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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for November was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Monday, November 24, 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. Ward, to approve the October 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Call of votes: Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes; Mr. Ward, 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 that included a calendar review for the 2026-2027 school year, a revised cell phone policy that will be implemented in January 2026, and the schedule of upcoming district holiday concerts.

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

Dr. Bennett moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the policy updates below and the items following:

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

Home/Community School Student Participation in Athletics
(pending completion of all required paperwork)

Andrew Kost Mount Vernon High School Athletics

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

Motion carried.

Expiration of Term of Office: Knox County Career Center Board of Education

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to re-appointment Mrs. Jolene M. Goetzman to the Knox County Career Center Board for another term.

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

Motion carried.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development Planning

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Items for Information

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

Fiscal Services

October 2025 Financial Report

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the October 2025 Financial Report and the following donations:

Donations

TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
District	Pat Porter	30 winter hats
Dan Emmett	Lions Club	Pants of various sizes
Dan Emmett	Mulberry Street Church	Clothes, candy, gift cards
Dan Emmett	Mary Pholm	Headband/ear warmers
High School Biology Department	Allan Helser MVHS Teacher from 1968-2000	Baleen plate taken from a Bowhead Whale, which helped feed 500 Yupik Eskimos in Gambell, AK

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

Motion carried.

Business Services

Items of Information

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

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

Facility Use Requests

YMCA Basketball - use of the gymnasium at Twin Oak, Tuesday's, November 18, 2025-February 24, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm, "1st & 2nd Grade Basketball"

Modern Office Methods

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Modern Office Methods

Contract to install a three hole punch attachment to the printers at the High School, Middle School and Central Office

Resolution 32-25: Classroom Facilities Assistance Program

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION CLASSROOM FACILITIES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SEGMENT ONE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the **Mount Vernon City School District ("School District"), Knox County,** **Regular November 24, 2025**
Ohio, met in a Regular Board Meeting session held November 24, 2025 and adopted the following Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission ("Commission") has notified the School District to be approved to participate in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program-Segment One this year; and

WHEREAS, the School District hereby concurs with, and approves the use of, the findings outlined in the final "Facilities Assessment Report" dated **May 2002** with revisions **October 2017 (Columbia, Dan Emmett, East, Elmwood, West, Wiggin Street Elementary Schools), January 2018 (Pleasant Street Elementary Schools), February 2019 (Mount Vernon High School), March 2019 (Mount Vernon Middle School)** for the purpose of developing a master facilities plan. The School District and the Commission understand that the use of the Facilities Assessment Report is for the purpose of developing an estimated project budget and scope and that the potential for the existence of undocumented conditions that could increase the final cost of the project does exist; and

WHEREAS, the School District Board hereby concurs with and approves the use of the Enrollment Projections dated **October 22, 2025.** The School District Board and the Commission acknowledge that actual enrollment status will be reviewed annually; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges the Commission recommendation that the School District engage a design and construction professional to assist in the review of the information presented in the Facilities Assessment Report. The School District has provided any information available to aid in the identification of any areas of concern for conditions, which cannot be readily observed by standard assessment procedures throughout the School District's facilities and the School District acknowledges that the scope of services provided by the professional authoring the Facilities Assessment Report does not include invasive facilities and grounds investigation; and

WHEREAS, the School District acknowledges that neither the School District nor the Commission have control over conditions which are hidden or otherwise unknown at the conclusion of the assessment report and segmented facilities plan; and

WHEREAS, the School District Board elects to seek approval of a segment of the entire School District master facilities plan per ORC Section 3318.034; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to proceed with the Scope of the Project and Segmented Facilities Plan for **Segment One** as indicated below

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

Segment One:

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Build three new elementary schools to house grade K thru 5; renovate Mount Vernon High School to house grades 9 thru 12 & Career Tech (off-site); allowance to abate and demolish Columbia, Dan Emmett, East, Elmwood, Pleasant Street, West and Wiggin Street elementary schools (no action is required to build new Twin Oak Elementary School to house grades K thru 5 as this facility was completed under the ELPP).

STATE SHARE: $38,715,310

LOCAL SHARE: $68,827,218

PROJECT BUDGET: $107,542,528

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE

Credit for ELPP Expenditures of **$7,679,254** which is applied to Local Share Portion of Project

STATE SHARE: $38,715,310

LOCAL SHARE: $61,147,964

PROJECT BUDGET: $99,863,274

Project Budget and Shares with Project Agreement LFI of **$18,092,789**

STATE SHARE: $38,715,310

LOCAL SHARE: $79,240,753

PROJECT BUDGET: $117,956,063

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the **Mount Vernon City School District, Knox County,** Ohio that the conditional approval as granted by the Commission for the Classroom Facilities project be hereby accepted in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.05.

Upon the roll call on the passage of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Jody Goetzman Tim Workman Yes
Yes

Tim Workman
Vice President

Jody Goetzman
President

Margie Bennett, Yes
Board Member

Mary Rugola-Dye, Yes
Board Member

Jeff Ward, Yes
Board Member

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the **Regular** meeting held **November 24, 2025** of the Board of Education of the **Mount Vernon City School District, Knox County,** Ohio showing the passage of the resolution set forth.

Date- **-11/25/2025**

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Treasurer – **Judy Forney**

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

Motion carried.

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Personnel - Certificated/Licensed Staff

Items for Information

Salary Change Notice - **Liam Motter**

Alexandra Beerman provided written notice to Superintendent Bill Seder that she wishes to use unpaid Parental Leave from April 21 - May 29, 2026.

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.

Teacher

1-Year
Pamela Smith (retroactive to beginning of 2025-2026 SY)

Substitute Teachers

Jaimie Davis
Kyler Dickey
Lori Keiser
Stewart Oswalt

Volunteers

Stewart Oswalt, Wrestling
Jordan Treber, Track

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

Motion carried.

Classified Staff

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, 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

Michaela Didinger	12/2/2025 - 12/1/2027
Bryant Estrada	12/16/2025 - 12/15/2027

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Two-Year Contract (subject to proper placement on the salary schedule)
Year 4 & 5 on the Contract Sequence

Caleb Myers 11/21/2025 - 11/20/2027

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

William Huber	Substitute Aide
Tayler Streby	Substitute Cook, Custodian, Secretary
Jessica Spraker	Substitute Custodian
Marilyn Hickman	Substitute Secretary
Jamie Clark	Substitute Custodian
Traci Thomas	Substitute Custodian
Jessica Shelton	Substitute Custodian

Retirement

Bill Ferrell Custodian at Columbia / Central Office

Rescind Contract

Cierra Ott 3.75 Hour Cook at High School

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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

Board President

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