 2012 of \$198,148.26

Vocational Account – November 30, 2012

Vocational fund beginning balance of \$147,147.69

Revenue of \$384.00

Expenditures of \$4,431.30

Ending balance November 30, 2012 of \$143,100.39

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$1,631,406.14. The P-Card procurements for November, 2012 are \$9,655.85. Payroll for December 03, 2012 was \$73,730.48 which included \$5,277.24 above contracted amounts.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14th, at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee

The Building Committee reviewed the status of the new high school design and status of the schematic phase.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14th at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will include a presentation of the new revised High School design.

C. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee reviewed recommended policy updates from the Illinois Association of School Boards. Policies are presented later for action in this evenings meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Report

Principal Olson cited the report he had supplied to board members. He also mentioned Mt. Vernon Township High School student, Kayann Bush was the County Board official seal design winner.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith noted since he had spoken regarding the tax levy, he would defer further comments until next month's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Closed Session

C. Treasurer's Report November 2012

Action on this item approves the November 2012 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee

D. Financial Reports and Bills November 2012

Action on this item approves the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

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

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval and Adoption of IASB Policy Updates, Issue 80, October 2012

The most recent recommended updates of board policy from the Policy Committee had been provided to the board members. Action approved the adoption of these policy updates.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve the adoption of board policy updates from Issue 80, October 2012 as presented.

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

B. Approval of Class of 2015 Activity Account

Action approved the establishment of an Activity Account for the Class of 2015

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to approve setting up an Activity Account for the Class of 2015.

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

C. Student Council Trips – Memphis, TN and Lombard, IL

Action approved the Student Council Trip to St. Jude in Memphis, TN for four students and two advisors on January 25 and 26, 2013 as presented.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to approve the Student Council Trip to St. Jude in Memphis for four students and two advisors on January 25 and 26, 2013 as presented.

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

Action approved the Student Council Trip to the LEAD National Conference in Lombard for twelve students and two advisors on February 14-17, 2013 as presented.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Stewart to approve the Student Council Trip to the LEAD National Conference in Lombard for twelve students and two advisors on February 14-17, 2013 as presented.

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

D. New Courses Proposals

Action approved the new courses as presented. These changes involve the realignment of some current CTE/AVC courses to provide expanded offerings.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the new courses as presented.

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

E. Surplus Inventory

A list of equipment which has been deemed surplus by the Music Department, was given to the Board for review. Action approved the surplus musical equipment inventory and allowed for sale or disposal as presented.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to approve the surplus inventory of music department equipment as presented.

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

F. Treasurer Signature

Action approved the School Treasurer John Ashby as sole signatory on the Mt. Vernon Township High School Bank of America checking account and all PMA Financial Network accounts as recommended by school auditors.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Backes to approve the School Treasurer John Ashby as sole signatory on the Mt. Vernon Township High School Bank of America checking account and all PMA Financial Network accounts as recommended by school auditors.

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

G. Certificate of Adopting Resolution

The move of MVTHS employees to individual health insurance policies effective January 1, 2013 requires the establishment of a bank account for escrow and management of individual premium payments by our board approved brokers NFP. The district and employees will deposit monthly into the account the funds needed to cover the cost of the new health benefit plan.

Action approved the establishment of the mentioned account with Alpine Bank & Trust CO. as recommended by NFP.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Davis to approve the establishment of the mentioned account with Alpine Bank & Trust CO. as recommended by NFP.

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

H. Employment of Personnel

The following employment is being recommended for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year: Elizabeth James as Child Care Aide for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year at Step 8.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to approve the employment of Elizabeth James, as Child Care Aide for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year at Step 8.

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

H. 2012 Tax Levy

A copy of the proposed Tax Levy for 2012 was included in the packet which is being recommended for adoption.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Backes to approve the 2012 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Executive Session

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:30 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), Student Disciplinary Cases.
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

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

Open Session

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving into open session at 9:20 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

All present stated aye.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed