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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for August was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 5:00pm.

Mrs. Goetzman called the meeting to order.

Roll call of the Board Members with the following present: Mrs. Goetzman, Dr. Bennett, Ms. Rugola-Dye, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Workman.

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Call of votes: Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Ward, Yes.

Motion carried.

Reports and Public Participation

Maintenance and Safety Report

Safety and Maintenance Director Rick Shaffer shared a slideshow with the Board showcasing all the facility and safety improvements that were accomplished over the summer break.

Public Participation

Gambier resident Bruce Kiracofe addressed the Board with a real estate request pertaining to his personal property adjacent to Wiggin Street Elementary.

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board regarding back to school information.

September Board Meeting

The date of the September 2025 Board Meeting was changed to Monday, September 29, 2025.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development Planning

Items for Information

Dr. Bennett shared a Student Achievement Liaison Report with the Board.

Fiscal Services

July 2025 Financial Report

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Dr. Bennett moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the July 2025 Financial Report and the following items:

Donations

TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Columbia	Anonymous	$833
Middle School	Anonymous	$833
Pleasant Street	Gay Street United Methodist Church	Crayons, highlighters, notebooks, glue sticks, rulers, folders, etc.
Pleasant Street	Kathy Schmatz	Crayons, colored pencils, folders, wipes

Call of votes: Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Ward, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes.

Motion carried.

Business Services

Items of Information

Ms. Rugola-Dye sharded a Legislative Liaison Report with the Board.

Facility Use Requests

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the Facility Use Request below and the item following:

Girl Scout Troop 7502 - use of the cafeteria at Wiggin Street, Tuesdays, August 26, 2025-May 19, 2026, 3:30pm-5:00pm, "Bi-weekly troop meetings"

Settlement Payment to Knox ESC

The Board authorized a payment of $5,000 to Knox ESC in connection with the resolution of a legal matter involving both organizations.

Call of votes: Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Ward, Yes.

Motion carried.

Student Services

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Independency LLC

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to approve the Independency LLC transportation contract and the following item:

AKtivate LLC

Ashley Burrs, School Psychologist Contracted Services, 2025-2026 SY

Call of votes: Mr. Ward, Yes; Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes.

Motion carried.

Personnel - Certificated/Licensed Staff

Salary Change Notices (Effective at beginning of 2025-2026 SY)

Eric Brown
Robin Elliott
Lauren Heffelfinger
Kari Krabill
Stacie McGuire
Darin Prince
Hannah Wildermuth

Mr. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to act on the following Certificated/Licensed Personnel items:

Employment (**2025-2026 SY**) - Subject to proper placement on the salary schedule, contingent upon favorable report from BCII/FBI, receipt of proper certification/licensure and verification of experience. The Mount Vernon Board of Education reserves the right to prorate and/or cancel this contract should adjustments to the school year be necessary due to circumstances beyond our control.

New Teacher/Certificated Staff Contracts

Chloe Mae Ferguson received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Intervention from MVNU in May 2024. Ferguson will serve as a Third Grade Teacher at Dan Emmett Elementary.

Teacher Contracts

Danielle Burris - One-Year Contract

Substitute Teachers

Deborah Banda
Colleen Barrett Clarkson

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Samantha Christman
Patricia Coates
Dena Hooley
William Huber
Taylor Jacklin
Vicki Leasure
Dylan McCament
Paige Miller
Jessica Myser
Terry Nixon
Racheal Primm
Cherryl Pursel
Roberta Robey
Craig Stump
Mitchell Taylor
Sydney Thompson
Maribeth Waers

Professional Committees (Stipend Contracts)

Administrators w Committee Assignments

District Leadership Team
Margy Arck
Eric Brown
Cory Caughlin
Kyle Clinedinst
Matt Dill
Robin Elliott
Christy Grandstaff
Carmen Griffith
Kathy Kasler
Adam Mowery
Josh Nowicki
Darin Prince
Ben Richards
Graham Roan
Andrew Thompson
Karly Watterson
Teresa Weaver

Local Professional Development Committee
Eric Brown
Robin Elliott
Adam Mowery (Chair)

Master Teacher Committee
Eric Brown
Christy Grandstaff

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Teacher Evaluation Committee
Margy Arck
Cory Caughlan
Kathy Kasler

Health Insurance Com
Ben Richards
Teresa Weaver

Central Office Classified w Committee Assignments

Health Insurance Committee
Monica Pryor

Local Professional Development Committee
Beth Ruth

Supplemental Contracts

Laura Ackert, Music Program Director, VI-5
Christina Auker, Video Announcements, Twin Oak, V-3
Sara Burke, PBIS Coordinator, Twin Oak, VII-3
Brianna Chenevey, 8th Grade Trip Coordinator, VI-2
Melinda Essex, Video Announcements, Middle School, V-1 (contract and salary split 50 percent)
Hollie Frackman, Video Announcements, East, V-3
Nicholas Gotschall, PBIS Coordinator, Columbia, VII-3
Darcy Hahn, Robotics, V-3
Aimee Humphrey, Safety Patrol Advisor, Twin Oak, VII-8
Erin Humphrey, Safety Patrol Advisor, Columbia, VII-13
Rebecca Japikse, Music Program Director, VI-4
Lynn Kneile, Clinical Fellowship Year Mentor for Speech & Language Pathologists
Christina Meyer, Video Announcements, Middle School, V-1 (contract and salary split 50 percent)
Jana Mussard, Career Day Advisor, Middle School, V-2
Brittany Sivewright, History Day Advisor, VII-3
Katherine Smith, Talent Show Advisor, Middle School, VI-3
Suzanne Springer, Music Program Director, VI-4
Steve Tier, Safety Patrol Advisor, East, VII-20+
Angela Tripp, 5th Grade Trip Coordinator, VI-4
Melissa Valentine, PBIS Coordinator, East, VII-3

Pupil Activity Contracts (for Lay Persons)

Football Coach, Middle School
Ski Club Advisor, Middle School

Whereas, these positions have been offered to the current employees of the Mount Vernon City

School District that have a license issued under Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and no such persons whom the Board of Education considers to be qualified for these positions have applied for and accepted these positions; and

Whereas, these positions have been advertised as available to any individuals not employed by the Mount Vernon City School District that have a license issued under Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and no such persons whom the Board of Education considers to be qualified for these positions have applied for and accepted these positions;

Whereas, the following persons that do not hold a license issued pursuant to Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, have applied for these positions and the Board of Education has determined that these persons are qualified for these positions;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that these persons be employed in the following positions:

Chad Sivewright, Ski Club Advisor, Middle School
Larquis Sowell, Football Coach, MS, IV-0

Extracurricular Contracts for Non-Teaching MVCSD Staff

Darcy Miller, Video Announcements, Columbia
Rick Shaffer, Safety & Security Director (stipend)

Call of votes: Mr. Workman, Yes; Mr. Ward, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Dr. Bennett, Yes; Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes.

Motion carried

Classified Staff

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett , to act on the following Classified Staff items:

Employment 2025-2026 Paid at Board approved rate, pending favorable BCII/FBI and a pre-employment drug screen. One Year Contract.

Ronald Bond Food Service Delivery Driver / Custodian; Step 2
One Year Contract 8/6/2025-8/5/2026

Cierra Ott 3.75 Hour Cook at High School; Step 2
August 13, 2025 - August 12, 2026

Thomas Sinkewicz 3.75 Hour Cook at Middle School; Step 1
August 13, 2025 - August 12, 2026

Malinda Neighbarger 6.50 Hour (Head) Cook at Dan Emmett; Step 1
August 14, 2025 - August 13, 2026

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Olivia Smith 3.75 Hour Cook at Twin Oak; Step 2
August 13, 2025 - August 12, 2026

Brenda Johns 3.00 Hour Cook at High School Step 0
August 20, 2025 - August 19, 2026

Kelsey Price Secretary for Student Services; Step 2
August 29, 2025 - August 28, 2026

Two-Year Contract (subject to proper placement on the salary schedule)
Year 2 & 3 on the Contract Sequence

Shelby Gibbs 9/9/2025 - 9/8/2027
Lynn McDaniel 9/5/2025 - 9/4/2027

Substitute Employment - paid at Board approved rate, pending favorable BCII/FBI

Deborah Belleau Substitute Cook
Kristine Oechsle Substitute Aide

Summer Work Crew 2024-2025 = $16.00/hour as work is required.

Baleigh Wilson Effective 7/25/2025

Rescind Contracts

Gregory Neer Food Service Driver / Custodian
Molly Lanigan 6.5 Hour Cook

Resignation

Lorretta Reynolds 3.75 Hour Cook; Effective 7/18/2025
Venda Stratford 7 Hour Cook; Effective 8/7/2025
Diana Haxton Secretary for Student Services; Effective 8/29/2025
Brittany Herford 7 Hour Cook; Effective 8/12/2025

Call of votes: Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes; Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Mr. Ward, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes.

Motion carried

Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Call of votes: Mr. Ward, Yes; Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes.

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Board President

Treasurer

CERTIFICATE
(O.R.C. 5705.412)

The undersigned, Treasurer and President of the Board of Education of the Mount Vernon City School District, Ohio, and the Superintendent of Schools of the Mount Vernon City School District, Ohio, hereby certify that the Mount Vernon City School District has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment, and succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all days set forth in its adopted school calendar, for the current fiscal year, and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal years equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Mount Vernon City School Board of Education

By: _____
Treasurer

By: _____
Superintendent of Schools

By: _____
President, Board of Education