

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees

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Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center
Monday, August 11, 2025
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Present: Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations; Dr. Laura Durig, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Kellie Freeman, School Board Member ; Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent; Dr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President; Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Chad Gray, School Board Member; Mrs. Carla Nugent, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Seth Hamilton, Directory of Technology; Mrs. Meghan Britt, School Board Member; Mrs. Stacy Nielsen, School Board Member

Absent: Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept

1 Pledge of Allegiance (7:00 PM)

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Call to Order

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

3 Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

Minutes:

Dr. Parker shared the updates to the agenda after it was posted. Mrs. Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

4 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

Please Reference Policies
H225 (Public Comments and Concerns) and
B225 (Meetings) for guidance on providing public input on an agenda item.
Board policies can be found at www.mvcsc.k12.in.us

Minutes:

No one signed in to speak.

5 Reports

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

5.1 Good News Report

Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations

Minutes:

School Accolades & Notable Activities

- Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation proudly welcomed 34 outstanding new teachers this year. To help them thrive in their new roles, they will participate in our “New Teacher Academy,” designed to provide ongoing support throughout their MV journey.
- On the first day of school, Dr. Parker joined the Fortville Elementary School bus route to personally greet students—and some parents—as they arrived. At each school, the morning was filled with high-fives, smiles, hugs, and contagious energy. The joy, pride, and sense of community that make MV so special were on full display.

Community Connections

- The Marauders Athletic Club hosted the annual Booster Blast at MVHS last Saturday, bringing together athletes, families, and supporters for a spirited community event. The event's silent auction, dunk tank, inflatables, and other activities generated several thousand dollars, all while providing plenty of fun for attendees.
- Thanks to the support of the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation as well as sponsors and donors in the Mt. Vernon community, the MVIS staff lounge has been refreshed to provide a relaxing and beautiful space for staff members.
- MVHS Athletics has launched their new and improved website at maraudersathletics.com, as well as their app, offering an updated and user-friendly experience for fans and families.
- Back-to-School Nights drew packed crowds in many schools, fostering numerous positive connections among staff, students, and parents.

Noteworthy Media

- Just days before the school year began, Dr. Jack Parker joined the WISH-TV morning news for a special back-to-school feature. He highlighted the district's growth and the spirit of community collaboration surrounding the opening of the new elementary school and the reopening of MVIS. Dr. Parker also shared a few of our exciting hands-on learning initiatives and expanded project-based opportunities for Mt. Vernon students.

Attachments:

[8-2025 Board Report.pdf](#)

5.2 HC3 Update

Mr. Stan Wilkison

Minutes:

Mr Wilkison, HC3 Career Center Director provided an update on the Hancock County Career Center. Construction of the new career center is progressing, with key milestones including groundbreaking on November 15 and beam signing on July 16. Enrollment has increased by 44% from last year, with 295 students currently and a goal of 400+ students for the 2026-2027 school year. Four new programs are being added, and a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment is underway.

Board was excited and appreciates the updates.

Attachments:

[HC3 Spotlight 8.11.25.pdf](#)

5.3 United Kingdom and Ireland Trip Report

Dr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum

Minutes:

Dr. Shipley introduced Troy Guthrie MVHS Social Teacher. Mr. Guthrie made a presented a proposal for a student overseas trip in summer 2027, focusing on Dublin, Belfast, and Edinburgh, with a goal to keep costs below \$5,000 per student. Previous trips included five countries in 12 days with 21 students. He loves the allowing students to get involved in the culture they are studying. Dr. Parker appreciated the advanced notice to review and allow for families to sign up and get educated on the trip.

Attachments:

[Summer 2027 Tour Proposal Ireland and United Kingdom.pdf](#)

5.4 2026 Budget Preview

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins presented the 2026 budget preview, noting that the budget is reviewed annually in late summer and early fall. He explained the various funds and their revenue sources, and provided both historical comparisons and projections for 2026, including referendum growth income. The public hearing for the budget will be held at the September board meeting, with final adoption scheduled for October 6, 2025.

Tentative Timeline for FY 2026 Budget

August 11, 2025: Permission to Advertise

August 28, 2025: First Legal Advertisement – DLGF Gateway

August 28, 2025: Upload all budget materials to Gateway

September 8, 2025: Public Hearing (Regular Board Meeting)

October 6, 2025: Budget Adoption (Regular Board Meeting)

The board thanked Mr. Elkins for his time and thorough explanation.

Attachments:

[2026 School Budget Preview for Mt. Vernon CSC.pptx 2 .pdf](#)

6 Consent Agenda

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls reviewed the consent agenda.

Mrs. Britt made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6.1 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments:

6.2 Personnel Report

Minutes:

CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Laura Parker, MVHS ENL/MLL Teacher
Kim Distel, MVIS 6th Grade Teacher
Cristina Kreigh, MVHS Life Skills Teacher
Redawna Warner, MVIS 5th Grade Teacher
Dean Falkenberg, MVMS Temporary Social Studies Teacher
Trudy Cole, MVHS Resource Teacher
Jaclyn Carrao, MVHS Biology Teacher
Krista Brynes, MVCSC Assistant Director of Special Education
Kye Barrett, MVHS Strength & Conditioning Teacher
Kristen Shaw, MMP Special Education Teacher
Brayden Stamm, MVMS Temporary PE Teacher
MVHS 1.25 FTE Assignments 2025-26
MVHS .75 FTE Assignment, 1st Semester
Makenzie Pinkerton, MVIS 5th Grade Teacher
Susan Thomas, FES 1st Grade Teacher
Cameron Baker, MVHS Resource Teacher
Dean Macbeth, MVIS 5th Grade Teacher

CERTIFIED RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENT

Tessa Denen, MVIS 5th Grade Teacher
Derek Grubbs, MVHS Special Education Resource Teacher
Brydgett Manship, MVHS Essential Skills Teacher
Dave Merica, MVIS 6th Grade Teacher
Sharon Peterson, MVHS ASL Teacher (Retirement December 31, 2025)
Megan Holbrook, MVIS 5th Grade Teacher

CERTIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

Suzanne Digby, MMP SPED Teacher to MVHS Essential Skills Teacher
Elissa Page, MVMS Resource Teacher to Behavior Resource Teacher

CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Leah Everett, MVHS Treasurer
Mitzi Stephens, MVCSC Part Time Physical Therapist
Food Service/Certified Cook Pay Scale
ServSafe Certified Food Service Staff Pay Adjustment
Mary Kwasny, MV Administration Building Custodian

Amber Fischer, MVMS MAP Supervisor/IA
Alexia Couch, MVIS High Intensity IA
Betty Welbore, MVIS High Intensity IA
Julia Lowe, MVHS Attendance Secretary
Marilyn Eckel, MVCSC Food Service Sub
Nancy Lopez, MV Administration Building Custodian
Nancy Montague, MVMS Food Service Worker/Cashier
Charles Stallworth, MVIS Behavior Tech
Alivia Morgan, FES ICE Instructional Assistant
Catherine Kernodle, MVHS Food Service Worker/Cashier
Christine Lynch, MES Food Service Cook/Cashier
Gay Trout, MES Cafeteria Manager
Johnazia Hill, MVCSC Bus Assistant
Destiny McQueary, MMP Instructional Assistant
Angela Burkholder, MVHS Library Instructional Assistant
Jack Guerre, MVHS ICE Student- Office Assistant
Sebastian Sprague, MVHS ICE Student- Office Assistant
Bryndan Wylie, MVHS ICE Student- Athletics
Luke Ertel, MVMS ICE Student- Athletics
Christina Walker, MVMS ICE Student- SPED IA
Josiah Williams, MVHS Color Guard Instructor

CLASSIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

Alexis Rafert, MES to MVIS Cashier/Cafeteria Worker
Tatum Fitzgerald, MMP IA to ADMIN Registered Behavior Tech
Sherry Christensen, Cafeteria Sub to MVIS Cafeteria Worker
Sara Ross, Cafeteria Sub to MVIS Cafeteria Worker
Katherine Spain, FES Food Service Worker to Cashier/Worker
Sarah Cruz, MVHS Library IA to MVHS Permanent Building Sub
Kacey Long, MVCSC Transportation Sub to Transportation Driver
Walter Meredith, MVCSC Transportation Sub to Transportation Driver
DeShanna Cook, MVCSC Transportation Sub to Transportation Driver
Tonya Bridgewater, MVCSC Transportation Sub to Transportation Driver
Tiffany Shirley, MVCSC Transportation Sub to Transportation Driver
Harrison Lumpkins, MVCSC Transportation Sub to Transportation Driver

