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MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for April was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Monday, April 20, 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 Mr. Workman, to approve the March 16, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes and the March 16, 2026 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

Mrs. Christine Keaton - Career Readiness Advisor

Mrs. Keaton gave a presentation on college, career, workforce and military readiness.

Public Participation

Community members , Eileen Eilbacher and Andrea White addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board.

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve the following Board Policy updates:

Board Policy Update: Volume 44, Number 2

2431.06	Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics (New)
3440	Job-Related Expenses
4440	Job-Related Expenses
5112	Entrance Requirements
5430	Class Rank
6320	Purchasing and Bidding
6325	Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds
6423	Use of Credit Cards
6425	Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate (New)
6460	Vendor Relations
6465	Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs (New)
7540.09	Artificial Intelligence ("AI") (Replacement)

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

Motion carried.

Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development Planning

Items for information

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

Fiscal Services

March 2026 Financial Report & Appropriation Modification

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

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**
Pilgrim's Progress	Doug Myron Father of Darcy Miller Columbia Elementary Secretary	High School
Pilgrim's Progress (children's version)	Mark Miller Husband of Darcy Miller Columbia Elementary Secretary	Columbia

Donations

TO	**FROM**	**ITEM/AMOUNT**
Pleasant Street	Gay Street United Methodist Church	$2,753.25 for PBIS & Jacket Closet Items
Pleasant Street	New Life Church School	supplies, hats, gloves, pants
Twin Oak	New Life Church School	supplies, hats, gloves, socks, pants

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MV Boys Golf	Rocky & Margie Miller	$300 in memory of Todd Miller, Trent & Susan Miller Jeff & Rochelle Shackle
Wiggin St & East	Linda Weston	$100 in memory of Carol Sue Owens & Eric Brown
Wiggin Street	Betty Dice & Jody Jarvis	$100 in memory of Carol Sue Owens
MV Boys Golf	Glenna Pealer	$100 in memory of Todd Miller

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

Motion carried.

Business Services

Items for Information

Ms. Rugola-Dye shared a two Legislative Liaison Reports.

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the following facility use request and the item following:

The City of Mount Vernon Engineering Office - use of the cafeteria at Pleasant Street, April 28, 2026, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., "Neighborhood Revitalization Meeting"

OSBA for Treasurer Search Contract

The Board approved an agreement between the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), a Consultant, and the Mount Vernon City School District (the Board) for a service Agreement and Addendum for a Treasurer search for the district.

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

Student Services

Physical Therapy Services Agreement

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve the agreement with Licking Rehabilitation Services for Physical Therapy Services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Occupational Therapy Services Agreement

Agreement with Licking Rehabilitation Services for Occupational Therapy Services for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Motion carried.

Personnel - Certificated/Licensed Staff

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, 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

Karen Donadio, Intervention Specialist at MVHS**,** Effective: 5/31/2026
Mary Lou Jacklin, 4th Grade at Pleasant Street Elementary**,** Effective: May 29, 2026

Resignation

Sheridan Elliott, Intervention Specialist, BIC Classroom**,** Effective: June 2, 2026
Amy Miller, Intervention Specialist, Dan Emmett**,** Effective: End of 2025-2026 SY
Taylor Pozderac, Physical Education, Dan Emmett & East**,** Effective: End of 2025-2026 SY
Pamela Smith, 2nd Grade Dan Emmett**,** Effective: End of 2025-2026 SY
Grace Steele, High School Math**,** Effective: End of 2025-2026 SY

Substitute Teachers

Sophia Compton
Janet Jones

Supplemental

Christy Danzuso, Neurosequential Model in Education Training Mentor
Kirstie Naumoff, Neurosequential Model in Education Trainee

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Continuing Contracts

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Miranda Brenneman
Katie Gentry

Teacher/Certificated Staff

Jordan Rowden expects to receive his masters degree in School Counseling from Indiana Wesleyan University in July 2026. Rowden will be a Guidance Counselor at Mount Vernon Middle School.

Internal Transfer

Stacie McGuire, Intervention Specialist at MVHS will transfer to Mathematics at MVHS.
April Thompson, Social Studies teacher at MVMS will transfer to Project Lead the Way teacher at MVMS.

Year-Long Substitute Teacher

Jessica Wolfe

Supplemental

Jill McClure, Forum Show Director (contract/salary split 50 percent), V-0
Noel McHardy-Loveland, Forum Show Director (contract/salary split 50 percent), V-0
1.**Ken Wiles**, Forum Book Advisor (offered during the school day), V-0

Professional Committees

Health Insurance Committee (three MVEA members, $350 annually)

Derek Dean
Patricia Dice
Darcy Nesbit

Local Professional Development Committee (four MVEA members, Chair $2,000/ members$1,000 annually)

Erin Daniels
Tiffeny Miller
Darcy Nesbit
April Thompson

Master Teacher Committee (four MVEA members, $100 annually; filled/compensated only if there are Master Teacher applicants)

Jacquelyn Hatch-Miller
Patricia Jackson
Kathy Luckmeier
Kristin Samples

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Teacher Evaluation Committee (four MVEA members, $500 annually)

Heidi Craigo
Christina Meyer
Darcy Nesbit
April Thompson

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

Motion carried.

Classified Staff

Items for Information

Malary Fry Moving from a 3 ¾ hour Cook at MVMS to a 4 ¼ hour Cook at MVMS; Effective 3/24/2026
Kimberley Stephens Moving from a 3 ¾ hour Cook at MVMS to a 4 ¼ hour Cook at MVMS; Effective 3/24/2026
Martha Rowe Moving from a 3 hour Cook at Dan Emmett to a 4 hour Cook at Dan Emmett Elementary School; Effective 3/24/2026
Mark Neighbarger Transferred from 2nd Shift Custodian at PSES to 2nd Shift Custodian at Columbia & Central Office;
Effective 3/24/2026
Madison Doughty Transferred from 3 hour Cook at Wiggin Street to 3.75 hour Cook at PSES; Effective 4/13/2026
Carla Daniels Transferred from 3.75 hour Cook at PSES to 3 hour Cook at Wiggin Street; Effective 4/13/2026
Shaun Thomas Moving from Food Service Driver/Custodian to 2nd Shift Middle School Custodian; Effective 5/1/2026

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 pre-employment drug screen. One Year Contract.

Charles Eichenlaub 5 Hour 2nd Shift Custodian at MVMS; Step 2, Effective 4/20/2026

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

Hunter Schisler Substitute Secretary
Kylee Neighbarger Substitute Cook, Custodian, Secretary

Summer Work Crew - $16/hour as work is required

Ian Peterson
Simon Peterson
Jacob Morrison

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Jessica Johnson
Baleigh Wilson
Aimee Humphrey
Elizabeth Lebold
Rachel Ruth
Marina Sinsel
Jaelynn Plumly
Christine Burnside
Cade Ellis
Weston Porter

Resignation

Lisa Sheller 3 Hour Custodian at MVMS; Effective 3/20/2026
Madison Doughty 3.75 Hour Cook at PSES; Effective 4/16/2026

Retirement

Kimberly Bradley Twin Oak Library Aide; Effective June 1, 2026
Dawn Mann Twin Oak Para Professional Aide; Effective May 30, 2026

Leave Of Absence

Brian Bowen 2nd Shift Custodian at MVHS; Effective 4/7/2026

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

Motion carried.

Executive Session

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to recess to Executive Session at 6:14 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: Mr. Ward, Yes; Ms. Rugola -Dye, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes.

All board members returned from Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Adjournment

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Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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

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