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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for October was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Thursday, October 23, 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.

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to approve the September 29, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the October 8, 2025 Board Work Session Minutes.

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

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board with information on the annual Fall Senior Citizens Luncheon, highlights from the District's Fall Newsletter, MVHS Cross Country team heading to regionals, MVHS Drama Club's Fall play, Tressel's Fitness Challenge at Wiggin Street, and Karen Wright's lasting legacy and the deep impact her generosity has had to the district and students.

Board Policies Update: Vol. 44, No. 1 August 2025

2266	NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES
2430.02	PARTICIPATION OF COMMUNITY/STEM SCHOOL STUDENTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
2431	INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS
3130	ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER
5130	WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL
5200	ATTENDANCE
6109	ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD(NEW)
6152	STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES
6830	AUDIT
7540.02	DIGITAL CONTENT AND ACCESSIBILITY
8300	CONTINUITY OF ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATIONS PLAN
8305	INFORMATION SECURITY
8400	SCHOOL SAFETY
8462	STUDENT ABUSE AND NEGLECT
8640	TRANSPORTATION FOR NON-ROUTINE TRIPS
9270	EQUIVALENT EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLS & PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR FOR STUDENTS NOT ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT

1422	NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI-HARASSMENT (REPLACEMENT)
1422.02	NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE
1623	SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
1662	ANTI-HARASSMENT
2260	NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
2260.01	SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY
3122	NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI-HARASSMENT (REPLACEMENT)
3122.02	NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE
3123	SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
3362	ANTI-HARASSMENT
4122	NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI-HARASSMENT (REPLACEMENT)
4122.02	NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE
4123	SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
4362	ANTI-HARASSMENT

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development Planning

Items for Information

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

Dr. Bennett moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to approve the following student trip.

Ski Club Weekend Trip to Seven Springs - Champion, Pennsylvania

Ski Club Advisor, Christine Keaton, is proposing to take Ski Club students in grades 6-12 to Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, Pennsylvania. The group will depart on January 18, 2026 and return the same day.

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

Motion carried.

Fiscal Services

September 2025 Financial Report

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Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the September 2025 Financial Report and the following items:

Donations

TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Pleasant Street	Gay Street United Methodist Church	$1,000 for PBIS Rewards

Memorial Books

During the 1996-97 school year, the Board of Education initiated a Memorial Book Fund to purchase books for our school libraries in memory of an employee, immediate family member of an employee, or student who has passed away. The books and/or topics of interest are provided by the family, as well as the choice of library. The following books are being donated at this time:

Title	In Memory of	Library
When you see a Cardinal	Janet Pruzinsky Grandmother of Christina Biggerstaff Elementary Art Teacher	Wiggin Street

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

Motion carried.

Business Services

Items of Information

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

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the following Facility Use Requests.

Facility Use Requests

Knox County Special Olympics - use of the gymnasium at Pleasant Street, Tuesdays, November 4, 2025-February 24, 2026, 5:00pm-9:00pm, "Basketball Games"

Mt. Vernon Club Basketball 4th Grade - use of the gymnasium at Twin Oak, Wednesday's, October 1, 2025-February 25, 2026, 5:30pm-7:30pm, "4th Grade Club Basketball"

Knox Educational Service Center - -use of the auditorium at the High School, January 14, 2025, 4:00pm-9:00pm, "2026 Knox County Spelling Bee"

All Out SC - use of the gymnasium at Twin Oak, various Mondays & Saturdays, November 10, 2025-December 20, 2025, Mondays: 4:00pm-8:30pm & Saturdays: 8:00am-2:00pm, "Futsal Games"

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

Motion carried.

Student Services

Determination of Transportation Impracticality

Determination of transportation impracticality for the 2025-2026 school year

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the following Resolution.

Resolution 31-25: ORC 3327.02 Declaring Impracticality of Transportation - offer of payment in lieu of transportation

ORC 3327.02

After considering each of the following factors, the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district, or a community school governing authority providing transportation pursuant to section **3314.091 of the** Revised Code, may determine that it is impractical to transport a pupil who is eligible for transportation to and from a school under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code:

The time and distance required to provide the transportation;

The number of pupils to be transported;

The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;

Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;

Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;

Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available.

After careful evaluation of all available options, the following reasons for confirmation of transportation impracticality have been determined by the district, pursuant to sections (A) (1-6) above:

Time and distance were factors considered in **items a through d.**
The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration were factors considered in **items a through d.**
Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation was a factor considered. The district currently transports students who attend St. Vincent dePaul Catholic School in Mount Vernon.
Whether, and to what extent, the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules was a factor that was considered for items **a through d.**
Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available was a factor that was considered. The district is able to offer payment in lieu of transportation (Type IV) to the parents of the two TLS students. At this time, the Ohio Department of Education has released that Type IV transportation's maximum amount, or the average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year is $1,214.29.

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To approve the following transportation contracts-privately owned vehicles (pending insurance coverage on file) to the designated schools:

Mary Boyer The Learning Center of KCESC, Mount Vernon, OH October 15, 2025 - May 28, 2026

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

Motion carried.

Personnel - Certificated/Licensed Staff

Items for Information

Amy Bings revised Retirement Date: Effective 11/25/2025
Salary Change Notice - Waverly Slater

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, 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.

Retirement

Guinn Bandy, Effective: End of 2025-2026 SY
Kristine Tier, Effective: Jun 30, 2026

Substitute Teachers

Brandie Daniels-Anderson (retroactive to 9/30/2025)
Landon Ewers (retroactive to 10/7/2025)
Kim Giles
Gabriel Morse
Angela Sheets

Supplemental Contracts

Patricia Dice, Assistant Bowling Coach, High School, IV-0
Corey Firebaugh, Head Wrestling Coach, I-6
Jared Pryor, Homework Study Table, Middle School (retroactive to 9/30/2025)
Cameron Smith, Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-1
Anthony Springer, Assistant Swim Coach, IV-2

Pupil Activity Contracts (for Lay Persons)

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Assistant Wrestling Coach, High School
Freshman Wrestling Coach
Homework Study Table, Middle School
Head Bowling Coach, High School
Head Swim Coach
Robotics Advisor
Wrestling Coach, 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:

Corey Auker, Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-0
Cody Clark,Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-0
Nathan Cooper, Head Bowling Coach, High School, II-3
Jay DePolo, Assistant Wrestling Coach, High School, III-3
James Hahn, Robotics, V-0
Robert Kennedy,Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-1
Matt Lybarger II, Assistant Wrestling Coach, III-7
Logan Moore, Freshman Wrestling Coach, III-1
Annette Neighbarger, Homework Study Table, MS (retroactive to 9/9/2025)
Steve Sant, Head Swim Coach, I-4

Volunteers

Tyler Bevington, Wrestling
Ty Davis, Wrestling
Brock Evans, Wrestling
John Frye, Wrestling
Lindsey DePolo, Wrestling
Megan Randall, Wrestling

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

Motion carried.

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Classified Staff

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to act on the following Classified Staff items:

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

David Price October 31, 2025 - October 30, 2027
Donna Hochstetler November 11, 2025 - November 10, 2027

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

Nichole Welker Substitute Aide, Cook, Secretary
Kelly Ashbrook Substitute Secretary
Thomas Sinkewicz Substitute Custodian
Jacob Fry Substitute Custodian
Steven Schreiber Substitute Custodian
Aimee Humphrey Substitute Custodian
Heidi Muralt Substitute Aide, Custodian
Pat Metcalf Substitute Custodian

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

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

Jody Goetzman
Board President

Judy A Forney
Treasurer

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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