

Board of School Trustees Meeting

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees
Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center
Monday, February 24, 2020
7:00pm - 8:00pm

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Present: Mr. Greg Rollo, Director of Technology; Mrs. Gwen Scrogam, Board Secretary; Mrs. Maria Bond, Communications Director; Mrs. Laura Durig, SpEd Director; Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President; Mr. Tony May, Board Member; Mr. Mike McCarty, Board Member; Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent; Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Beth Smith, Board Member; Mrs. Shannon Walls, Board Member; Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Absent: Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept

1 Board Work Session (5:30)

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

The Board of Trustees of the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation held a Work Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Administrative Service Center.

2 Pledge of Allegiance (6:55 P.M.)

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

A moment of silence was held.

3 Call to Order

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

The Board of School Trustees of the Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation held a regular meeting on February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Service Center.

4 Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. McCarty seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

5 Reports

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

5.1 Good News

Mrs. Maria Bond, Communications Director

Minutes:

Mrs. Bond shared the following Good News:

1. MVMS celebrated Black History Month with a live concert for the 8th graders featuring Principal Ben Williams on the drums, Allan Burke who has performed with the Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Spinners and is also in the Indiana Jazz Hall of Fame, and guest saxophonist Superintendent Parker.
2. MV students have checked out over 90,000 books this year which averages out to over 21 books per student.
3. MVHS students visited the Statehouse for the VOICE Youth Day of Action. Students learned what is being done to reduce vaping in Indiana and to show support for protecting Hoosier youth from tobacco and vaping.
4. All MVMS ISSMA participants received a gold rating, including the vocal group Locked In, who received a perfect score.
5. Several MVCSC staff members took time to deep clean several Mt. Vernon Schools in an effort to help keep our students and staff free of illness.

Attachments:

[2-2020 Board Report.pdf](#)

5.2 MVHS Marching Band Uniforms

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Jackie Nason, MVHS Director of Bands

Minutes:

Ms. Jackie Nason, MVHS Director of Bands, and band member Gage Bailey showed board members the prototype for the new marching band uniform. Ms. Nason stated she had met with Dr. Parker a year ago and as the old uniforms were over ten years old, asked him what was the possibility of band members receiving new band uniforms. She thanked board members for their commitment to fund half of the new uniforms along with the other half from the Music Boosters. She met with representatives from F.J. Miller Company and what started as a sketch, after completing a questionnaire of what they wanted their uniform to look like, they came up with the protocol. Ms. Nason hopes to roll out the new uniforms in the fall.

5.3 Spotlight on Schools

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Principal, McCordsville Elementary School

Minutes:

Mrs. Stephanie Miller, principal at McCordsville Elementary, gave a presentation spotlighting her school with a focus on social and emotional learning. She began by stating more than ever, students are coming to school with trauma. This trauma can stem from serious abuse and neglect. It was

determined that what they were doing to help these students was no longer working and that change was needed to help students succeed. For the most needy students, they have begun filtering them into the general education classrooms and with some growing pains and tweaking the process, students are almost fully inclusion and behavior has changed. Discipline referrals for serious infractions have plummeted in one years time. In 2018-2019, there were eighty-one referrals for serious discipline like aggressive behavior resulting in thirty-two suspensions. In 2019-2020, after implementing changes, there were thirty-seven referrals for serious discipline behavior resulting in 13.5 suspensions. A difference of 50 less referrals and 18.5 suspensions. Mrs. Miller stated they have focused on academics so all students can learn at high levels. Nuture groups were formed led by classroom teachers, staff, coaches and administrators teaching students to properly interact while making positive choices. Real results indicate it is not just discipline data that has shown growth, but how our students and teachers interact on a daily basis is what is amazing.

Attachments:

[Spotlight on MES.pdf](#)

6 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings

May only address items listed in the agenda

Must be recognized by presiding officer.

Must provide name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate

Limited to 3 minutes duration

All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually

Minutes:

There were none.

7 Consent Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

The school board shall use a consent agenda (Policy #0166.1) to keep routine matters. By a single motion, the Board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of School Board Policy and/or Indiana Code. Any items marked "Consent" may be removed from the agenda by a Board Member or the Superintendent.

Minutes:

Mr. McCarty made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Minutes of the January 27, 2020 regular board meeting;
2. Claims;
3. Request from MVMS teacher D'Lee Rush to accept a \$2,400 donation from an anonymous donor to be used to purchase MS Financial literacy curriculum from Ramsey Solutions; and a request to accept a donation of \$500 from Everett J. Prescott, Inc. (EJP Pipeline Specialists) to be used to support the MVHS Lady Marauders Softball Program;
4. A request from Gwen Scrogam for permission to destroy records that no longer need to be kept allowed per the Indiana Commission on Public Records guidelines:

5. And the following personnel items:

CERTIFIED RETIREMENT/RESIGNATIONS

CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Kim Hamilton, MES Maternity Leave Substitute

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT/RESIGNATIONS

Edward Goodman, MCE Technology Associate

Daniel Maley, MCE Custodian

CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Karla Maynard, Part-Time Bus Aide

Julia Belcher, MVHS Resource Instructional Assistant

John Russell, FES Building Sub

Christina Bastin, Substitute School Nurse

Hunter Louk, MVMS Cafeteria

Virginia Mathis, MVHS Cafeteria

TRANSFERS

Bethany Joyce, Transfer from Sub Bus Driver to Full Time Bus Driver

Michelle Davis, Transfer from Bus Driver to Transportation Assistant

ECA RECOMMENDATIONS

Lindsay Perry, MVMS Assistant Band Director

Hayden DeFord, MVMS Spell Bowl-Math

ECA RESIGNATIONS

VOLUNTEERS

Leslie Redus, Preschool Volunteer

LEAVE REQUESTS

Michael Clark, MVMS Custodian (Personal Leave of Absence beginning March 16, 2020 for 4-6 Weeks)

Tessa Globerger, MES Teacher (Maternity Leave May 26, 2020 through December 18, 2020)

Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

7.1 Executive Session Minutes

7.2 Regular Session Minutes

January 27, 2020 Board Meeting

Attachments:

[January 27 2020 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

7.3 Claims

Attachments:

[Claims.pdf](#)

7.4 Personnel Report

Attachments:

[Personnel Report 1.pdf](#)

[Personnel_Report.pdf](#)

7.5 Overnight Field Trip Request

There are none

7.6 Request to Accept Donation

Attachments:

[MVHS Request to Accept Donation.pdf](#)

[MVMS Request to Accept Donation.pdf](#)

7.7 Permission to Destroy Records

Attachments:

[Request to Destroy Records.pdf](#)

8 Public Hearing: Additional Appropriation for Debt Service

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing and requesting an additional appropriation to the 2020 Debt Service Fund. This request will allow a debt service payment originally scheduled for December, 2019 to be paid in the first half of the current budget year 2020. This does not involve any additional funds or cost to the district. Funding for this payment was received during the December tax settlement. It simply allows us to shift payment from one budget year to another. The additional appropriation is in the amount of \$343,400 and will officially close out the 2016 GO Bond Series.

Mrs. Freeman asked if there were any comments/questions from the public. There were none. She asked if there were any comments/questions from board members. There were none.

9 Action Items

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

9.1 Resolution 2020-05 Approving Additional Appropriation for the Debt Service Fund

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Appropriation for the Debt Service Fund as described in Resolution 2020-05. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[Resolution 2020-05 Authorizing Requesting and Approving Additional Appropriation for the 2020 Debt Service Fund.pdf](#)

9.2 Resolution 2020-06 Approving Transfer of Funds From Education to Self-Insurance and Education to Insurance Reserve

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins requested approval of Resolution 2020-06 Transfer of Funds from Education to Self-Insurance Fund in the amount of \$634,812.88 in order to zero out that fund for the 2019 Budget Year. This resolution also allows a monthly transfer, not to exceed \$43,750, to the newly established Insurance Reserve Fund for the 2020 Budget. A deposit was made into that fund in November/December, 2019. This resolution would allow a one time transfer of up to \$315,187.12 to the Insurance Reserve Fund. That amount is determined by projected expected expenses to this fund and what the realized expenses were and is dependent on what cash flow allows. The Insurance Reserve Fund would be the go to fund if the Self-Insurance Fund were ever to find itself in the negative so we would not have to draw from the Education Fund.

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving of Funds from Education to Self-Insurance and from Education to Insurance Reserve as described in Resolution 2020-06. Mr. McCarty seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[Resolution 2020-06 to Transfer Funds From the Education Fund to the Self Insurance and Insurance Reserve Funds.pdf](#)

9.3 Resolution 2020-07 to Amend the Original Resolution Establishing a Rainy Day Fund

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins requested approval of Resolution 2020-07 to Amend the Original Resolution Establishing a Rainy Day Fund. Many years ago a resolution was passed establishing the Rainy Day Fund. Since that time, language has changed and this resolution allows for updating that original language.

Mr. McCarty made a motion to Amend the Original Resolution Establishing a Rainy Day Fund as described in Resolution 2020-07. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

Resolution 2020-07 Amendment to Original Resolution to Establish a Rainy Day Fund.pdf

9.4 Modified Pay Scale for Clinic Assistants

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley informed board members that when Mt. Vernon implemented the newly developed Classified Staff Pay Scales January 1, 2020, it was not taken into account those Clinic Assistants that hold a nursing license. He asked the board to approve the attached modified pay scale correcting that oversight and compensating those with licenses. Mr. May made a motion to approve the modification to the pay scale for clinic assistants as described. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

Classified Staff Pay Scales 2020 .docx

9.5 Modified 2020-2021 School Calendar

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley asked board members to approve the modified 2020-2021, per the attached, This reflects a change in the previously approved Centralized Registration date of July 16, 2020 changed to July 22, 2020. Changing the date to a week later will alleviate several issues. Mrs. Freeman verified that this was the only change to the 2020-2021 calendar. Mr. Smedley stated yes, no other changes were made. Mrs. Walls made a motion to modify the 2020-2021 school calendar changing the date of Centralized Registration to July 22, 2020. Mr. McCarty seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

Updated School Calendar 2020-21 2 .docx

10 Board Member Reports

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Fortville RDC - Mr. Tony May

Cumberland RDC - Mrs. Kellie Freeman

Hancock Co. RDC - Mr. Mike McCarty

McCordsville RDC - Mrs. Shannon Walls

MVEF - Mrs. Beth Smith

Minutes:

1. Mr. May reported that the Fortville RDC meeting centered around discussing the Main Street Project and announced the project had been pushed back a year to start next spring.

2. Mrs. Freeman reported the Cumberland RDC did not hold a meeting.
3. Mr. McCarty reported he was unable to attend the Hancock Co. RDC meeting.
4. Mrs. Walls reported the McCordsville RDC met and Randy Sorrell gave a presentation on Amazon coming to the Mt. Comfort corridor. She shared concerns Mt. Vernon has with regards to Mt. Comfort Elementary. She recapped for the group what work the MV Champions had been doing.
5. Mrs. Smith announced early bird registration for the MVEF Gala ends March 1, 2020. Mrs. Oldham plans to contact Amazon as a possible sponsor of the gala.

11 Announcements

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Parker shared a celebration that the Mt. Vernon Champions did a great job of working together and have come up with a recommendation. After a graphic is developed, the recommendation will be returned to the group for a final thumbs up and presented to the board at their March meeting for discussion and potential approval. He was very excited on how close and tight everyone's thinking was using community input and expressed his pride and appreciation for the group's hard work. Mrs. Freeman added it had been a great process.

12 Adjournment

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.