

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees Re-organization Meeting

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees
Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center
Monday, January 10, 2022
6:15pm - 7:15pm

Present: Mr. Greg Rollo, Director of Technology; Mrs. Gwen Scrogam, Board Secretary; Mrs. Laura Durig, SpEd Director; Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President; Mr. Tony May, Board Member; Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent; 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: Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations; Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept; Susan McElroy; Kaitlyn Zelepugas

1 Call to Order

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

2 Adoption of Agenda

Minutes:

Dr. Parker reported there was one change to the Personnel Report, an item was pulled. Mr. Edwards made a motion to adopt the revised agenda. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

3 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

H 225 - Public Participation at Board Meetings

May only address items listed in the agenda

Must be recognized by presiding officer.

Must reside within the Corporation boundaries, and/or are parents/guardians of MVCSC students, and/or employees of MVCSC.

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

Limited to 3 minutes duration

Comments and concerns related to curriculum, methods of instruction, instructional materials, or Corporation employees shall be submitted in writing to the principal of the school and the Superintendent.

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

For those wishing to address the board on an item not on the agenda, a request to place an item on the agenda

must be received no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Minutes:

There were none.

4 Election of Officers

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. 2nd Vice-President
4. Secretary
5. Assistant Secretary

Minutes:

Mr. May made a motion to approve the following officers for the Mt. Vernon Board of Trustees for the 2022 calendar year:

President: Kellie Freeman

1st Vice President: Chad Gray (Mr. Gray was 2nd Vice President for the 2021 calendar year)

2nd Vice President: Tony May (Mr. May was 1st Vice President for the 2021 calendar year)

Secretary: Shannon Walls

Assistant Secretary: Phil Edwards

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

5 Motions/Appointments

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
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

Mt. Vernon Education Foundation

Minutes:

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the following Motions/Appointments with the noted changes:

1. 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 for the 4th Monday of the month due to the holidays. After further discussion, board members decided to change the March 21, 2022 meeting to March 28, 2022 and the December 19, 2022 meeting to December 12, 2022.

2. Legal Counsel (Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim, Amy Matthews, Lead Counsel)

3. Legislative Liaison to the ISBA (Tony May)

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: Tony May (changed from Phil Edwards)

McCordsville: Shannon Walls

Cumberland: Kellie Freeman

Hancock Co. RDC: Phil Edwards (changed from Tony May)

Mt. Vernon Education Foundation: Chad Gray

Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[2022 Board Meeting Schedule 2 .pdf](#)

6 Consent Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. The following Personnel items :

CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Andrew Sebaold, MVHS Math Teacher

Jonathan Taylor, MVHS Special Education Teacher

Dylan Freeman, MVMS Social Studies Teacher

CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Erin Etter, FES 2nd Grade Teacher

CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Tara Goff, MMPS Instructional Assistant

Mikayla Taylor, MVHS Assistant Attendance Secretary/Treasurer

Kathleen Montgomery, Transportation Substitute Bus Driver

Rachel Bratton, FES Cafe Supervisor

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Renitha Meyer, FES Instructional Assistant (High Intensity)

CLASSIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

Carey Cole, switching mini bus routes to replace L. Yanan

ECA RECOMMENDATIONS

Vince Lidy, MVHS Weight Training Head Coach

Ben Rhoades, MVHS Weight Training Assistant Coach

ECA RESIGNATIONS

Shannon Schiller, MVHS Department Chair

LEAVE REQUESTS

Rose Dowden, Request for Extension of Leave of Absence (Returning January 18, 2022)

Candy Duzan, Request for Extension of Leave of Absence (Through April 1, 2022)

Ashley Schenck, Request for Leave of Absence (December 28, 2021 - April 15, 2022)

2. Construction Claims; and

3. Cancellation of Outstanding Checks.

Mrs. Freeman announced she would be abstaining from voting on the Consent Agenda so there would be no Conflict of Interest, as her son is a recent hire and appears on the Personnel Report.

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

6.1 Personnel Report

Attachments:

[Personnel Report_6 .pdf](#)

[Personnel Repot_1.pdf](#)

6.2 Construction Claims

Attachments:

[January 2022 Construction Claims 1 .docx](#)

6.3 Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Attachments:

[January 2022 Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants](#)

7 Announcements

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Parker announced that he was very proud of all staff as it has been a hard return from Winter Break with all the Covid cases. He is amazed and impressed by all the work everyone is doing keeping kids in school. It has been a awesome team effort.

8 Approval of Construction Bids

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins presented and the asked the board's approval of the following construction bids for the additions and renovations to Fortville Elementary School. If approved, contracts will be going out soon.

1. Gibraltar Construction Corporation in the amount of \$331,000 for masonry;
2. Gibraltar Construction Corporation in the amount of \$39,960 for painting;
3. Gibraltar Construction Corporation in the amount of \$463,200 for roofing;
4. Gibraltar Construction Corporation in the amount of \$1,978,000 for remaining site work and general trades;
5. Gibraltar Construction Corporation in the amount of \$160,200 for flooring;
6. Gibraltar Construction Corporation in the amount of \$1,217,650 for metal studs, drywall and ceilings; and
- 7, Gibraltar Construction Corporation in the amount of \$207,750 for casework.

