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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for March was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Monday, March 16, 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 February 17, 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.

Superintendent's Report

District Update

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board.

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)

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

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve the following student to participate in the district's athletic program.

Eleanor Smith Mount Vernon Middle School Athletics

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

Motion carried.

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Curriculum/Instruction/Staff Development Planning

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the following curriculum items:

Trip Proposal for MVHS Students - London, Paris, Rome

MVHS Social Studies Teacher, Becky Henthorn and MVHS English Teacher, Bekie Smith, are proposing to take any eligible High School students on a trip to London, Paris and Rome in June 2028. The trip will promote global awareness as well as a connection to historical sites and landscapes of Europe.

National FFA Convention - Indianapolis, Indiana

FFA Advisor, Stephanie Plumly, is proposing to take FFA students in grades 9-12 to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, The group will depart on October 21, 2026 and return on October 22, 2026.

College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Mount Vernon Nazarene University

The agreement is for a collection of courses offered by the University to the District through Ohio's College Credit Plus framework for the 2026-2027 academic year.

College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement with Columbus State Community College

The agreement is for a collection of courses offered by the College to the District through Ohio's College Credit Plus framework for the 2026-2027 academic year.

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

Motion carried.

Fiscal Services

February 2026 Financial Report

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve the February 2026 Financial Report md 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:

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Title	In Memory of	Library
True Grit	Charles Shaffer Father of Rick Shaffer Maintenance & Safety Director	High School

Donations

TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Pleasant Street	Pleasant Street Teacher Mrs. Pumphrey	Large box of hats & gloves
Twin Oak	St. Paul's Episcopal Church	Various school supplies

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

Motion carried.

Business Services

Items for Information

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

Mr. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the following facility use requests and resolution:

St. Vincent de Paul - use of Energy Field, March 1, 2026-May 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., "Track and Field Practice"

The City of Mount Vernon Engineering Office - March 24, 2026, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., "Neighborhood Revitalization Meeting"

Support Our Local Schools Levy Committee - March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026, the Steering Committee will use the Central Office Boardroom to conduct business regarding the levy, dates and times will be determined as needed and approved through the Superintendent's office.

Sting U10 Girls Soccer - use of the gymnasium at Wiggin Street, March 3, 2026 - March 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., "Soccer Practice"

Sting U14 Boys Soccer - use of the gymnasium at Twin Oak, March 6, 2026, 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m., "Soccer Practice"

All Out SC - use of the gymnasium at Wiggin Street, March 16, 2026, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., "Soccer Practice"

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Sting Soccer Club - use of the gymnasium at Wiggin Street, March 17, 2026, 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m., "Soccer Practice"

Resolution Number 27-26

Acceptance in the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission Classroom Facilities Assistance Program-Segment One

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

Motion carried.

Student Services

Items for Information

Determination of Transportation Impracticality

Determination of Transportation Impracticality for the 2025-2026 school year

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve Resolution 28-26: ORC 3327.02 Declaring Impracticality of Transportation - offer of payment in lieu of transportation

Call 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

David Caldwell, Social Studies at Mount Vernon High School, Effective: 6/1/2026

Resignation

David Caldwell, Social Studies Department Head, Effective: 6/1/2026

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David Caldwell, Sophomore Class Advisor, V-12, Effective: 6/1/2026
David Caldwell, Forum Book Advisor (not offered during the school day), II-14, Effective: 6/1/2026
David Caldwell, Forum Show Director, V-14, Effective: 6/1/2026
Brian Votaw, Girls' Assistant Volleyball Coach, IV-3, Effective: 2/17/206

Summer School (High School)

Derek Dean
Jill McClure
Duncan Ostrom
Jacklyn LeMaster
Frank Scutella (60 hours maximum for HS Credit Flex)
Cameron Smith (60 hours maximum for HS Credit Flex)

Substitute Teachers

Steve Mahaney
Paul Miller
Hunter Schisler

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

Lisa Gregg Transferring from part-time 3.75 hour cook at MVHS to full time 7 hour cook at MVHS; Effective 3/4/2026

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.

Cade Ellis M.H. Aide at High School; Step 2, One Year Contract 3/2/2026 - 3/1/2027
Madison Doughty 3 Hour Cook at Wiggin Street; Step 0, One Year Contract 3/18/2026 - 3/17/2027

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

Mary Beth Waers Substitute Aide; retro 2/19/2026
Paul (Ri) Miller Substitute Custodian; retro 2/25/2026
Madison Doughty Substitute Custodian

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Separation of Employment

Jacob Fry Columbia/Central Office 2nd Shift Custodian; Effective 2/20/2026

Retirement

David Doup Bus Driver; Effective 3/16/2026
Michael Lonzo MVMS Custodian; Effective 4/30/2026

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

Motion carried

Adjournment

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 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 L 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.

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By: Judy A Forney
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