



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
February 21, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Miller would led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Kim Alvis, Greg Backes, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart, and Carl Miller. Absent board member was Cynthia Davis. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Wes Olson, Finance 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. Bills were in an amount of \$1,077,195.65. This included P-Card procurements of \$12,883.03. Payroll was in an amount of \$828,328.19. This included an amount of \$32,568.89 for compensation above contracted amounts through February 4, 2012 as indicated.*

#### Treasurer's Report

*Beginning checking balance of \$5,879,288.18*

*Revenue of \$1,922,062.68*

*Expenditures of \$ 1,077,195.65*

*Transfers \$0*

*PMA Investment Transfer of \$0*

*Ending checking balance January 31, 2012 of \$ 6,724,155.21*

*Ending savings and investments January 31, 2012 of \$ 872,504.55*

*Total cash balance January 31, 2012 of \$ 7,596,659.76*

*Total outstanding liabilities January 31, 2012 of \$ 999,291.25*

*Total unencumbered fund balance January 31, 2012 of \$ 6,597,368.51*

#### Activity Funds

*Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 187,423.07*

*Revenue of \$ 20,256.25*

*Expenditures of \$ 31,121.96*

*Ending balance January 31, 2012 of \$ 176,557.36*

The committee also heard a presentation from Tim King of King's Financial Services regarding financial advisor services.

*Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.*

### B. Policy Committee

*The committee met on February 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed new policy updates. These were presented for First Reading as action later this evening.*

*Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.*

PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input.

#### STAFF INPUT

- Teacher Megan Clodi and two students presented information regarding Project Unify – a Special Olympics Initiative.
- Julie Hayes and a student from FBLA, presented information regarding attending the state conference.

BOARD INPUT – There was no board input.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

#### **Principal Report**

Principal Olson's report had been included in the board packet. He stated on February 10 there had been an all school assembly and he praised the student body for their behavior. He also commended Mrs. Clodi and her students who were in the assembly.

Principal Olson also mentioned this was FFA week.

#### **Superintendent Report**

##### *Race to the Top 3 Letter of Intent*

Information was included in the board packet regarding the Race to the Top letter. The board's recommendation is to submit the letter. Dr. Smith mentioned the local association (MHEA) must sign off on Race to the Top or the letter cannot be submitted.

##### *G Building Window Bid Second Phase*

The first bid was offered to Utterbrink Contruction. The second phase of the project will be to complete the ends of "G" building and the lobby.

##### *Dashboard Report Update*

Mr. Olson noted that unexcused tardies had not been rolled over as in the past, which means it is a year accumulation rather than semester. Attendance is up and tardies are down at this time.

Superintendent Smith discussed the resolution related to action item 7.D.

Dr. Smith mentioned the note received from North Boone School thanking Math Teacher Bill England for his help in transporting students due to their bus troubles.

### Consent Agenda

#### A. Minutes

*January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Open Session*

#### B. Minutes

*January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Closed Session*

#### C. Student Teacher Agreement

*Action approved the student teacher agreement with Illinois State University.*

#### D. Employee Resignations

*Action approved the resignations of: Mary Fields, Cook and Hannah Rodgers as Head Art Teacher.*

**E. Special Olympics Project Unify Trip**

*Action approved district Special Olympics participants attending the state wide Youth Activation Summit in Bloomington-Normal on March 16 & 17.*

**F. Illinois FBLA State Leadership Conference**

*Action approved FBLA student members and advisers attending the FBLA conference on March 29 – March 30, 2012 in Decatur, IL.*

**G. Youth and Government Springfield Trip**

*Action approved students and chaperones attending the Youth and Government General Assembly in Springfield, IL on March 16 – March 18, 2012.*

**H. Financial Reports and Bills January 2012**

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

**I. Treasurer's Report January 2012**

*Action on this item approved the January 2012 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee*

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. First Reading of IASB Policy Updates**

*The most recent recommended updates of board policy from the Illinois Association of School Boards had been included in the board packet for review. Action approved the first reading of these policy updates as reviewed by the Policy Committee. These policies are still under review for the next 30 days and will be presented for adoption in final form at next month's meeting.*

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve the first reading of board policy updates as presented.

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

### **B. Employment of Personnel**

*The following employment is being recommended for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year:*

*Jerod Kessler – Girls Assistant Track Coach*

*Shelby Campbell – Girls Assistant Track Coach*

*Michael Field – Temporary Custodian*

*Crystal Nowak – Art Department Head Teacher*

Jerod Kessler

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to approve the employment of Jerod Kessler as Girls Assistant Track Coach for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

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

Shelby Campbell

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Goodwine to approve the employment of Shelby Campbell as Girls Assistant Track Coach for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

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

Michael Field

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Backes to approve the employment of Michael Field as Temporary Custodian for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

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

Crystal Nowak

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve the employment of Crystal Nowak as Art Department Head Teacher for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

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

**C. Request for Proposals for Financial Advisor Services**

*Action approved advertising for request for proposals for financial advisor services to assist with bond sale and financing related to new high school construction. The finance committee has had two presentations outlining the scope of these services. It is recommended based on the size of the new high school building project and the amount of bonds to be sold, that the board consider such services.*

Dr. Smith stated Tim King's resume was in the back of the new school binder. This item is for financial advisor for bond sale.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alvis to approve a proposal for financial advisor services as presented.

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

**D. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2012, OF MT. VERNON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 201, JEFERSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND FOR THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS.**

*Action approved financing with a one year maturity date of December 31, 2012, in an amount sufficient to secure funds for land purchase and to cover cost associated with initial facility design work.*

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the resolution providing for the issues of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2012, of Mt. Vernon Township High School District No. 201, Jefferson County, Illinois, and for the Levy of Direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds, and related matters as presented.

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

### **Executive Session**

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:05 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, Stewart, Alvis, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Miller: Absent, Davis)

### **Open Session**

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving into open session at 9:30 p.m.

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

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Backes to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

All present voted aye.

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Carl Miller, Board President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

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Date Signed