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The Regular Meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for September was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Goetzman called the meeting to order.

Roll call of the Board Members with the following present: Dr. Bennett, Mrs. Goetzman, Ms. Rugola-Dye, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Workman.

Ms, Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 3, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion carried

Commendations and Communications

Karly Watterson shared the District Report Card with the Board

Additions/Deletions

XI.A- Salary Change Notice- Lindsay Berger Video, Video Announcements at East
XI.B.1.g Supplemental – Jordan Rowden (Extended Days)
XI.B.1.f - Substitute - Noah Hill

Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board.

Mr. Seder shared information regarding reservations for the upcoming OSBA Capital Conference in November.

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Recommended Items for Board Approval

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett to approve the following Home/Community School Students:

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

Gabriel Potts
Paityn Blue

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

Motion carried

Fiscal Services

August 2026 Financial Report

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to approve the August 2026 Financial Report and the following items:

TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Athletics	Jacket Boosters	$10,000 to be used towards purchase of tractor & attachments for grooming ball fields
Columbia	Sam Cook	Several supply boxes full of crayons, pencils, and basic supplies for students
Columbia	Marilyn Greer	Several supplies for students including Clorox wipes, pencils, markers, expo markers, snacks, tissues, etc.
Columbia	Don & Bonnie Schutte	$50 gift card to Paragraphs Bookstore to purchase library books in honor of Dolly Parton

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TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Twin Oak	Susan Payne	$233 for student needs
Twin Oak	Barbara Underwood	30 boxes of Crayola crayons

'Then and Now' certificate and authorize payment for the following vendor invoice(s) Exceeding $3,000, where funding was available at the time of commitment and remains Available at the time of payment:

Ashley Burrs - Psychologist - $8,487.50
Ombudsman Educational Services, LTD - Student Services - $48,321.75
Facilities Management Express, LLC - Inventory software - $8,000.00
James E. Jones - Convocation Speaker - $4,000.00

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

Motion carried

Business Services

Legislative Liaison Report

Ms. Rugola-Dye shared legislative updates including House Bill 455.

Facility Use Request

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, second by Mr. Ward to approve the following:

Knox County Special Olympics – November 3, 2026 – Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

Knox County Special Olympics – November 10, 2026 – Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

Knox County Special Olympics – November 17, 2026 – Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

Knox County Special Olympics – December 1, 2026 – Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

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Knox County Special Olympics – December 15, 2026- Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

Knox County Special Olympics – January 12, 2027- Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

Knox County Special Olympics – January 19, 2027- Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

Knox County Special Olympics – February 2, 2027- Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball Game 5:00-8:30 pm

Tate Savage – September 3, 2026- December 3, 2026 Pleasant Street Gymnasium for Practice on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Girl Scout Troop 7502- Wiggin Street Cafeteria meeting every other Tuesday September 1, 2026- May 27, 2027 3:45-4:45 pm

Benecard Amended Agreement

Mrs. Roberts discussed new contract for prescription drugs.

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

Motion carried

Personnel-Certificated/Licensed Staff

Items for Information – Salary Change Notice

Lindsay Berger - verification of experience for Video Announcements contract
Sydney Eyerly - verification of completed coursework
Caleb McNichols - verification of completed coursework
Joshua Nowicki - verification of completed coursework
Rebekah Smith - verification of completed coursework
Clayton Tocheff - verification of completed coursework
Hannah Wildermuth - verification of completed coursework

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Recommended for Board Approval

Dr. Bennett moved, seconded by Ms. Rugola-Dye, to act on the following Certificated/Licensed Personnel items:

Employment **(2026-2027 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

Christine Keaton, College & Career Readiness Advisor Effective: end of 2026-2027 SY

Rescind

Micayla Severns, Girls' Assistant Soccer Coach

Resignation

Jordan Rowden, substitute teaching contract

Teacher/Certificated Staff

Jennifer Grassbaugh-Denuit - 1-Year Contract (retroactive to start of 2026-2027 SY)
Jordan Rowden 1-Year Contract

