



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 19, 2012
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Miller who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Michael Smith, Financial Director Angela Brentlinger, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee in an amount of \$319,428.83. The P-Card procurements for March, 2012 are \$6305.55. Payroll for March 02, 2012 was \$77,578.91 which included \$9,441.95 above contracted amounts.

Treasurer's Report - February 29, 2012

*Beginning checking balance of \$6,724,155.21
Revenue of \$487,397.94
Payroll and Benefits \$856,557.70
Bills \$432,813.44
TAW Payment \$1,018,692.92
Total Expenditures of \$ 2,308,064.06
Transfers \$0
PMA Investment Transfer of \$0
Ending checking balance February 29, 2012 of \$ 4,903,489.09
Ending savings and investments February 29, 2012 of \$ 871,672.95
Total cash balance February 29, 2012 of \$ 5,775,162.04
Total outstanding liabilities February 29, 2012 of \$ 1,082.57
Total unencumbered fund balance February 29, 2012 of \$ 5,776,244.61*

Activity Funds – February 29, 2012

*Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 176,557.36
Revenue of \$ 24,575.85
Expenditures of \$ 11,714.06
Ending balance February 29, 2012 of \$ 189,419.15*

Vocational Account – February 29, 2012

*Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 236,369.54
Revenue of \$ 15,899.59
Expenditures of \$ 2,199.24
Ending balance February 29, 2012 of \$ 250,069.89*

The committee members also discussed proposals for Financial Advisor Services.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

B. Policy Committee

The committee members met on March 13th and discussed new policy updates.

Next meeting, if needed, is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday April 11th, at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT: Jim Ahrenholz addressed the board regarding the proposed Ardell Kimmel Memorial Scholarship.

STAFF INPUT: Teacher Jessica Pilson spoke to the Board regarding the recent Youth and Government trip to Springfield.

BOARD INPUT: No Board input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Report

Curriculum Director Rob Pipher spoke regarding the Apex Learning Lab.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith spoke regarding the following:

- G Building Window Project
- The establishment of a site and construction fund, selection of the financial advisor services and the Asbestos Abatement Bid.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

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B. Minutes

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C. Illinois High School Association Membership

Action approved the annual membership agreement between Mt. Vernon High School and the IHSA.

D. Skills USA Trip

Action approved the MVTHS SkillsUSA Team to attend the 2012 SkillsUSA State Competition in Springfield, IL from Thursday, April 26th to Saturday, April 29th.

E. FFA State Convention Trip

Action approved the Mt. Vernon FFA to attend the 83rd annual state FFA Convention on June 13-15, 2012 in Springfield, IL.

- F. First Robotics Club Annual Regional Competition
Action approved the "First Robotics" club of MVTHS to attend the annual regional competition in St. Louis, MO on March 22-24, 2012.
- G. Oehm Scholarship Judges
Action approved the presented individuals as Oehm Scholarship Judges for 2012.
- H. Treasurer's Bond
Action approved an additional bond for the school treasurer as required in an amount of one quarter of the amount of funds acquired through voter approved referendum bonds. This action is needed to cover the recently approved bond issuance for 2012.
- I. Employee Intent to Retire
Action approved the retirement of Gary Hatfield at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.
- J. Resignations
There were no resignations.
- K. Financial Reports and Bills February 2012
Action on this item approved the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.
- L. Treasurer's Report February 2012
Action on this item approved the February 2012 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

Second Reading of IASB Policy Updates

The most recent recommended updates of board policy from the Illinois Association of School Boards had been included in board packets. Action approved the second reading and adoption of these policy updates as reviewed by the Policy Committee.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to approve the second reading and adoption of board policy updates as presented.

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

Ardell Kimmel Memorial Scholarship

Action approved the establishment of the Ardell Kimmel Memorial Scholarship as presented and discussed.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve the establishment of the Ardell Kimmel Memorial Scholarship as presented and discussed.

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

Board Book Electronic Board Meeting Program

After review by board members and the administration, a recommendation is being made to purchase the Board Book program and associated training. The timeline would be to fully utilize the electronic board meeting preparation program for the July 2012 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Backes to approve the purchase of the Board Book board meeting preparation program as presented and discussed.

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SITE AND CONSTRUCTION FUND

Action approved the enclosed resolution establishing a Site and Construction Fund 60 for the management of revenue and expenditures related to the new school construction project.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve the resolution providing for the establishment of a Site and Construction Fund 60 as presented.

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

Selection of Financial Advisor Services

Action approved the contracting for Financial Advisory Services. The district had received two formal proposals to date. Both had been reviewed by the Finance Committee and the following recommendation was made.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Backes to approve King's Financial Consulting as Financial Advisory firm for Mt. Vernon Township High School to manage the sale of the remaining voter approved referendum bonds.

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

Asbestos Abatement Bid

Action approved the contracting for Asbestos Abatement as part of Phase I of G Building window replacement project. The bid result sheet had been reviewed by the board. The recommendation was to award the bid to Envirotech, Inc. of St. Louis, MO.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Stewart to award the bid for asbestos abatement for the G Building Window Replacement Project Phase I to Envirotech, Inc.

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

Employment of Administrative Personnel

Action approved the following employment of administration. The contract approvals were for current compensation levels. Final salary, compensation levels, and specific goals are to be determined by July 1, 2012.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to employ Joyce Dalton as Assistant Principal for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

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

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to employ Julie Holmes as Assistant Principal for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

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

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to employ Robert Knutson as Assistant Principal for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

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

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to employ Doug Creel as Assistant Principal for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

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

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Davis to employ Robert Pipher as Assistant Principal for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

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

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to employ Wes Olson as High School Principal for the 2012 - 2013 school year.

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

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to establish a new five year contract with Michael Smith as superintendent to be in effect July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017.

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

Proposed 2012-2013 School Calendar

Action approved the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year as was presented. The calendar had been reviewed with other area school districts and with the district administration, teachers, and staff.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve the 2012-2013 school year calendar as presented.

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

Non-Renewal of Certified Personnel

Action approved the non-renewal of employment for the following certified employees.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve the non-renewal of employment and release of Dana Koester.

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

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve the non-renewal of employment and release of Lisa Lowry.

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

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Goodwine to approve the non-renewal of employment and release of Kristie Sheppard.

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

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Alvis to approve the non-renewal of employment and release of Rebecca Simpson.

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

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve the non-renewal of employment and release of Michael Kinkade.

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

Executive Session

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:50 p.m. in accordance with school board policy 2:220 – E2 items # 1, the appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee for the District to determine its validity: 5 ILSC 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057;

The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

The Placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILSC 120/2(c)(10).

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

Open Session

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving into open session at 9:55 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Backes to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

All present voted aye.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed