



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 19, 2011
7:00 P.M.

President Miller called the meeting to order and 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, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Presentation of Tentative Tax Levy 2011

Public Input – Jim Rippe spoke regarding being good stewards of taxpayer money.

Staff Input - No Staff Input

Board Input - No Board Input

Superintendent Smith gave an overview of the 2011 Tax Levy.

Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Davis to close the public Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2011 Tax Levy at 7:23 p.m.

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

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$1,292,720.31. This included P-Card procurements of \$2,130.20. Payroll was in an amount of \$842,354.22. This included an amount of \$40,263.07 for compensation above contracted amounts through December 05, 2011 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$5,321,979.65

Revenue of \$3,257,864.25

Expenditures of \$ 1,292,720.31

Transfers \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance November 30, 2011 of \$7,287,123.59

Ending savings and investments November 30, 2011 of \$873,381.39

Total cash balance November 30, 2011 of \$8,160,504.98

Total outstanding liabilities November 30, 2011 of \$1,749,585.02

Total unencumbered fund balance November 30, 2011 of \$6,410,919.96

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$200,757.92

Deposits of \$25,236.67

Debits of \$20,137.63

Ending balance November 30, 2011 of \$205,856.96

The committee also heard a presentation from a representative of PMA Financial Services regarding financial advisor services and reviewed the tentative levy as discussed and presented for action this evening.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 4:00 p.m.

B. Committee of the Whole

The committee met on December 12th regarding Building Committee issues and discussed the status of the door replacement project throughout campus, the bidding of the G Building Window Replacement Project scheduled for this summer, and the Acquisition of G Lot West Parking Area. The Committee of the Whole also entered into closed session to discuss the purchase and acquisition of property.

Next Meeting TBA as needed.

C. Policy Committee

Board member Hawthorne stated the committee had met on December 13th and discussed new policy updates. The policies were being presented for Second Reading and Adoption.

Superintendent Smith also spoke regarding the changes in two policies 3:60 and 4:80

Next meeting, if needed, is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT - None

STAFF INPUT – Music Teacher Julie Wilkerson spoke regarding the proposed Choir Trip

BOARD INPUT - None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Report

Principal Olson spoke on Focus Monitoring and the Rising Star District Improvement Plan. He added a thank you to staff and students regarding the Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11. Principal Olson also commended the staff and students for the work they have done this first semester.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith stated his focus had been the levy and that would serve as his report.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

December 12, 2011 Committee of the Whole Open Session

C. Minutes

December 12, 2011 Committee of the Whole Closed Session

D. Employee Resignations

Action approved the resignation of Brad Beaty as Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach

E. Financial Reports and Bills November 2011

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

F. Treasurer's Report November 2011

Action on this item approved the November 2011 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, Davis, Hawthorne, Stewart, and Miller).

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Second Reading and Adoption of IASB Policy Updates

The most recent recommended updates of board policy from the Policy Committee had been included in the board packet. Action approved the second reading and adoption of these policy updates.

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

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

B. Choir Trip

Action approved the Concert Choir trip to Branson, Mo., leaving Thursday, April 26th and returning Saturday, April 28th.

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the Mt. Vernon High School Choir Trip as presented and discussed.

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

C. Rising Star School Improvement Plan Adoption

A copy of the Rising Star School Improvement Plan as required by the state for our district had been included in the board packet. This is an ongoing fluid document, which reflects the activities of the district to address teacher and student performance.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve the Rising Star School Improvement Plan document as presented and discussed.

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

D. Employment of Personnel

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

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve the employment of Brian Gamber, as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

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

E. 2011 Tax Levy

A copy of the proposed Tax Levy for 2011 had been discussed and included in the board packet. The levy is being recommended for adoption.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the 2011 Tax Levy as presented.

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

9. Executive Session

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve moving into executive closed session at 7:54 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 Stewart and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving into open session at 9:15 p.m.

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

The superintendent and board held a short discussion regarding board training and teacher evaluation.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Stewart to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

All present voted aye.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed