



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
May 16, 2011 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Miller who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members answered roll call: Kim Alvis, Greg Backes, Cynthia Davis, Karen Goodwine, Jon Hawthorne, Robert Stewart and Carl Miller. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Board Secretary Shirilyn Holt, media and guests.

Reports of Committees

A. Finance Committee

Financial Director Angela Brentlinger read the following financial report:

Bills were in an amount of \$878,027.21 and \$13,978.12 tax interest, added after the finance meeting. P-Card procurements of \$4,130.45 and payroll in the amount of \$663,929.07. This total also included an amount of \$35,241.54 for compensation above contracted amounts through May 5, 2011 for a variety of reasons such as drivers education, substitutes, athletic workers, overtime, student workers, temporary help and meeting attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning checking balance of \$4,399,896.18

Revenue of \$866,487.33

Expenditures of \$1,223,788.38

Transfers from Savings of \$0

PMA Investment Transfer of \$0

Ending checking balance April 30, 2011 of \$4,042,595.13

Ending savings and investments April 30, 2011 of \$857,793.69

Total cash balance April 30, 2011 of \$4,900,388.82

Total outstanding liabilities April 30, 2011 of \$417,070.41

Total unencumbered fund balance April 30, 2011 of \$4,483,318.41

Activity Funds

Activity fund beginning balance of \$192,100.34

Deposits of \$25,271.28

Debits of \$35,886.06

Ending balance April 30, 2011 of \$181,485.56

The next Finance committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13th, at 4:00 p.m.

B. Building Committee Discussion

The committee met and discussed the proposed Energy Efficiency Grant which has been approved by the state in the amount of \$464,000. Also, the door replacement bid up for action later in the meeting was discussed. An update was delivered on the state school construction grant program. The members and first meeting of the new high school site selection committee were reviewed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13th, at 5:30 p.m.

Board member Stewart left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

C. Policy/Curriculum Committee

The committee met and reviewed the most recent updates for board policy as supplied by the Illinois Association of School Boards. These are presented later this evening as an action item for approval of second reading and adoption.

The committee reviewed recommended handbook changes from the administration and handbook committee. These are still under administrative review and are expected to be presented in June for board approval.

The committee also considered information presented by the Illinois Association of School Boards inquiring if the board would like to move into Stage II of the TAG program. The committee is recommending not at this time given all of the other commitments of the administration, staff, and board.

The next policy/curriculum meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 14th at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input.

STAFF INPUT –

- A. Teacher Jessica Pilson spoke regarding the Youth and Government recent trip to Springfield.
- B. RTI Process – Staff members were present and spoke on their work in the development of the *Response to Intervention* (RTI) process for Mt. Vernon High School.
- C. President Miller read a card from student Hannah Weber, who thanked the Board for the Oehm scholarship she had received.

BOARD INPUT – There was no Board input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

GPA Calculations

Principal Daniels handed out a sheet regarding grade point calculations for the possibility of two valedictorians and a salutatorian. The Board agreed with the calculations.

Robert Stewart reentered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Summer Work Items/Projects

Superintendent Smith spoke regarding the following items:

- The summer work projects and maintenance workers approved by Brian Rightnowar.
- Student Hannah Weber and teacher aide Jeff Ressler, would like to work in the book room this summer gathering and repairing books.
- Summer hours for the secretarial staff have been set
- Final Top Senior Class Ranking

Assistant Principal Creel spoke regarding student testing incentives.

CONSENT AGENDA

“THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR APPROVAL ARE AS FOLLOWS:”

- A. Minutes
April 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Open Session

April 18th 2011 Regular Meeting Closed Session
- B. Minutes
April 26, 2011 Special Meeting Open Session

April 26th 2011 Special Meeting Closed Session
- C. Employee Resignations
Action approved the resignations of Tammy Beckham Assistant Principal, Dan Mings Head Football Coach, Brett Gibbs Part Time Choral Director, Paula Ramirez High School Principal Secretary, Carlyn Hawkins Cook.
- D. HOSA Leadership Conference
Action approved the HOSA trip to the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California June 22nd through June 26th.
- E. Southern Illinois University Student Teacher Agreement
Action approved a resolution to allow placement of student teachers from Southern Illinois University for the 2011-2012 school year.
- F. FFA State Convention and Trips at No Cost
Action approved the FFA Chapter to attend the Illinois State Convention in Springfield, Illinois on June 14th through the 16th. It also approves five students to travel to Washington, D.C. this summer at no cost as presented.
- G. Financial Reports and Bills April 2011
Action on this item approved the financial report, bills, and payroll as reviewed by the finance committee.
- H. Treasurer's Report April 2011
Action on this item approved the April 2011 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Updates
Action as recommended approved the second reading and adoption of policy updates as supplied by the Illinois Association of School Boards and as reviewed by the Policy Committee.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve the policy updates with the exception of policy 3.5.

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

B. Approval of Bids for Milk, Bread Products, and Pizza

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve the bids for and purchase of Milk, Bread, and Pizza Products as presented.

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

C. Approval of Bids for School Supplies

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve the bids for general school supplies as presented.

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

D. Approval of Bids for Door Replacement

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Davis to approve the low bid from Lipps Construction for the door replacement project as presented.

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

E. New Class Description Approval

The description of the Personal Finance class had been supplied to Board members and will be the class to meet the Consumer Education requirement for graduation for students. This class is being taught by a business teacher thus the name and structure of the class.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the addition to the course handbook of the Personal Finance class as presented.

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

F. Section 125 Plan Administrator

An explanation of the Section 125 plan had been supplied to Board members. The district needs to update this plan and procedures to remain in compliance with IRS guidelines. American Fidelity is endorsed by state associations to provide this service. They will also provide ongoing management of the plan for no cost to the district. A representative had presented to the Finance Committee in May.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Goodwine to approve American Fidelity to serve as Mt. Vernon High School Section 125 Plan Administrator.

The motion passed by a vote of six to one, with one abstention. (Backes, Goodwine, Alvis, Davis, Stewart, Miller/abstention Hawthorne)

G. Approval of New Scholarships

Information had been submitted to the Board from Community First Bank regarding establishing two scholarships for graduating seniors.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve the establishment of the Community First Bank Student Board of Director's Scholarship in an amount of \$250 and the Community First Bank Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarship in an amount of \$500 under terms as presented.

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

H. Franklin/Jefferson County Special Education Cooperative Board Representative

A resolution had been supplied to the Board regarding a Special Education Cooperative request that the district name a representative to the Coop Governing Board. Carl Miller has served in this position most recently. A volunteer or an appointment is necessary.

Board member Cynthia Davis volunteered.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve Cynthia Davis as Mt. Vernon High School Representative to the Special Education Coop Governing Board.

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

I. Prevailing Wage Resolution

A resolution was provided to the Board by the Regional Office of Education. The district is required annually to adopt such a resolution and publish a notice indicating that adoption.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented.

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

J. Line of Credit Resolution

A resolution was provided to the Board by district counsel outlining the terms of a Line of Credit with People's National Bank in an amount of \$1,500,000. This will be in place to access in June or July if necessary.

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Stewart to approve a Line of Credit with People's National Bank in an amount of \$1,500,000 as presented.

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

K. Health, Vision, Dental Insurance Renewal

The renewal of the current insurance plans as provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield, VSP Vision, and Delta Dental was provided to the Board. These have been reviewed by the Insurance Committee.

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Davis to approve renewal of health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield, vision insurance with VSP, and dental insurance with Delta Dental as presented.

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

L. Tentative Amended Budget

A draft of an amended budget based on current projections was included in the Board packet. Based on how final June expenditures come in, this may not be necessary. However, just in case, the tentative amended budget needs to be on display for 30 days for adoption on June 20, 2011. If any final corrections become necessary, we will be prepared to do that by this action.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Backes to approve the adoption of a tentative amended budget for fiscal year 2011 with the budget to be placed on public display for 30 days and notice of a public hearing for June 20, 2011 to consider adoption to be given.

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

M. Clearwave Broadband Contract

Information regarding Clearwave Broadband services had been included in the Board packet. The superintendent presented information regarding this new expanded broadband service which is being made available to Mt. Vernon and Southern Illinois.

Motion was made by Goodwine and seconded by Alvis to approve the contract for services with Clearwave Communications as presented.

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

N. Employment of Personnel

Motion was made by Backes and seconded by Alvis to approve Lance Boldt and Kayla Worker as Assistant Girls Basketball Coaches.

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

Executive Session

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving into executive closed session at 8:30 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 120/2C (1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

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

Open Session

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Goodwine to approve moving out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Goodwine to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

All members stated aye.

Carl Miller, Board President

Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

Date Signed