



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
January 17, 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, Principal Wes Olson, Assistant Principal Robert Knutson, Assistant Principal Robert Pipher, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, Finance Director Angela Brentlinger, representatives from the Mt. Vernon Register News and Mt. Vernon Sentinel, 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 \$1,897,221.22. This included P-Card procurements of \$9,323.35. Payroll was in an amount of \$836,208.39. This included an amount of \$34,448.72 for compensation above contracted amounts through January 4, 2012 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$7,287,123.59

Revenue of \$489,385.81

Expenditures of \$ 1,897,221.22

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance December 31, 2011 of \$ 5,879,288.18

Ending savings and investments December 31, 2011 of \$ 872,542.25

Total cash balance December 31, 2011 of \$ 6,751,830.43

Total outstanding liabilities December 31, 2011 of \$ 999,244.39

Total unencumbered fund balance December 31, 2011 of \$ 5,752,586.04

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 205,856.96

Revenue of \$ 18,283.20

Expenditures of \$ 36,717.09

Ending balance December 31, 2011 of \$ 187,423.07

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13th, at 4:00 p.m.

B. Policy Committee

The committee met on January 10th to view and discuss a presentation of the electronic Board Meeting program "Board Docs."

Next meeting, if needed, is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT – No public input

STAFF and STUDENT INPUT

HOSA Teacher Tammy Martin gave an update on the progress of one of the district's Project Lead the Way Programs (Bio-Medical Science Program) classes. Student Gauri Kaushal also spoke on behalf of the program.

BOARD INPUT – There was no board input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Report

Principal Olson spoke regarding the choir being selected to sing in Branson, MO.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith discussed:

1. The truancy and attendance numbers for the first semester.
Olson mentioned this was year 3 of PBIS and the school has two people presenting at the State PBIS.
2. Grade breakdown for the 1st semester 2011-2012 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

December 19, 2011 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

December 19, 2011 Regular Meeting Closed Session

C. HOSA State Leadership Conference

Action approved HOSA members and chaperones to attend the National Leadership Conference on March 14th – 16th in Decatur. This is an overnight trip and requires Board approval.

D. FFA Trip

Action approved FFA members and chaperones to attend the Leadership Conference in Collinsville. This is an overnight trip and requires Board approval.

E. Student Council LEAD Conference

Action approved 13 student council members and chaperones to attend the LEAD Conference in Lombard, Illinois February 17th, 18th, and 19th. This is an overnight trip and requires Board approval.

F. Employee Resignations

Action approved the resignation of Betty Eskew as teacher aide.

G. Financial Reports and Bills December 2011

(finance committee enclosure)

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

H. Treasurer's Report December 2011

(finance committee enclosure)

Action on this item approved the December 2011 treasurer's report 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, and Miller).

ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Release of Executive Session Minutes

Executive Session Minutes from July to December 2011 have been reviewed in accordance with the bi-annual requirement. It was recommended that none be released at this time.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve the non-release at this time of any additional executive session minutes.

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

B. New Class Approvals for the 2012-2013 School Year

Action approved the new class proposals for the 2012-2013 school year as presented.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to approve the additional course offerings as presented and discussed.

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

C. Bid of the Transportation Contract

A copy of the current contract with Beck Bus which expires this year had been included in the board packet. Based on rising costs and the uncertainty of future transportation funding, the administration is recommending putting the transportation services out for bid.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the bidding of transportation services contract for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

D. Employment of Personnel

Action approved the employments of Keith Jones and Jacob Flick as 21st Century Learning Lab assistants and Richelle Chapman as new health teacher substitute to fill out the assignment for the rest of the year.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve the employments as presented.

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

E. Graduation Date

Action approved May 19, 2012 as the graduation date for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the May 19th, 2012 as the graduation date for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

F. Mt. Vernon Rotary Club John Howard Community Service Scholarship

Action approved the establishment of the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club John Howard Community Service Scholarship to be awarded annually to the male or female senior graduating from a Jefferson County High School.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve the John Howard Community Service Scholarship as a new scholarship as presented.

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

G. Approval of G Building Window Replacement Bids

Action approved the bid to carry out the G Building Replacement Project. The documents in reference to the project had been discussed at the Building Committee level and had been included in the board packet. The project will be completed over the summer.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Backes to approve the awarding of the bid to replace G Building Windows and to conduct other work items as specified in the project documents to Unterbrink Construction.

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

Executive Session

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:10 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 and 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 motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Davis, Backes, Goodwine, Hawthorne, Stewart, and Miller).

Open Session

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

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Backes, Davis, Goodwine, Stewart, and Miller). Hawthorne had left the closed session meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:31 p.m.

All present voted aye.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed