



Mt. Vernon Township High School District #201  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
February 22, 2011 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Acting-President Robert Stewart who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members answering roll call were Kim Alvis, Pat Garrett, Jon Hawthorne, Carl Miller, and Robert Stewart. Absent members were Cynthia Davis and Karen Goodwine. Also present were Superintendent Michael Smith, Principal Ron Daniels, Assistant Principal Rob Knutson, 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 \$467,230.59. There is an additional bill presented this evening for US Bank for \$878.31 with explanation as provided. This included P-Card procurements of \$174.87 and payroll in an amount of \$665,389.01. This included an amount of \$32,248.14 for compensation above contracted amounts through February 4, 2011 as indicated.*

##### **Treasurer's Report**

*Beginning checking balance of \$4,718,498.90  
Revenue of \$587,171.86  
Expenditures of \$1,047,309.15  
Transfers from Savings of \$0  
PMA Investment Transfer of \$0  
Ending checking balance January 31, 2011 of \$4,258,361.61  
Ending savings and investments January 31, 2011 of \$861,084.10  
Total cash balance January 31, 2011 of \$5,119,445.71  
Total outstanding liabilities January 31, 2011 of \$415,781.13  
Total unencumbered fund balance January 31, 2011 of \$4,703,664.58*

##### **Activity Funds**

*Activity fund beginning balance of \$162,977.57  
Deposits of \$14,777.84  
Debits of \$19,779.92  
Ending balance January 31, 2011 of \$157,975.49*

***Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.***

“Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve the Financial Reports, Bills, Payroll, and Treasurer’s Report for January 2011 as action items later in the meeting as presented by the administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee.”

## **B. Building Committee**

*The committee met on February 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss Health and Life Safety work regarding repairs to doors, fire alarms, and emergency lighting. Also, elevator repair and the services of a new company were discussed as was the status of the front entrance repair on A Building.*

*The question was asked regarding if there would money for camera replacements. Superintendent Smith stated a hearing had been held for exception uses to health/life/safety and to use those funds for communication equipment based on safety concerns. This includes camera’s and phone’s. This has not been finalized at this time, but will be submitted to the state.*

***Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.***

## **C. Policy/Curriculum Committee**

*The committee met on February 15<sup>th</sup> to review recommended policy revisions from the Illinois Association of School Boards. These are being presented for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption later this evening. Also discussed were Textbook Selection Procedures, Third Year Math Credit Clarification, Graduation Credits: 8 Period Day, and the Bio- Medical Project Lead the Way recommendation.*

***Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.***

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

- Electrician Mark Drennen spoke regarding school issues.
- Parent Jeff Scarborough spoke about the current policy regarding GPA calculation related to final class rank this year. He asked that the Board consider revising the policy to include his daughter as co-valedictorian. Board members recommended Superintendent Smith look into this issue and formulate an answer.

**STAFF INPUT** – There were no staff comments.

## **BOARD INPUT**

- Board member Pat Garrett spoke regarding concerns of correct information regarding the referendum being distributed. He presented information regarding campaigning at school sanctioned events and the Chamber website being linked to the school website making it appear that the school was involved in preparing a “fact” sheet. Campaign literature should be marked.

Superintendent Smith mentioned Capital Board personal would be at the school on February 23.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

- Faculty member, Julie Holmes is president-elect of the Illinois Family Consumer Science Teacher Association.
- Cross Country team qualified for IHSA Academic Award with a total GPA of 3.77

- Student Stephanie Modert was named honorable mention to the IHSA All State Academic Team.

Board member Stewart mentioned 10 members of the Student Council attended a Leadership Conference in Chicago.

Some items stolen from basketball players at a recent out of town game have been returned. Other items will be reimbursed to the students from that school.

## **B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

The superintendent gave a brief update and review of each of the following:

- Dashboard Report Update: Summary of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Freshman and Sophomores.
- This year's recommended graduation date is May 21, 2011. The last student date would be May 31, 2011 and teacher institute June 1, 2011. The Honors night is scheduled for May 19, 2011.
- Two Year Project Lead the Way Bio-Medical Program of Study.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes  
*January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Open Session*
- B. Minutes  
*January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Closed Session for Student Discipline*
- C. Minutes  
*January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting Closed Session for Personnel*
- D. Minutes  
*February 15, 2011 Special Meeting Open Session*
- E. Student Teacher Agreements  
*Action approved the agreements for Mt. Vernon High School as a site for student teacher placements for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and for Illinois State University.*
- F. Addition to District Signatory List  
*Action approved the addition of Angela Brentlinger, Director of Finance, to the district signatory list replacing Jane Brown.*
- G. Freshman Book Club Activity Account  
*Action approved the establishment of an activity account to manage dollars raised for a freshman level voluntary book club activity. A similar book club currently exists for older students.*
- H. Employee Resignation  
*Action approved the resignation of Paul Fields as Assistant Football Coach.*

**I. Financial Reports and Bills January 2011**

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

**J. Treasurer's Report January 2011**

*Action on this item approved the January 2011 treasurer's report as reviewed by the finance committee.*

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

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Miller, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Second Reading IASB Policy Updates**

*Action approved the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Updates as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards. These have been reviewed by the Policy Committee.*

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Alvis to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Updates as provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Garrett, Alvis, Hawthorne, Miller, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**B. Employment of Assistant Softball Coach**

*Action approved Amanda Kuberski as Assistant Softball coach.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to hire Amanda Kuberski as Assistant Softball Coach.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**C. Adoption of New Courses and Descriptions for 2011-2012 School Year**

*Recommended new classes and accompanying course descriptions for the 2011-2012 school year were provided to the Board to examine. These are related to the 8 period day and additional elective desires.*

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Miller to approve the 2011-2012 new classes as presented and discussed.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Miller, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**D. School Sponsorship of Boys and Girls Bowling 2011-2012**

*Bowling Coach David Wagner had addressed the Board previously asking for the district to assist if possible, in the transportation of the Bowling teams to events which he had been personally providing.*

*Action approved the district coverage of transportation cost for the Boys and Girls Bowling Teams to events.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve the sponsorship by the district of the transportation costs associated with the travel of the Boy's and Girl's Bowling Teams for the 2011-2012 School Year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Miller, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**E. Approval of Two Year Project Lead the Way Bio-Medical Program of Study**

*Action approves the year one implementation of a two year Project Lead the Way sanctioned Bio-Medical Program of study as presented and discussed at the Curriculum Committee meeting this month and as discussed during the meeting this evening.*

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Alvis to approve a two year Project Lead the Way Bio-Medical Program as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Miller, Alvis, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**F. HOSA Leadership Conference**

Action approves the HOSA sponsors and 17 students to attend and compete in various events at the state leadership conference in Decatur, Illinois March 16 -18, 2011. This item involves an overnight trip so this requires Board approval.

Motion was made by Hawthorne and seconded by Garrett to approve the HOSA organization to attend the HOSA State Leadership Conference in Decatur, Illinois on March 16-18, 2011 as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Hawthorne, Garrett, Alvis, Miller, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**G. Employment of Personnel**

*Actions approved the transfer of Lee Ann Ferguson to the position previously held by Steve Harrison for the remainder of the school year and the employment for the remainder of the school year of Becky Simpson to fill the current position of Lee Ann Ferguson.*

**Lee Ann Ferguson**

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Garrett to approve the transfer for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year of Lee Ann Ferguson, current cross categorical teacher to full time ED teacher.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Miller, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

**Becky Simpson**

Motion was made by Garrett and seconded by Alvis to approve the employment of Becky Simpson as full time cross categorical teacher for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year.

The motion passed by unanimous vote. (Alvis, Miller, Garrett, Hawthorne, Stewart; Absent were Davis and Goodwine.)

Board member Garrett mentioned the amended calendar and asked Superintendent Smith to consider having 10 or 12 emergency days included in the 2011-2012 school calendar.

**Adjournment**

Motion was made by Alvis and seconded by Miller to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

All members present voted aye and the meeting was adjourned.

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Robert Stewart, Acting President

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Shirilyn Holt, Board Secretary

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Date