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The Regular Meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education for October was held at the Energy Fieldhouse on Monday, October 19, 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 Dr. Bennett, to approve the September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Motion carried

Commendations and Communications

Representatives from The Village of Gambier and Kenyon College gave a presentation of a potential building site for a new elementary school.

Reports and Public Participation

The November building update was presented by Mount Vernon High School. Christine Keaton gave a presentation on Career Quest.

OAPSE President, Mike Lang, presented a support check to the Board for levy funds.

Additions/Deletions

XI.B.1.c - Extracurricular Contract - Corey Auker, Kayleigh Beheler

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Superintendent's Report

Items for Information

Mr. Seder shared a district update with the Board.

Recommended Items for Board Approval

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Mr. Workman to approve the following Home/Community School Students:

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

Cora Haddix- Mount Vernon Swim Team

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

Motion carried

Fiscal Services

September 2026 Financial Report

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

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 of an employee, or student who has passed away. The book and/or topics of interest are provided by the family, as well as the choice of the library. The following books are being donated at this time:

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Title	In Memory of	Library
Duck on a Tractor	Thomas Gregory Father-in-Law of Melissa Gregory 3rd Grade Teacher Columbia	Columbia
The Kid Who Only Hits Homers	Nola Clinger Mother of Jerry Clinger Former PE Teacher Twin Oak	Twin Oak
Unauthorized Future Driver of Chevrolet Corvette	Ben Sanders Middle School Guidance	Middle School
Katy No-Pockets	Marilyn Richey Mother-in-Law of Sherry Richey 2nd Grade Teacher Twin Oak	Twin Oak
Little House on The Prairie	Sharron Gocking Mother of Steve Gocking Food Services at Twin Oak	Twin Oak

Donations

TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Pleasant Street	Knox County DD	Pull Ups
Pleasant Street	Hope Now	4 packs of pens and dozen erasers
Pleasant Street	The family of Carol Workman retired teacher at Pleasant Street	Picnic basket and jewelry

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TO	FROM	ITEM/AMOUNT
Middle School Healthy Soles	Knox County Foundation	$650
Pleasant Street	Mt. Vernon Lions Club	Three large bags of shirts, shoes, and pants
Athletic Department	Herald's Appliances	Washing machine

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

Motion carried

Business Services

Facility Use Request

Mr. Ward moved, second by Dr. Bennett to approve the following facility request:

Girls Scouts of Ohio's Heartland - use of MS Library 10/13/2026 5:30-7:30 PM

Mount Vernon Colt Football/Cheerleading- use of HS Auditorium 11/01/2026 11:00-5:00 PM

Knox County Special Olympics- use of Pleasant Street Gymnasium Basketball and Cheer Practice

10/12/2026 5:30-8:00 PM	10/13/2026 5:30-8:00 PM
10/19/2026 5:30-8:00 PM	10/26/2026 5:30-8:00 PM
10/27/2026 5:30-8:00 PM	11/02/2026 5:30-8:00 PM
11/09/2026 5:30-8:00 PM	11/16/2026 5:30-8:00 PM
11/30/2026 5:30-8:00 PM	12/07/2026 5:30-8:00 PM
12/14/2026 5:30-8:00 PM	01/11/2026 5:30-8:00 PM
01/25/2027 5:30-8:00 PM	02/08/2027 5:30-8:00 PM

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

Motion carried

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Personnel-Certificated/Licensed Staff

Items for Information – Salary Change Notice

Jana Mussard - Teacher Contract - Verification of Completed Coursework
Jana Mussard - Supplemental (Extended Days) Contract – Verification of Completed Coursework
Crystal Ballard - Teacher Contract - Verification of Experience

Recommended for Board Approval

Ms. Rugola-Dye moved, seconded by Mr. Ward, 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.

Unpaid leave request for **Olivia Glass**, Elementary Art Teacher. 3/18-3/19, 3/28/2027
Unpaid leave request for **Amy Ferguson**, MVMS Teacher. 10/12/2026 & 10/20/2026

Substitute

Saliha Aydin
Kathy Kasler, retroactive to 10/8/2026
Kayde Moss
Halapchonya Paolucci
Shannon Todd

Supplemental

Nolan Belcher, Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach, II-2
Nicholas Coon, Boys' Head Basketball Coach, I-13 (Head)
Patricia Dice, Assistant Bowling Coach, High School, IV-1
Bryan Donaldson, Boys' Basketball Coach, Middle School, IV-12
Krystle Doup, Girls' Basketball Coach, Middle School, IV-4
Joshua Egan, Boys' Basketball Coach, Middle School, IV-3

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Brock Evans, Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-15
(Contract and salary split 50 percent)
Corey Firebaugh, Head Wrestling Coach, I-7
Taylor Heckman, Assistant Softball Coach, IV-2
Anthony Springer, Assistant Swim Coach, IV-4

Pupil Activity Contract (for Lay Persons)

Assistant Softball Coach
Assistant Swim Coach
Assistant Wrestling Coach, High School
Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach
Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach
Cheerleading Advisory (Winter), Middle School
Freshman Softball Coach
Freshman Wrestling Coach
Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach
Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach
Head Bowling Coach, High School
Head Softball Coach
Head Swim Coach
Wrestling 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:

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Corey Auker, Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-1
Kayleigh Beheler, Freshman Softball Coach, V-1
Robert (Ty) Calkins, Boys' Assistant Basketball Coach, II-10
Cody Clark, Wrestling Coach Middle School, IV-1
(Contract and salary split 50 percent)
Nathan Cooper, Head Bowling Coach, High School, II-4
Michael Delaney, Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach, III-4
Jay DePolo, Assistant Wrestling Coach, High School, III-4
Michael Fuller, Assistant Softball Coach, IV-18
Thomas Glenn, Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach, II-0
Jason Glorius, Assistant Swim Coach, IV-1
Charles Hill, Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-0
Morgan Jessup, Girls' Basketball Coach, Middle School, IV-1
Robert Kennedy, Freshman Wrestling Coach, III-2
(Contract and salary split 50 percent)
Matthew Lybarger II, Assistant Wrestling Coach, High School, III-8
Logan Moore, Freshman Wrestling Coach, III-2
(Contract and salary split 50 percent)
Ryan Pentz, Head Softball Coach, I-7
Joseph Perry, Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach, III-3
Steven Sant, Head Swim Coach, I-5
Vanessa Tharp, Cheerleading Advisor (Winter), Middle School, IV-4
Dale Thompson, Wrestling Coach, Middle School, IV-

Volunteers

Tyler Bevington, Wrestling
Anthony Ciraky, Wrestling
Mike Jackson, Football
Megan Randall, Wrestling

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

Motion carried

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Classified Staff

Recommended Items for Board Approval

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

Unpaid leave request for **Heidi Norris**, 3.75 Hour Cook at PSES. 12/1/2026

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

Alexander Muschott RBT Aide at MVMS; Step 1; 1 Year Contract 10/26/26-10/25/27

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

Dottie VanWinkle 10/26/26-10/25/2028

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

Brandon Broseus 10/18/2026-10/17/2028

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

Kathy Kasler	Substitute Secretary; Substitute Aide
Jaelle Keller	Substitute Aide
Stephen Burnside	Substitute Custodian
Caleb Myers	Substitute Bus Driver; Effective 9/25/2026
Perry Winfrey	Substitute Custodian
Daniel Ruth	Substitute Custodian (food service driver)
Lynette Telek	Substitute Custodian; Effective 10/5/2026

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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Adjournment

Mr. Ward moved, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

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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