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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for February was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 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 Dr. Bennett, to approve the January 12, 2026 Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board .

Resolution No. 25-26

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve Resolution No. 25-26 listed below:

Authorizing 2026-2027 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association

Whereas, MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOLS, District IRN number 044420 of 300 Newark Road, Knox County, Ohio

Has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education/Governing Board ("Board") and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD that all schools listed on the reverse side of this card do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its minimum requirements as it pertains to, but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements, and administrative responsibility, Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the minimum standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct

their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

SCHOOLS

The list below is all schools within your district that will abide by the resolution as printed on the front of this card:

Mount Vernon High School
Mount Vernon Middle School

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

Motion carried.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development Planning

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve the two student trips below.

Varsity Softball Team Trip Proposal - Destin/Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Varsity Softball Coach, Ryan Pentz, was approved to take the Varsity Softball Team to Destin and Fort Walton Beach in Florida. The team will play five games while there. The group will depart on March 27, 2026 and return on April 4, 2026. This trip will be during Spring Break.

Trip Proposal for MVHS Spanish Class Students - Europe's Mediterranean Coast

MVHS Spanish Teacher, Mariana Wolk, was approved to take MVHS students enrolled in Spanish class to discover Europe's Mediterranean Coast from Milan, the French Riviera, all the way to Barcelona. If approved, the group will travel during Spring Break in 2027.

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

Motion carried.

Fiscal Services

January 2026 Financial Report

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Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the January 2026 Financial Report and the items following:

Resolution No. 26-26

WHEREAS, The Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Knox County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Mount Vernon City School District, Knox County, Ohio that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and it's hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation.

Financial Forecast

The Board approved the February Financial Forecast for fiscal year 2026.

Donations

TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Dan Emmett	Daughters of the American Revolution	Books, headphones, & sweatpants
Pleasant Street	Dr. Brian Howe	Bag of hats & gloves
Dan Emmett	Kim Marth	Boys & girls pants
Dan Emmett & Twin Oak	Mary Crumm	Books & stuffed animals for all KG students

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
B is for Buckeye	Rick Shaw	Columbia

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	Father of Mackenzie Scott Elementary Teacher	Columbia
Highest Duty	Harvey Keckley Father of Jackie Wihl High School Guidance Counselor	High School

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

Motion carried.

Business Services

Items for Information

Ms. Rugola-Dye shared a Legislative Liaison Report.

Personnel - Certificated/Licensed Staff

Items for Information

Ashley Gilmore, First Grade Teacher at East Elementary, provided written notice to Superintendent Bill Seder that she wishes to use unpaid parental leave during the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Kathy Kasler, Director of Secondary Curriculum/District Testing Coordinator
Effective: 8/1/2026
Toni Williams, Gifted Intervention Specialist**,** Effective: 5/29/2026

Resignation

Steven Tier, Reading Specialist at East Elementary**,** Effective: End of 2025-2026 SY
Karis Walsh, School Psychologist**,** Effective: 2/13/2026

Substitute Teacher

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Emma Falgner
Boston Savage
Shannon Todd

Supplemental

Lee Boone, Track Coach, Middle School, IV-11
Trevor Garrabrant, Track Coach, Middle School, IV-6
Sarah Keller, Track Coach, Middle School, IV-0
Laura Pfeiffer, Track Coach, Middle School, IV-3

Non-Expectancy of Employment Notice

Trisha Groholski (Year-Long Substitute 2025-2026 SY)
Lauren Heffelfinger (Year-Long Substitute 2025-2026 SY)
Rachel Horn (Year-Long Substitute 2025-2026 SY)
Racheal Primm (Year-Long Substitute 2025-2026 SY)

Pupil Activity Contracts (for Lay Persons)

Boys' Head Volleyball Coach
Track 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:

Annette Neighbarger, Track Coach, Middle School, IV-20+
Chad Sivewright, Boys' Head Volleyball Coach, I-12 (Head)

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

Motion carried.

Classified Staff

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Andrea O'Quinn, RBT Aide at Pleasant Street Elementary has transferred back to a Classroom Aide at Pleasant Street Elementary School. Effective 1/26/2026

Thomas Sinkewicz, 3 hour cook at Wiggin Street Elementary has transferred to a 3 hour cook position at Columbia Elementary, effective 2/17/2026.

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

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

Shyanne Wolfe RBT Aide; Pleasant Street; Step 2
One Year Contract 1/20/2026-1/19/2027

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

Baleigh Wilson 2/12/2026 - 2/11/2028
Carla Daniels 2/26/2026 - 2/25/2028

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

Evandriel Haxton 3/13-2026 - 3/12/2028

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

Gregory Carpenter 2/8/2026 - 2/7/2028
Steve Auker 3/1/2026 - 2/28/2028

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

Janet Jones Substitute Secretary
Elizabeth Boggs Substitute Aide, Cook, Custodian, Secretary
Sherry Alexander Substitute Custodian
Marla Filbrun Substitute Custodian
Denise Long Substitute Cook

Resignation

Denise Long 3 Hour Cook at Columbia; Effective 2/17/2026
Mary Burgess Special Ed. Aide at High School; Effective 1/7/2026
Judy Forney Treasurer; Effective 7/31/2026

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

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Motion carried.

Executive Session

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to recess to Executive Session at 5:59 p.m. for the following items:

The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing.

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

All board members returned from Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 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: William Smith
Superintendent of Schools

By: Jody Hoetzman
President, Board of Education