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The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for December was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Monday, December 15, 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 November 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 9, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion carried.

Commendations and Communications

All-Ohio Football Recognition

2025 Division II Coach of the Year - Mark Weber
2025 Division II First Team Offense (OL) - Nolan White
2025 Division II Third Team Defense (LB) - Luke Mullins
2025 Division II Honorable Mention Offense (QB) - Mason Richards

Reports and Public Participation

Community member, Andrea White, addressed the Board

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board informing them on the new Personal Communications Guidelines that will become effective in January 2026. He also spoke on how school closings and delays are determined and the process involved.

Board Policy Review

5136 Personal Communication Devices

Suggested Board Meeting Dates for 2026

The Board reviewed the suggested Board Meeting dates for 2026 which will be approved at the Organizational Meeting in January 2026.

Organizational and Regular Meeting Date for January 2026

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to set January 12, 2026 as the Organizational and

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Regular Meeting date, and the items following:

2026-2027 School Calendar

The Board approved the 2026-2027 District Calendar.

Personal Communication Devices

The Board approved the updated language in the Student Handbook to ensure alignment with ODEW guidelines and requirements related to personal communication devices.

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

Motion carried.

President Pro Tempore for January 2026 Organizational Meeting

Dr. Bennett moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to appoint Mrs. Goetzman as the President Pro Tempore for the January 2026 Organizational Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

Fiscal Services

November 2025 Financial Report

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to approve the November 2025 Financial Report and the following item:

Appropriation Modification

We received a BWC Safety Grant for $40,000 and will be using it for additional security cameras throughout the district and a door controller for Columbia.

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

Motion carried.

Business Services

Items of Information

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Facility Master Plan and Earned Income Tax Review

Wildflower Wellness Therapy Services

Mr. Workman moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve the Occupational Therapy Contract for Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School and the items following:

North Central Ohio ESC

Services for the Hearing Impaired Contract FY26

Rockmill General Consulting Agreement

Contract for David Conley to provide financial consulting to the district

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

Motion carried.

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

Resolution No. 33-25

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RAISE ANNUALLY AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PURPOSES AND REQUESTING THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER TO ESTIMATE THE RESPECTIVE RATES AT WHICH IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO LEVY (i) AN AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX AND (ii) A SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX ON THE EARNED INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PRODUCE THAT AMOUNT.

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that additional moneys will be required for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist it in determining whether to submit to the electors of the School District the question of an additional ad valorem property tax pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code or the question of a school district income tax pursuant to Section 5748.02 of the Revised Code, this Board wishes to know the respective rates at which it would be necessary to levy (i) an ad valorem property tax and (ii) a school district income tax on the taxable income of individuals as defined in Section 5748.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code, to produce an additional amount that will be adequate to meet the necessary requirements of the School District; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5748.02(A) of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board declaring the necessity of raising annually a specified amount of money for school district purposes, the State Tax Commissioner is to estimate both the ad valorem property tax rate that would have to be imposed by this Board in the current year and the school district income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce an equivalent amount of money;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Mount Vernon City School District, County of Knox, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity. This Board declares that it is necessary to raise annually the additional amount of $_____ for school district purposes and to levy either an additional (i) ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation or (ii) a school district income tax on the taxable income of individuals as defined in Section 5748.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code for that purpose.

Section 2. Request for Certification. This Board requests the State Tax Commissioner to estimate and certify to it both (i) the property tax rate that would have to be imposed by this Board in the current year to produce an amount equivalent to the amount specified in Section 1 from an additional ad valorem property tax and (ii) the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year to produce an amount equivalent to the amount specified in Section 1 from a school district income tax on the taxable income of individuals as defined in Section 5748.01(E)(2) of the Revised Code.

Section 3. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to State Tax Commissioner. This Board intends to submit the question of such a levy, the proceeds of which would be used for the purpose of current expenses, to the electors of the School District at the May 5, 2026 election. Accordingly, the Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to the State Tax Commissioner promptly, but in any event before the close of business on Friday, January 23, 2026.

Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

Motion carried.

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Personnel - Certificated/Licensed Staff

Items for Information

Salary Change Notice - **Madison Vipperman**

Ms. Rugola-Dye 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.

Substitute Teacher

Dallas Cornett
Hannah Kelling
Seth McCloskey
Molly Snyder
Chelsey Wiles
Jessica Wolfe

Supplemental

Brianna Chenevey, Boys' Volleyball Coach, Middle School, V-1
Andrew Hedrick, Assistant Baseball Coach, IV-3
Nathan Hunt, Head Baseball Coach, I-10 (Head)
Karen McConnell, Assistant Track Coach, IV-12
Craig McMurry, Assistant Track Coach, IV-8
Jacob Smith, Assistant Track Coach, IV-1
Shae Strouse, Boys' Volleyball Coach, Middle School, V-10
Kathryn Thayer, Head Track Coach (Boys and Girls), I-16 (Head)
Steve Tier, Boys' Head Tennis Coach, II-16 (Head)
John Vonck, Boys' Assistant Volleyball Coach, IV-10

Resignation

Lauren Townley, Girls' Volleyball Coach, Middle School

Rescind

Kyler Dickey, Substitute Teacher

Pupil Activity Contracts (for Lay Persons)

Assistant Baseball Coach
Assistant Softball Coach

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Assistant Track Coach
Boys' Assistant Volleyball Coach
Freshman Baseball Coach
Head Softball Coach

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:

Anthony Franz, Assistant Baseball Coach, IV-7
Lindsey Lamp, Assistant Track Coach, IV-8
Ryan Pentz, Head Softball Coach, I-6
Cody Roland, Assistant Softball Coach, IV-3
Jessica Strack, Assistant Softball Coach, IV-0
Joshua White, Freshman Baseball Coach, V-1
Ryan Yarger, Boys' Assistant Volleyball Coach, IV-1

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

Motion carried.

Classified Staff

Items for Information

Jacob Fry, transferring from 3.75 hour cook at Middle School to 8 hour 2nd Shift Custodian at Columbia & Central Office. Effective 12/15/2025. Step 2

Jordan Stanley, Head Cook at Middle School, Salary Change Notice
Moving from step 2 to step 4

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

Employment 2025-2026 Paid at Board approved rate, pending favorable BCII/FBI and

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pre-employment drug screen. One Year Contract.

Lisa Gregg 3.75 Hour Cook; Step 1
One Year Contract 1/5/2026 - 1/4/2027

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

Heidi Norris 1/6/2026 - 1/5/2028
Mary Burgess 1/7/2026 - 1/6/2028

Two-Year Contract (subject to proper placement on the salary schedule)
Year 6 & 7 on the Contract Sequence

Christine Morrison 12/30/2025 - 12/30/2027

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

Lisa Gregg Substitute Cook, retro 12/09/2025
John Humphrey Substitute Custodian, retro 11/25/2025
Paige Miller Substitute Aide, retro 12/11/2025

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

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 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: Judy S Forney
Treasurer

By:
Superintendent of Schools

By:
President, Board of Education