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Shelia Lee, Transportation Bus Driver
Dianne Bennett, Transportation Bus Driver
Trudy Cole, MES Behavior Tech
Melissa Shonk, MES Food Service Cashier
Miranda Jones, FES ICE Student

Ellen Heidorn, MVHS IA
Hillary Hawkins, MES Cafeteria Manager
Tabitha Hernandez, MVCSC Registered Behavior Tech
Brandy James, MV Early Childhood Learning Coordinator
Kamillia Williams, MVIS Essential Skills IA
Holly Jenkins, FES Custodian

ECA RECOMMENDATIONS

George Fassitt, MVMS Volunteer 7th Grade Football Assistant
Chris Jackson, MVMS Assistant Wrestling Coach
Drew Mueller, MVMS Head Wrestling Coach
Heath Luther, MVMS Assistant Wrestling Coach
MVMS ECA's 2025-26
Olivia Morales, 6th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
Jeff, Brandes, MVMS Boys Tennis Coach
MVHS 2025-26 Athletic ECA's
MVIS 2025-26 ECA's
MVHS 2025-26 ECA's

ECA RESIGNATIONS

Shana Agner, MVMS Boys Tennis Coach
Joana Goff, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Olivia Morales, 6th Grade Boys Basketball Assistant Coach
John Seward, 6th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
Kelly Sampson, MVMS Volunteer Tennis Coach
Danielle Morrison, MVMS Swim Coach

LEAVES

Kelly Brown, MCE Reading Specialist Teacher (August 1, 2025 - @ August 28, 2025)
Jared Newton, MVIS 5th Grade Teacher (November 25, 2025 - January 26, 2026)

Attachments:

[8.11.25 personnel report summary 2.pdf](#)
[8.11.25 Personnel report detail part 1 2 .pdf](#)
[8.11.25 Personnel Report detail part 2 2 .pdf](#)

6.3 Claims

Attachments:

[8.11.25 Claims.pdf](#)
[Credit Card Documentation July 2025 1 .pdf](#)

6.4 Construction Claims

Attachments:

[August 2025 Construction Claims.pdf](#)

6.5 Construction Change Orders

Jack Laurie Floors, LLC. (2) - New FES

Greiner Brothers, Inc. (2) - Preschool

West Electric - Preschool

Delaware Glass - New FES

FE Moran Fire Protection - Preschool

JBM Contractors - Preschool

Gibraltar Construction - New FES

Essential Signs - New FES

Millennium Contractors - New FES

Victory Surfaces - New FES

Diversified Painting - New FES

Attachments:

[JL carpet floor CO 5.pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign Delaware Glass CO 5.pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign BP-03 Greiner - CO 0 1 .pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign BP-03 FE Moran - CO .pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign BP-03 Greiner - CO 0 2 .pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign BP-04 West Electric - 1 .pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign BP-01 JBM - CO 01.pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign E-05 Gibraltar PCI 23.pdf](#)

[JL gym CO 6.pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign Essential Signs - CO.pdf](#)

[Millennium CO 16.pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign Victory CO 4.pdf](#)

[Complete with Docusign Diversified CO 2.pdf](#)

6.6 Monthly Fund Transfers

Attachments:

[July 2025 Monthly Transfers.pdf](#)

6.7 Overnight Field Trip Request

Attachments:

[Summer 2027 Trip Request Ireland and United Kingdom.pdf](#)

[Choir overnight trip Nashville.pdf](#)

[Dance Team overnight Orlando.pdf](#)

6.8 Donation Approval

Minutes:

Thank you to our donors this month.

Attachments:

[Football - Fortville VFW donation.pdf](#)

[Football - Marauder Football donation.pdf](#)

[Tharp donation for MVHS.pdf](#)

7 Action Items

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

7.1 Human Growth & Development

Dr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum

Minutes:

Updates to the Human Growth and Development curriculum from Health Ed Pros were presented by Dr. Shipley to ensure compliance with Indiana Code changes effective July 1, which require all instructional resources to be continuously available on the district website. Adjustments include minor revisions to parent permission forms to indicate instructor gender and class format (coed or separate), while the notification process remains unchanged with notices sent 31 days and 10 days prior, and implied consent if no response is received. Resources for grades 4–6 and high school health are now accessible online, and more than 100 parents attended or viewed the 2025 parent overview.

