

# Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees Re-organization Meeting

**Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees**  
Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center  
Monday, January 11, 2021  
5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Present:** Mr. Greg Rollo, Director of Technology; Mrs. Maria Bond, Communications Director; Mrs. Laura Durig, SpEd Director; Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President; Mr. Tony May, Board Member; Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent; Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum; Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer; Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept; Chad Gray, School Board Member; Phil Edwards, School Board Member

**Absent:** Mrs. Gwen Scrogg, Board Secretary; Mr. Mike McCarty, Board Member; Mrs. Beth Smith, Board Member; Mrs. Shannon Walls, Board Member

## 1 Call to Order

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

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### **Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. Mrs. Freeman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2 Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

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### **Minutes:**

Dr. Parker announced changes to the agendas. For clarification, items from the Finance Board agenda and Reorganization Meeting agenda were moved from one agenda to the other. An item regarding the addition of a proposal in regards to FFCRA Days and an agreement with the Mt. Vernon CTA was added.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to adopt the agendas as amended. Mr May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

## 3 Swearing In Ceremony

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

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Randy Sorrell

Executive Director of the Hancock Economic Development Council

### **Minutes:**

The Oath of Office was issued to newly elected board members Tony May, Chad Gray and Phil Edwards by Mr. Randy Sorrell, Executive Director of the Hancock County Economic Development Council.

## 4 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

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**Minutes:**

There were none.

## 5 Election of Board Officers

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1. President
2. First Vice-President
3. Second Vice-President
4. Secretary
5. Assistant Secretary

**Minutes:**

Mr. May made a motion to accept the following officers for the Mt. Vernon Board of Trustees for the 2021 calendar year:

President: Kellie Freeman

1st Vice President: Tony May

Secretary: Shannon Walls

2nd Vice President: Chad Gray

Assistant Secretary: Phil Edwards

Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Gray made a motion to pause the Re-organization Meeting and move to the Finance Meeting at 5:21 p.m.

## 6 Motions/Appointments

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1. Date and time for regular monthly meetings (3rd Monday of the Month except January and February due to holiday)
2. Legal Counsel (Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim, Amy Matthews, Lead Counsel)
3. Legislative Liaison to the ISBA (Tony May 2020)
4. Recorder for the Board (Gwen Scrogam)
5. Corporation Treasurer (Lisa Heitman)
6. Newspaper of Record (Greenfield Daily Reporter)
7. Bank of Deposit (Greenfield Banking Co.)
8. RDC Liaisons
  - Fortville RDC
  - Cumberland RDC
  - Hancock Co. RDC
  - McCordsville RDC

**Minutes:**

The Reorganization Meeting was reconvened at 5:26 p.m.

Mr. May made the motion to set the dates and times for regular monthly board meetings to be the 3rd Monday of the month, except the months of January and February where they will be scheduled on the 4th Monday of the month. Mr. Edwards seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Gray made a motion to appoint the following people to the following positions:

Legal Counsel - Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim, Amy Matthews, Lead Counsel

Legislative Liaison to the ISBA - Tony May

Recorder for the Board - Gwen Scrogg

Corporation Treasurer - Lisa Heitman

Newspaper of Record - Greenfield Daily Reporter

Bank of Deposit - Greenfield Banking Company

Fortville Liaison - Phil Edwards

Cumberland Liaison - Kellie Freeman

Hancock County RDC - Tony May

McCordsville RDC - Shannon Walls

Mt. Vernon Education Foundation - Chad Gray

Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

## 7 Actions Items

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

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### 7.1 Personnel Report

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

Mr. May made a motion to accept the following Personnel items:

**CERTIFIED RESIGNATIONS:**

Benjamin Williams, MVMS Principal

**CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Mike Raters, MVMS Interim Principal

Jordan Fuerstenau, MES 3rd Grade Teacher (continuation for Tessa Gloger through 6/9/21)

**CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS:**

Julia Nelson, Mini-Marauder Preschool Lead Teacher

**CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Leslie Hallett, Physical Therapist

Halee Evans, Mini-Marauder Preschool (temp position for Kim Nix)

Cynthia Webster, Bus Aide-Salary Adjustment due to job reclassification

Chad Masters, IA Reporting Position

Cynthia Webster, Sub Bus Driver

Florence Tunstill, Bus Driver-Replacing Flora Jones

Keesha Sullivan, Bus Driver-New Route

**CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENTS:**

Megan Devries, Temporary Kindergarten Teacher (2/8/21-5/21/21)

**ECA RESIGNATIONS:**

Jennifer Zitani, MVMS Girls Head Track Coach

Lee Larkins, MVMS Assistant Boys Track Coach

**ECA RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Ronnie Thomas, MVMS Assistant Boys Track Coach

Faith Garrett, MVMS Head Swim Coach

Paul Okerson, MVMS Theatre Program

Mike Kirschner, MVHS Weight Training Head Coach

Ben Rhoades, MVHS Weight Training Assistant Coach

**LEAVES:**

Christina Estep, December 9, 2020-TBD

Jennifer Sherbak, Intermittent leave throughout the 2021 calendar year

Mr. Edwards seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

**Attachments:**

[Personnel Report for January 11 2021.pdf](#)

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## 7.2 Extension of Paid Emergency Leave Related to COVID through FFCRA

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

Chris Smedley brought up the extension of paid emergency leave days (FFCRA), which ended on December 31, 2020. This is a bargainable topic, but outside of the bargaining window and was discussed with the CTA to be continued through the school year. It was reiterated that no new days will be granted; however, employees will be allowed to use days if they have not been used prior. The question was raised by Mr. Gray that since this is a bargainable topic if this included classified staff. The answer was given that this will include all staff, both certified and classified.

Mr. Gray made the motion to accept the addition, Mr. May seconded the motion, and the motion was carried 4-0.

**Attachments:**

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## 8 Announcements

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

Dr. Parker announced the passing of Ann Wilkins, ISTA Representative who worked with our CTA. Mt Vernon Community School Corporation is extremely saddened at the loss.

## 9 Adjournment

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

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**Minutes:**

Mr. May made a motion to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. Mr. Edwards seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

## 10 Executive Session (6:30 p.m.)

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

An Executive Session began at 6:30 p.m.

**Attachments:**

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