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## **Vernon Board of Education Appoints William Meier III as Vernon Schools Director of Business and Finance**

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Vernon Board of Education Monday evening unanimously appointed William Meier III as the school system’s new Director of Business and Finance.

Meier, 42, is a lieutenant with the Vernon Police Department and leads the detective bureau and serves as the department public information officer. His 19-year career with the police department will end July 3, 2021. He will begin work with the Vernon Public Schools on July 7, 2021.

Meier earned a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut with a concentration in public finance. He is also a state certified school business manager.

“Lt. Meier has served the residents of Vernon with distinction during his time as a police officer and I expect he will continue to do so in his new role at Vernon Public Schools,” said Mayor Dan Champagne.

In addition to his duties in the Vernon Police Department, Meier has served as co-incident commander of Vernon’s response to the coronavirus pandemic and has been director of the nationally-recognized Vernon Regional Vaccination Program.

“Congratulations to Lt. William Meier on his recent appointment by the Vernon Board of Education,” said Michael Purcaro, Vernon’s Town Administrator and Emergency and Risk Management Director. “It has been said that leadership is action, not a title. Bill is all about action, integrity, hard work, and professionalism. He is filling a key leadership position in our community and on the Superintendent’s executive cabinet. We look forward to working with him in his new role and his continued contributions to effectively and efficiently provide high quality government services for the benefit of all students.”

In a note to his colleagues at the police department, Meier said he is looking forward to his new career and is grateful to be able to remain in Vernon.

“As a child I dreamed of becoming a police officer and my career with the Vernon Police Department certainly fulfilled that dream,” Meier said. “It also presented me with the opportunity to work with some amazing people at the department and in the community. I look forward to continuing that work.”

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