Mrs. Freeman motioned to approve the Human Growth and Development curriculum. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Attachments:

[HGD Website Information.pdf](#)

7.2 Annual Budget Resolutions for 2026

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

2025-07 Monthly Transfer Resolution, Education to Operations

2025-08 Resolution to reduce 2024 budget appropriations

2025-09 Authorization to Deposit Earned Interest to Rainy Day Fund

2025-10 Resolution Authorizing the reduction of Line One, Two, or Eleven when the 1782 Budget Order becomes available.

2025-11 Transfer from Operations Funds to Rainy Day

2025-12 Transfer of Funds from Debt Funds to Operations 2026

2025-13 Authorizing Temporary Interfund Loans as needed for Cash Flow Purposes

2025-14 AUTHORIZING PENSION BOND TAX NEUTRALITY

2025-15 Resolution Authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrant (TAW 2026)

2025-16 Resolution Requesting Targeted Tax Rate, Levy, or Appropriation for each DLGF Approved Fund

Annual DLGF and SBOA Required Operating Referendum Spending Plan

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins reviewed the annual budget resolutions for 2026 and asked for them to be approved as a single item.

Mr Gray made a motion to approve the Resolutions as listed in agenda.

Mrs. Britt seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17 REQUESTING TARGETED TAX RATE LEVY OR APPROPRIATION FOR EACH DLGF APPROVED FUND.docx.pdf](#)
[August 2025 Budget Resolutions Explanations 1 .pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-07.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-08.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-09.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-10.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-11.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-12.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-13.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-14.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-15.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-16.pdf](#)
[Resolution 2025-17.pdf](#)

7.3 Second Reading of Policies

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Parker reviewed the second reading of the new policies and asked for the board to approve them. He shared his appreciation of the review of the new policies.

Mrs. Nielsen made a motion to approve the policies. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Attachments:

[8.11.25 A100 NonDiscrimination Anti-Harassment.pdf](#)
[8.11.25 C600 Anti-Bullying.DOCX.docx.pdf](#)
[8.11.25 D200 Standard of Care and Supervision of Students.pdf](#)
[8.11.25 E200 Religious Release Time Credit for Religious Education -CCHA.pdf](#)
[8.11.25 G350 Audio Video and Digital Recording of Meetings.pdf](#)

7.4 Elementary Enrollment

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Recommend reassignment of Vintner's Park, Tatom/Rockport, and the property to their East currently known and Daniel's Vineyard from Fortville Elementary School to McCordsville Elementary School.

Minutes:

Dr. Parker discussed with the board elementary school enrollment growth and the need for redistricting, noting that Fortville Elementary is experiencing faster growth than other schools. With current capacity across the three elementaries at 2,300 students and enrollment at 1,897, the district anticipates an additional 250–275 total students this year. To balance enrollment, two new housing developments, Vintners Park and Tatum Rockport, will be reassigned to McCordsville Elementary, though they currently have only seven students, none at the elementary level.

Mrs. Freeman made a motion to allow approve updating the two subdivisions to McCordsville Elementary. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The board appreciated being proactive and getting ahead of a possible redistricting

8 Board Member Reports

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

Fortville RDC - Mrs. Stacy Nielsen
Cumberland RDC - Mrs. Kellie Freeman
Hancock Co. RDC - Mr. Chad Gray
McCordsville RDC - Mrs. Shannon Walls
MVEF - Mrs. Meghan Britt

Minutes:

Fortville RDC - Mrs. Stacy Nielsen share the RDC met in July and there were no items pertaining to the school

Cumberland RDC - Mrs. Kellie Freeman stated there was no new business but had a discussion on TIF's.

Hancock Co. RDC - Mr. Chad Gray there was no information to report

McCordsville RDC - Mrs. Shannon Walls shared the discussion on the new stoplight at Brookside.

MVEF - Mrs. Meghan Britt shared the planning for the SOAR event on August 20 to celebrate staff. The foundation updated the Intermediate school lounge and shared many other exciting things the foundation is working on.

9 Announcements

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Parker shared information on the fourth annual SOAR event and encouraged staff to sign up. He also shared the Alumni Associate will be holding the Annual Alumni Reunion on September 6 in the Alumni Center. The board recognized everyone's hard work over the summer to get the schools prepared and back in session.

10 Adjournment

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Britt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.