

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees
Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center
Monday, May 17, 2021
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Present: Mr. Greg Rollo, Director of Technology; Mrs. Gwen Scrogam, Board Secretary; Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations; Mrs. Laura Durig, SpEd Director; Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President; Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent; Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Shannon Walls, Board Member; Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer; Chad Gray, School Board Member; Phil Edwards, School Board Member

Absent: Mr. Tony May, Board Member; Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept; Susan McElroy

1 Work Session (5:15 p.m.)

Minutes:

The Board of Trustees held a Work Session at 5:15 p.m.

2 Pledge of Allegiance (7:00 P.M.)

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

The School Board, before each meeting, offers the opportunity to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. People attending the meeting are welcome to take part in this procedure. Those desiring not to take part may either remain in the hallway before the meeting or sit quietly in the meeting room.

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 Call to Order

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

4 Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Dr. Parker announced there were two revisions to the agenda:

1. Additional items added under Personnel; and
2. Approval of Textbook and Student Fees removed from the agenda to be presented at the June board meeting.

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Edwards seconded, and the motion carried 4-

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5 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

B225 - 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.

6 Public Hearing: Controlled Projects

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman opened the Public Hearing stating tonight's is the first of two Preliminary Determination Public Hearings for a proposed 2021 Project and the Lease Financing for that Project. She reminded anyone wishing to speak after the presentation must sign in with their name and address. Comments are limited to 3 minutes and topic limited to the proposed project under consideration.

Mr. Elkins stated pursuant to Indiana Codes 6-1.1-20-3.1, whenever a school corporation proposes to enter into a lease agreement and/or issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, they are required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds and enter into such lease agreement. Tonight's meeting is the first of such hearings with the second scheduled for June 21, 2021. Notice of both Public Hearings was published in the Greenfield Daily Reporter on May 7, 2021 and was sent via first-class mail to the Hancock County Clerk and any organizations which requested such notice as provided in Indiana Code.

The purpose of this hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the school corporation to voice their opinions as to the Project and to ask questions. These public hearings and the adoption of resolutions are the very beginning of the legal process. These resolutions, which are not for consideration this evening, would establish the maximum financial terms for the proposed project. At the conclusion of the presentation, the board president will invite members of the public to comment. All interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the renovation of and improvements to school facilities throughout the corporation including traffic flow and site improvements, relocation and construction of transportation facilities; construction of a new Pre K through 4th Grade elementary school, addition of instructional space at the current Fortville Elementary, which will become Fortville Intermediate, and facility improvements at Mt. Comfort Elementary.

Mr. Elkins thanked members of the Professional Advisory Team which included representatives from Lancer+Beebe (architects); Hagerman (construction management); Ice-Miller, (Bond Counsel); Stifel (financial advisors); Context-Design (site design); and Policy Analytics (analysis, results, research).

Mr. Elkins recapped the months of work that started in the summer of 2019 and brought us to this point. It began with a Community Champions group of teachers, parents, community patrons, administrators, etc. that came together to develop a Future Growth Plan working with an advisory team to address future growth and enrollment. They developed a timeline and sequence of events keeping in mind nothing would be built until

student numbers warrant it, but also not wanting to move too slow in order to keep with the future growth and projected rise in enrollment. There was overwhelming support to return the current Fortville Elementary back into an Intermediate School housing 5th and 6th graders and build a new Fortville Elementary to house K-4 students. Board action was taken in January 2021. The 2021 Project consists of four key components: 1) Improvements to Main Campus Traffic Flow; 2) Relocation of Transportation Department and Construction of New Bus Facility; 3) Construction of New Pre K-4 Elementary Building; and 4) Additional Instructional Space at Current Fortville Elementary which will become Fortville Intermediate Grade 5-6. Additional long term facility needs include: 1) Demolition Clinic/Operations Building; 2) Additional Square Footage and Renovation of Middle School; 3) Additional Square Footage and Renovation of High School; 4) Facility Improvements at Mt. Comfort Elementary; and 5) Current Administration Building Renovation.

Mr. Elkins showed slides of property to the north of the main campus (Barnhart Property) that MVCSC now owns that will be used for the Transportation Center and is in the due diligence part of the process to acquire land to the east of the main campus (Literal Property) that we are asking the Town of Fortville to annex into Fortville. Addressing traffic flow to the Transportation Center is a high priority. The Board previously voted to use an existing plan of another elementary school in order to save the corporation approximately \$500,000 in design fees. Walnut Grove Elementary's plan is what we will be using. Another slide showed an addition to the Intermediate School. Estimated Costs for the 2021 Project are Traffic Flow and Site Improvements \$13,000,000; Pre K thru 4th New Elementary School \$48,000,000; Transportation Center \$9,000,000; and Intermediate School Additional Square Footage \$8,000,000. Estimated annual operating costs of new elementary which includes new staff hires, utilities, supplies, etc. : Education Fund \$871,983; Operations Fund \$494,187; and Food Service \$70,000.

Luke Bruggeman from Stifel recapped the financial impact of the Future Growth Plan previously presented at the November board meeting. Bonds are likely to be issued in multiple series of bonds to reduce interest rate costs and increase flexibility to manage tax rate. It is anticipated that the debt service tax levy is not expected to increase over the 2021 Debt Service Tax Rate of \$1.1790. As some of the debt obligations retire, he expects the tax rate to drop in 2022 and further in 2026. Estimated breakdown of costs: Project Costs \$78,000,000; Capitalized Interest \$5,314,500 and Cost of Issuance \$935,500 for a total proposed bond issuance of \$84,250,000. Maximum lease payment \$10,250,000 which he feels will be closer to \$7-8 million.

Mrs. Freeman opened the meeting up for public comment. There were none. She reminded everyone that this is the first step in the legal process, no board action is legally required at this hearing. It is solely to receive public comment. The Board will continue to work with the administration and its professionals to look for efficiencies to conserve tax dollars while meeting our educational needs. The Board will hold a second public hearing on June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

Attachments:

[For Publication Mt. Vernon Schools - Notice of Hearings - 2021 Lease Future Growth Projects 4 .docx](#)
[Public Hearings 2021 Controlled Project.pdf](#)

7 Reports

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

7.1 Good News

Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations

Minutes:

Mrs. Bond shared the following Good News:

1. MVHS was named a Best High School by the U.S. News & World Report for the second year in a row;
2. 100% of the students enrolled in the MVHS Health Science 1 course passed their CNA test and earned their Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate;
3. MVCSC School Board President Kellie Freeman was recognized by the Indiana School Boards Association and received an Exemplary Governance Award for her participation in continuous improvement and professional development activities;
4. Wesley Perry from MES was recipient of the \$500 Hancock County Promise Scholarship;
5. MVHS Boys' Golf won the HHC title, first time in school history. MVHS Boys' track won the HHC title, first time since 2016. MVHS Girls' track won the HHC title, first time since 1999;
6. For Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, Hagerman, Lancer + Beebe and the MVEF sponsored "Together We Can Do Virtually Anything" t-shirts for all staff.

Attachments:

[5-2021 Board Report.pdf](#)

7.2 Spotlight on Schools

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Mrs. Stephanie Miller, Principal - McCordsville Elementary School

Minutes:

Mrs. Stephanie Miller Principal at McCordsville Elementary gave a report spotlighting her school. She started by stating one thing she has really focused on is students are our focus, but the adults in the room sail our ship. While still focusing on achievement, social emotional health of all have been at the forefront. She highlighted several activities such as a recent boot camp for 3rd graders where McCordsville's SRO, who is in the National Guard, came in and talked to students about how he struggled in school with anxiety and how the military helped him overcome that. She showed a video of him leading the class in pushups. Students still meet in small groups with teachers and staff and one activity included fidget toys which helps students get through the day. Mrs. Miller recently asked staff members what they loved about MES. Responses included love the sense of community, willingness and eagerness to help one another and an overall passion for doing what is best for our students. Love the people and atmosphere. MES has truly exceptional teachers who strive to work together so that every student feels successful.