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the construction bids as presented. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[Broady-Campbell.pdf](#)

[Diversified Painting Co. Inc..pdf](#)

[Blackmore Buckner.pdf](#)

[Gibraltar Construction.pdf](#)

[Jack Laurie Floors LLC..pdf](#)

[Pridemark Construction Inc. .pdf](#)

[Stonecreek Interior Systems LLC.pdf](#)

[January 10-2022 Bid Packages Letters of Recommendation.pdf](#)

9 Public Hearing: Proposed Lease between Mt. Vernon of Hancock County Multi-Building Corporation & MVCSC

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Lease between Mt. Vernon of Hancock County Multi-Building Corporation and MVCSC. Notice of this Public Hearing was posted, as legally required, on December 8, 2021 in the Greenfield Daily Reporter. Mr. Elkins informed board members that the Building Corporation met prior to tonight's meeting and approved all their items.

The School School Corporation is funding this project through a lease financing, as it has done in the past construction/renovation projects. The Building Corporation will purchase a portion of an existing school facility and the real estate upon which a new elementary school will be constructed at the closing for at least the appraisal value. The Building Corporation will then lease the building back to the School Corporation. The lease rental due from the School Corporation will be paid from property taxes and will be for the lease of the building during the term of the Lease. The lease rental will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bondholders.

Mrs. Freeman asked if there were any members of the public who would like to speak regarding the proposed lease. There were none. The Public Hearing was closed.

Attachments:

[Lease Hearing Public Notice 1-10-22.pdf](#)

[MT. VERNON SCHOOLS - Lease Agreement - 2022 FGP Lease-c 1 1 .docx](#)

10 Public Hearing: Additional Appropriation

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman opened the Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation. Notice of this Public Hearing was posted, as legally required, on December 8, 2021 in the Greenfield Daily Reporter. Mr. Elkins began the hearing by stating the School Corporation will receive money for the sale of the real estate to the Building Corporation. Since this money was not initially listed in the School Corporation's annual budget, the School Corporation is required to hold a hearing for the additional appropriation of those funds. Mrs. Freeman asked if there were any members of the public who would like to speak regarding the additional appropriation. There were none. The Public Hearing was closed.

Attachments:

[Additional Appropriation Hearing Notice 1-20-22.pdf](#)

11 Action Items for Proposed Lease and Additional Appropriation

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

The board will now consider five action items related to the proposed lease, additional appropriation and funding for the project.

11.1 RESOLUTION 2022-03 (EXHIBIT A) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins presented Resolution 2022-03. After a hearing, the School Board must approve the Lease and authorize the officers to execute the Lease. The Lease is the agreement whereby the School Corporation will levy the required property tax to pay the lease payments. The lease payments will be paid to the Building Corporation and used to pay the bondholders,

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-03 (Exhibit A) Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease and Sale of Real Estate as presented. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2022-03 EXHIBIT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE.docx](#)

11.2 RESOLUTION 2022-04 (EXHIBIT B) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins presented Resolution 2022-04. This resolution outlines the appropriation of funds received for the sale of real estate and specifies that the funds will be placed in a School Corporation construction account, separate from other funds until the project is complete.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 (Exhibit B) Additional Appropriation Resolution as presented. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2022-04 EXHIBIT B ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION.docx](#)

11.3 RESOLUTION 2022-05 (EXHIBIT C) RESOLUTION ASSIGNING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins presented Resolution 2022-05. The Building Corporation will own the real estate upon which a elementary school will be constructed and also be the issuer of the bonds. The bond proceeds will be held by the trustee bank and used to pay the contractors. As a result, the construction contracts will need to be with the Building Corporation because the Building Corporation will hold the money to pay the contracts. The School Corporation receives the contracts and awards the contracts under state law then assigns those bids and/or contracts to the Building Corporation.

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-5 (Exhibit C) Resolution Assigning Construction Contracts as presented. Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2022-05 EXHIBIT C RESOLUTION ASSIGNING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.docx](#)

11.4 RESOLUTION 2022-06 (EXHIBIT D) RESOLUTION APPROVING SEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins presented Resolution 2022-06. The Securities and Exchange Commission requires that a School Corporation enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking before it issues bonds. The agreement requires that the School Corporation agree to timely provide certain financial information to the SEC's EMMA database and provide notice of any material events.

Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 (Exhibit D) Resolution Approving Seventh Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds as presented. Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2022-06 EXHIBIT D RESOLUTION APPROVING SEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO MASTER CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS.docx](#)

11.5 RESOLUTION 2022-07 (EXHIBIT E) RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins presented Resolution 2022-07 in order to pay preliminary expenses for the project prior to the issuance of long-term bonds.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07 (Exhibit E) Resolution Approving Issuance of One or More Series of Bond Anticipation Notes as presented. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2022-07 EXHIBIT E RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES.docx](#)

12 Adjournment

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.