

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees

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Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center
Thursday, October 29, 2020
5:15pm - 7:15pm

Present: Mrs. Gwen Scrogam, Board Secretary; Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President; Mr. Tony May, Board Member; Mr. Mike McCarty, Board Member; Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent; Mrs. Beth Smith, Board Member; Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Absent: Mr. Greg Rollo, Director of Technology; Mrs. Maria Bond, Communications Director; Mrs. Laura Durig, SpEd Director; Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Shannon Walls, Board Member; Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept

1 Pledge of Allegiance (5:15 P.M.)

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Call to Order

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

3 Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

4 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.

5 Action Item: Resolution 2020-42 Adoption of Amended 2021 Budget and Rescinding of Previous Adoption on 10/5/2020

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Resolution 2020-42 Adoption of 2021 Budget (Amended from September 19, 2020)

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman began by stating the purpose of this Special Meeting was to readopt the 2021 School Budget. A Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget was held on Monday, October 19, 2020. The amended budget has been advertised on the DLGF Gateway website since October 8, 2020.

Mrs. Freeman presented Resolution 2020-42, Adoption of the Amended 2021 Budget. As of October 26, 2020, the seven day allowable period for objections has expired. Mt. Vernon School Corporation has not received notice of any taxpayers objecting to the budget, tax rate, or tax levy nor have any taxpayers filed an objection with Mt. Vernon's proper officers. Therefore, Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation may adopt the budget without a finding concerning any objections or petitions.

Mr. Elkins asked the Board to approve Resolution 2020-42, Approval of the 2021 Budget as amended. The operations levy now reflects the addition of advertised excess levy. No other changes have been made since the previous adoption.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-42 and rescind the original budget adoption of October 5, 2020. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

6 Action Item: Property Purchase Resolution

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins stated Resolution 2020-43 authorizes him to pursue a purchase agreement for the acquisition of property at 1700 W. State Road 234, Fortville, Indiana and to execute all documents necessary for closing on the property, consistent with Indiana Code.

The 18.753 acres was recently appraised by two appraisers and the sale price of \$26,609.08 per acre was statutorily derived by taking the average of the two appraisals (\$431,300 and \$563,000). Seller received a copy of the contingency offer on October 16, 2020. Sale is contingent upon successfully rezoning the property, needed from the Fortville Planning Commission and Town Council, from agricultural to institutional usage. \$5,000 earnest payment will be made to hold the offer in place while zoning is secured.

Dr. Parker added that the hope is to purchase this property along with property to the north of the MVCSC campus with money obtained from the sale of property owned by MVCSC at 600W and 100N, Greenfield, IN. This property has recently been put on the market.

6.1 Resolution 2020-43 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON INTEREST IN PURCHASING A PARTICULAR PROPERTY

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-43 regarding the Board's interest in pursuing property at 1700 W. State Road 234, Fortville, Indiana. Mrs. Smith seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[Resolution 2020-43 Authorizing Purchase of East Property Literal .DOCX](#)

7 Adjournment

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mr. May made a motion to adjourn at 5:28 p.m. Mr. McCarty seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

8 Executive Session (5:30 p.m.)

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

An Executive Session was held following the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Attachments:

[Executive Session Agenda October 29 2020.pdf](#)