7.3 Health & Safety Protocol for 2021-2022

Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations

Minutes:

Mr. Shelton presented Health, Safety and Facilities Protocols for the 2021-2022 school year, which will appear in student handbooks. As we don't know how next school year is going to go, these protocols are provisional and designed to keep students, families and faculty/staff and the surrounding community safe and healthy. They align with CDC guidelines, Indiana Department of Health and Hancock County Health Department. All procedures are contingent upon guidance provided by the local health

department. The tiered protocol encompasses five stages based on each school's percentage of absences due to illness.

Green Level: MVCSC starts the 2021-22 school year under traditional guidelines with no limitations/adaptations and routine cleaning. Low community spread.

Blue Level: Absentee rate of 12% due to combined illness of students and staff within an individual building. Moderate community spread. Start additional sanitizing procedures.

Yellow Level: Absentee rate of 14% due to combined illness of students and staff within an individual building. Community spread continues to increase. Continue daily sanitizing, fog all buildings, fog between bus routes and students/staff encouraged to wear masks.

Orange Level: Absentee rate of 16% due to combined illness of students and staff within an individual building. Community spread approaching high levels. Students/staff required to wear masks, deep cleaning, and daily fogging.

Red Level: Absentee rate of 20% due to combined illness of students and staff within an individual building. MVCSC will consult with Hancock County Health Department on possible closure.

If things continue to improve the expectation is to begin the school year as a normal school year. Mr. Shelton stated decisions will be made building by building, the entire corporation will not be lumped together.

Mrs. Freeman stated the plan is very clear and thanked Mr. Shelton for all his work on this as it will allow people to know what to expect up front.

Attachments:

[Health Safety Facilities Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year.pdf](#)

8 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:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Gray seconded.

1. Minutes of the April 19, 2021 board meeting;

2. Claims

3. The following Personnel items:

CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Ashley Lain, MVMS 7th Grade Math Teacher

Suzanne Digby, Mini Marauder Preschool Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

Vince Edwards, FES Principal

Hannah Bimmerle, MCE Substitute for Downend 4th Grade Leave of Absence

Anita Glaze, MVHS Assistant Principal

Alexander Hutton, MVHS Math Teacher

Gregory Cepluch, MVHS Math Teacher

Megan DeVries, MES Substitute for Cronk 4th Grade Leave of Absence

Makayla Boyd, MES Kindergarten Teacher - New Position

Teresa Heckman, MES 5th Grade Teacher - New Position

CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Cindy Smith, MVHS Special Education Teacher (Retirement)

Gwen Perkins, MVMS 7th Grade Science Teacher

Tessa Globerger, MES 3rd Grade Teacher

Morgan Benigni, FES 1st Grade Teacher

Carey Cole, MVMS Counselor (Retirement)

CERTIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENTS

Mackenzie Woodard, Change from MCE FISH Teacher to MCE 2nd Grade Teacher

Nick Ragan, Change from MVHS English Teacher to MVHS ELA Interventionist

Laura Hanna, Change from FES Special Education Teacher to MVHS Special Education - Life Skills Teacher

Joseph Anderson, Change from MVHS Math Teacher to MVHS Math Interventionist

Lindsey Knight, Change from MES Virtual Support Teacher to MES 3rd Grade Teacher - New Position

Jordan Fuerstenau, Change from MES 3rd Grade LOA Substitute to MES 3rd Grade Teacher

Megan DeVries, Change from MES Kindergarten/4th Grade LOA Substitute to 3rd Grade Teacher

Alex LeBoeuf, Change from MVHS Special Education Teacher to MVMS Special Education Teacher

Kellie Danforth, Change from FES 4th Grade LOA Substitute to FES 4th Grade Teacher

CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Lisa Burchett, Mini Marauder Preschool Instructional Assistant

Megan Long, Administration Bldg. Summer Finance Intern

Babette Lamaster, MES Temporary Summer Custodial (Summer of 2020)

Emmie Lamaster, MES Temporary Summer Custodial (Summer of 2020)

Amy Lunn, Administration Bldg. Temporary Summer Custodial (Summer of 2020)

Alexis Shelton, Temporary Summer Maintenance (Summer of 2020)

Hannah Baldwin, Temporary Summer Maintenance (Summer of 2020)

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Cassie Halverson, MCE Custodian

Ashley Turner, MVHS Permanent Substitute Teacher
Ashley Craig, MVMS Instructional Assistant
Randi Goen, Mini Marauder Preschool Instructional Assistant
Elizabeth Goff, Mini Marauder Preschool Coordinator
Nedra Herbert, Mini Marauder Preschool Secretary
Khrystyna Byrd, Mini Marauder Preschool Instructional Assistant
Lillian Reese, Mini Marauder Preschool Instructional Assistant P/T
Aaron Couch - FES Custodian, Resending offer

CLASSIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

Alexander Bouvier, Change from MVHS Custodian to FES Custodian
Halee Evans, Change from Mini Marauder Preschool LOA Substitute Instructional Asst. to Mini Marauder Preschool Instructional Asst.

ECA RECOMMENDATIONS

Eric Harnish, MVMS Weight Training Head Coach
Christina Halcomb, MVMS Dance Coach
Brendan Forester, MVHS Assistant Cheer Coach (Volunteer)
Marissa Turney, MVMS Assistant Concert Band Director

LEAVES

Kayla Warrum (Wiseman), Leave of Absence (October 15, 2021 - May 26, 2022)
Emily Cronk, Leave of Absence (June 6, 2021 - October 1, 2021)
Sarah McGinnis, Leave of Absence (May 3, 2021 - June 8, 2021)
Teran Strickland, Leave of Absence (Intermittent Leave)

4. Construction Claims; and

5. Request from Lisa Tappy to destroy records at MVHS that no longer need to be kept pursuant to Indiana Commission on Public Records guidelines.

Mr. Gray asked for clarification that the recommendations for summer employment are for 2021 and not 2020 as stated on report. Dr. Parker responded yes they are for 2021.

The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Casey Dodd introduced new hire Gregory Cepluch, MVHS Math Teacher, and welcomed him to the Mt. Vernon family.

Dr. Parker introduced new Fortville Elementary Principal Vince Edwards who introduced his wife Stacy and two sons, Graham and Marcus. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to be here and is looking forward to get going as there are lots of exciting things happening at Mt. Vernon and he is thrilled to be a part of it.

8.1 Regular Session Minutes

Minutes of the April 19, 2021 Meeting

Attachments:

[April 19 2021 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

8.2 Claims

Attachments:

[Claims.pdf](#)

8.3 Personnel Report

Attachments:

[Personnel Report 1.pdf](#)

[Personnel Report.pdf](#)

8.4 Overnight Field Trip Request

There are none.

8.5 Request to Accept Donation

There are none.

8.6 Construction Claims

Attachments:

[May 2021 Construction Claims 1 .docx](#)

8.7 Request to Destroy Records

Request from Treasurer Lisa Tappy, Mt. Vernon High School

Attachments:

[Request to Destroy Records.pdf](#)

9 Action Items

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

9.1 Resolution 2021-14 Resolution of the Board of Education on Interest in Purchasing a Particular Property

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 Authorizing the Board of Education to Acquire Real Property considered by the Board to be necessary for school purposes. It allows Mr. Elkins, as the superintendent's designee, to pursue a purchase agreement for the acquisition of property located at 8283 County Road 200W, Hancock County, Indiana and to execute all documents necessary for closing on the property. Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2021-14 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON INTEREST IN PURCHASING A PARTICULAR PROPERTY .docx](#)

9.2 Student Handbook Changes for 2021-2022

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Assistant Principals Annie Gale (FES); Ryan King (MES); and Garrie Woods (MCE) presented changes to the elementary handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year. They collaborated together to align the three handbooks. Assistant Principals Crystal Cooper (MVMS) and BrookeTharp (MVHS) presented handbook changes for their student handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Smedley applauded all the assistant principals for their work on all the updates especially the collaboration of the three elementary schools. Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the Student Handbook Changes for 2021-2022 as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[2021-2022 MVHS Student Handbook - Version 2 1 .docx](#)
[MVHS Handbook Changes 2021 - 2022 - Version 2 1 Board .docx](#)
[21 - 22 Mt. Vernon MS Handbook.pdf](#)
[MVMS Proposed Student Handbook Changes for 21-22 Board .pdf](#)
[Draft MES Handbook 2021-2022 2 .pdf](#)
[MES Handbook Updates 2021-2022 2 Board .pdf](#)
[2021-2022 MCE Handbook 2 .pdf](#)
[MCE Handbook Updates 2021-2022 Board .pdf](#)
[2021-2022 FES Student Handbook 2 .pdf](#)
[2021-2022 FES Handbook Changes Board .pdf](#)

9.3 Virtual Learning Handbooks for 2021-22

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley presented brand new Virtual Learning Handbooks for each of the buildings for 2021-2022. He began by thanking teachers, staff and administrators for all their support to virtual learners this past year. The handbooks were put together to provide guidance for potential virtual learners who choose to continue that path for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Smedley outlined the four main areas highlighted in the handbooks' Table of Content with the first being Guiding Principles. While it is believed that in-person instruction is the best form of instruction, the realization is there are certain challenges or variables that work better for some children to learn virtually. The handbooks strive to mirror in-person

instruction as best as possible. The second area is General Commitments which includes building, student and caregiver commitments. The third area is Criteria for Virtual Student Participants which includes attendance, previous level of success in virtual learning, course selection limitations, special education and medical expectations. The last area is Virtual Instruction Model which includes course descriptions, objectives and expectations as well as other items such as virtual meeting expectations, grading, etc.

Mr. Smedley noted items that will be different from this school year with the first being that virtual learning for kindergartners will not be offered next school year as they feel it is such a developmental year and in-person instruction is very important. The second change is that they are asking families that elect to be a virtual learner commit to the first and second nine weeks before deciding to switch back to in-person instruction. Once the board takes action, information will be pushed out to parents that are considering virtual learning to show what teaching models will look like. A virtual town hall meeting will be held May 24th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for parents who are interested in their child being a virtual student and the window to sign up for virtual learning will begin May 25th through June 1.

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the Virtual Learning Handbooks for 2021-2022 as presented. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[MVCSC Elementary Virtual Learning Handbook 2021-22.pdf](#)

[MVMS Virtual Instruction Handbook 2021-22.pdf](#)

[MVHS Virtual Instruction Handbook - 2021 2022 .pdf](#)

9.4 Health Services Handbook Changes for 2021-2022

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley presented, on behalf of Corporation Nurse Tracy Furnas, recommended changes for the Health Services Handbooks for 2021-2022. He pointed out the major update involves the compiling of two reference lists to streamline what is being used in the classroom and donated for snacks in order to best support our policies and those students with allergies.. Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the Health Services Handbook Changes for 2021-2022 as presented. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[K-8 HEALTH SERVICES .pdf](#)

[9-12 HEALTH SERVICES HANDBOOK 1 .pdf](#)

[Health Handbook Changes Board .pdf](#)

9.5 Approval of School Calendars

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Revisions to 2021-2022 Calendar

Adoption of 2022-2023 Calendar

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley presented a revised 2021-2022 school calendar. Mt. Vernon was recognized as a Performance Qualified School District by the Indiana Department of Education and as such, there are

now two staff-only days (no students) added to the school calendar, July 28, 2021 and February 7, 2022 in addition to our standard two eLearning Days. Because July 28th is now designated as a staff-only day, the first day of school for students will be Thursday, July 29, 2021. The PQR Days will be used with July 26th as the traditional corporation gathering and building meetings. July 27th faculty will meet in grade level/department teams to review curriculum and assessments. July 28th will be used as self-directed work time. February 7, 2022 a nationally known education consultant will work with teachers on grading and assessments. Centralized Registration will be virtual this year and therefore was taken off the calendar. The 2022-2021 school calendar will be based off of the revised 2021-2022 school calendar. Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the revised 2021-2022 school calendar and the 2022-2021 school calendar. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Now that the school calendars have been approved, Mr. Smedley asked the assistant principals to update calendars in the student handbooks.

Attachments:

[2021-2022 Calendar Revised .docx](#)
[2022-2023 Calendar Final .docx](#)

9.6 Curriculum Adoption

Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum

Minutes:

Mr. Shipley reminded board members that at the March board meeting, a presentation was given and the process that goes into selecting curriculum explained with the hopes that a recommendation would be brought to the board at their April meeting. As more time to select materials was needed, the recommendation was pushed to the May meeting. Mr. Shipley is recommending for Grades 6-7 adopting novels along with Literary Magazine; Grades 8-11 My Perspectives by Sevvias Learning with novels that go along with that; High School Speech classes The Art of Public Speaking; HS Etymology Vocabulary for the College Bound Student; and Sports Lit Into Thin Air. He provided a list of novels for Grades 8-11 that go along with the Textbook Adoption. Teachers made conscious efforts to create more diversity in their novel picks.

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the English Language Arts Textbook Adoption Request as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[Textbook Adoption - Request Approval May 2021.pdf](#)

9.7 Novel List Adoption

Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum

Minutes:

Mr. Shipley presented a novel list that is not a part of the textbook adoption. The process to add or change a novel on the list begins with researching the novel; discuss the novel with grade level team, librarian and principal; fill out Novel Request Google Form by August 31st or January 31st; Novel Committee reviews all requests; discusses all requests and then votes to move the request to the school board. A book with yes votes for more than half of those voting (31 educators) will be recommended to the school board. Five requests were made that were not part of the textbook adoption. Mr. Gray made a motion to adopt the Novel List as presented. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[Novel List Adoption May 2021.pdf](#)

9.8 Approval of MVHS Welding Room Project

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins asked the board for consideration and approval of the MVHS welding room project contract with Pridemark Construction in the amount of \$222,820.00. Mr. Stan Wilkison, Assistant Principal at MVHS has made arrangements to purchase equipment for the project. Mr. Elkins is asking for approval of a down payment of \$56,798.18 to Praxair so the equipment can be ordered now enabling it to be delivered by the start of school. The balance for the equipment will be paid 30% due prior to shipment (\$28,399.09) and the remaining 10% net 30 days (\$9,466.37) for a total of \$94,663.64 which is \$90,000 under what was anticipated for the project to cost. Mr. Elkins thanked Mr. Wilkison for all his work in pulling this project together and Lancer + Beebe for handling the bid process. Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the contract between MVCSC and Pridemark Construction and the down payment to Praxair in the amount of \$56,798.18. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[2021 MVHS Welding Room Project Notice of Intent to Proceed.pdf](#)

[2021 Welding Room Contract MV Signed 1 .pdf](#)

[Mt. Vernon HS 60 Down Payment Invoice.pdf](#)

10 Announcements

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Parker announced that we will have an in-person End of the Year Staff Recognition and Celebration on June 9, 2021 in the high school main gym. He also reminded everyone that there will be no Early Release on Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

11 Adjournment

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.