Administrator Contract

Scott Harris, Interim Athletic Director

Substitute

Alana Beaty
Angela Coyne, Retroactive to 9/14/2026
Robyn Crow
Sarah Daubenspeck, Retroactive to 9/16/2026
James Gastin

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Noah Hill
Jaelle Keller
Sara Lawhon, Retroactive to 9/10/2026
Kathleen Messare
Madelyn Moss
Terry Nixon, Retroactive to 8/28/2026
Angela Roshak
Cynthia Stevens
Rebecca Watson
Tanya Winterhalter

Supplemental

Hannah Broseus - 1 Extended Day (Kindergarten Registration 2026-2027 SY)
Heidi Craigo - 1 Extended Day (Kindergarten Registration 2026-2027 SY)
Jennifer Ensminger, Power of the Pen Advisor, VI-0
Amy Ferguson, Homework Study Table (MS)
Megan Moledor, Homework Study Table (MS)
Scott Patterson, Friday/Saturday School (HS)
Jordon Rowden, 12 Extended Days
James Smith, Friday/Saturday School (HS)

Extracurricular Contract (non-teaching MVCSD staff)

Tara Clark, Friday/Saturday School (HS)

Pupil Activity Contract

Assistant Cheerleader Advisor (Fall), High School
Cheerleading Advisor, Middle School, Head Cheerleading Advisor (Fall), High School
Lindsey Stillion, Assistant Cheerleader Advisor (Fall), High School, III-10
Vanessa Tharp, Cheerleading Advisor, Middle School, IV-4
Maranda Zupp, Head Cheerleading Advisor (Fall), High School, II-8

Volunteer

Andrew Hare, Girls Tennis
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Call for votes: Dr. Bennett, Yes; Mrs. Goetzman, Yes; Ms. Rugola-Dye, Yes: Mr. Ward, Yes; Mr. Workman, Yes.
Motion carried

Personnel-Certificated/Licensed Staff

Recommended for Board Approval

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman, to act on the following Certificated/Licensed Personnel items:

Katelyn McCann, Assistant Cheerleader Advisor (Fall), High School

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

Motion carried

Classified Staff

Recommended Items for Board Approval

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to act on the following Classified Staff:

Unpaid leave request for **Heidi Norris**, 3.75 Hour Cook at PSES. 9/11/26, 11/23-11/24/26.

Employment 2026-2027 - Paid at Board approved rate, pending favorable BCII/FBI and a pre-employment drug screen.

Erik Stage 2nd Shift Custodian at MVMS; Step 0,1 Year Contract; 8/24/2026 - 8/23/2027
Judy Woosley 3 ¾ Hour Cook at Twin Oak; Step 2, 1 Year Contract; 9/21/2026 - 9/20/2027

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

Shaun Thomas 9/23/2026 - 9/23/2028

Two-Year Contract - (subject to proper placement on the salary schedule)

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Year 4 & 5 on the Contract Sequence

Devin Thomas 9/26/2026 - 9/25/2028

Continuing Contract - (subject to proper placement on the salary schedule) Year 8+

Richard Schuman 9/30/2026

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

Judy Woosley	Substitute Cook; Retroactive 8/19/2026
Peggy Whyte	Substitute Custodian
Loretta Reynolds	Substitute Cook; Substitute Bus Driver
Susan Borrows	Substitute Secretary
Amy Auker	Substitute Secretary
Kris Tier	Substitute Secretary; Substitute Aide
Lindsay Johnson	Substitute Secretary
Machael Wilhelm	Substitute Custodian

Stipend

Debra Doup
Christine Hohman
Shawn Jacobs
Monica Pryor
Beth Ruth
Lynette Telek

Resignation

Olivia Smith 3.75 Hour Cook at Twin Oak Elementary

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

Motion carried

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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.

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

All board members returned from Executive Session at 6:21 p.m.

Adjournment

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

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