



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 21, 2011
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 present were: Kim Alvis, Greg Backes, Cynthia Davis, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart, and Carl Miller. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Assistant Principal Julie Holmes, Curriculum Director Rob Pipher, Financial Director Angela Brentlinger, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Public Input - Parent Concern

Bonnie Armendariz spoke to the Board concerning Home Schooling. She felt there was a lack of communication regarding home schooling resources. President Miller asked her to call Principal Olson who would give her direction.

Staff and Student Input – FFA Presentation

Teacher and FFA Sponsor John Kabat and Cherie Rogier and students were present to present information about the FFA convention and activities the club completes.

Board Input – Board member Goodwine mentioned the Rams had won their basketball game.

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Financial Reports – Bills and Payroll

Bills were reviewed by the finance committee. Bills were in an amount of \$1,691,869.57. This included P-Card procurements of \$8,780.01. Payroll was in an amount of \$846,479.24. This included an amount of \$40,622.34 for compensation above contracted amounts through November 4, 2011 as indicated.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$3,429,128.30

Revenue of \$3,594,720.92

Expenditures of \$ 1,691,869.57

Transfers \$10,000.00

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance October 31, 2011 of \$ 5,321,979.65

Ending savings and investments October 31, 2011 of \$ 871,915.16

Total cash balance October 31, 2011 of \$ 6,193,894.81

Total outstanding liabilities October 31, 2011 of \$ 1,749,695.84

Total unencumbered fund balance October 31, 2011 of \$ 4,444,198.97

The second payment of property taxes of approximately \$2.6 million was received.

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$ 198,999.17

Deposits of \$ 29,817.29

Debits of \$ 28,058.54

Ending balance October 31, 2011 of \$ 200,757.92

The committee also discussed the need for the Rockin' Rams Activity Account, the possibility of Summer Driver Education, and the Tentative Levy.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th, at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee

The committee did not meet.

The next meeting will be announced as needed.

C. Policy Committee

The committee met on November 15th and discussed new policy updates.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th, at 5:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal Report

The principal report had been included in the board packet. Assistant Principal Julie Holmes was present and offered progress information regarding the Freshmen Academy.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith spoke on the following:

- First Quarter Dash Board Report
- Land Donation "G Lot West"
- Brad Beaty resigned as Freshman Basketball Coach
- Teacher attendance for October 2011 – 95%
- The school has applied for an ITRI grant.
- 2011 Report Card
- Mid Term Grades

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Open Session

B. Minutes

October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Closed Session

C. Minutes

November 15, 2011 Special Meeting Open Session

D. Culinary Arts Trip

Action approved a field trip to the Culinary Arts Facility in St. Louis, MO for 35 students from the Culinary Arts I and Culinary Arts II classes on November 22nd.

E. Student Council Trip

Action approved a LEDSC overnight trip for December 1st and December 2nd to Memphis, TN for four students to tour St. Jude Hospital and the Civil Rights Museum.

F. Rockin' Rams Activity Account

Action approved, as discussed in the finance committee of November 14, the establishment of a District Activity Account for the Rockin Rams school sponsored group as recommended by the auditors.

G. IMRF Ballot Resolution

Action approved a resolution to vote for a specific candidate, as indicated, for a 5-year term for Executive Trustee of the IMRF.

H. Financial Reports and Bills October 2011

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

I. Treasurer's Report October 2011

Action on this item approved the October 2011 treasurer's report as had been 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, and Miller).

ACTION ITEMS

A. First Reading and Adoption of IASB Policy Updates

The most recent recommended updates of board policy from the Policy Committee had be discussed at the Policy meeting and had been distributed to all board members. Action approved the first reading of these policy updates. These will be available for further inspection and comment and will then be presented for second reading and adoption in December.

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

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

B. Additional Food Vendor

Action approved Po'Boyz restaurant to sell additional food on Thursday's in the Mt. Vernon Township High School cafeteria. The recommendation came from Food Service to add this additional vendor based on the length of the current lines.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Stewart to approve Po' Boyz as an additional food vendor for lunch, one day a week as presented.

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

C. Frederick Oehm, Sr. Scholarship Topics

A list of remaining Oehm Scholarship topics had been included in board member packets. Each year, the Board discusses and selects a topic for participating students to compose an essay on. Action approved the selection "The American Presidency 2012 – What is Needed to Move America Forward as the topic for the Frederick Oehm, Sr. Scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve "The American Presidency 2012 – What is Needed to Move America Forward as the Oehm Scholarship Essay Topic for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

D. Employment of Personnel

The following employment is being recommended for the 2011-2012 school year: Caitlin Grither, SADD co-sponsor of SADD.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve the employment of Caitlin Grither as SADD co-sponsor for the 2011-2012 school year as presented.

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

E. Donation of Land Consideration

A copy of the work conducted by Mitchell Law Office on behalf of the district regarding the proposed donation of land to the district by Ten Oaks Properties had been included in the board packet. Mr. Mitchell had recommended action based on the following motion as written.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve accepting a donation gift of a parking lot from Ten Oaks Properties, LLC as presented under the condition of free of all liens except real estate taxes.

Dr. Smith will get clarity from Mr. Mitchell regarding any taxes that may be due on this property.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve adjourning the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

All present voted aye.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed