

# Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees

**Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees**  
Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center  
Monday, September 8, 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; Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant 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:** Mrs. Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept

## 1 Pledge of Allegiance (7:00 PM)

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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**Minutes:**

Mrs.Shannon Walls let the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 2 Call to Order

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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**Minutes:**

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

## 3 Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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**Minutes:**

Mrs. Britt made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Nielsen seconded Motion carried 5-0

## 4 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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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](http://www.mvcsc.k12.in.us)

**Minutes:**

No one signed in to comment.

## 5 Pre-Bargaining Public Hearing of the Classroom Teachers' Association and Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

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September 8, 2025, 7pm; Hearing Location: MVCSC Board Room

Indiana Code 20-29-6-1(b) requires a school employer and school employees to hold a public hearing and take public testimony to discuss the items described in the Indiana Teacher Collective Bargaining Law (specifically Indiana Code 20-29-6-1(a)) before engaging in formal collective bargaining.

Therefore, Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation and the Mt. Vernon Classroom Teachers' Association hereby convene this public hearing in accordance with SEA 390. I am Shannon Walls, School Board President, serving as the board's representative for this joint public hearing. Assistant Superintendent Chris Smedley, and CFO, Greg Elkins are joining me today to represent the school corporation. We are also joined by Desiray Scalf, President of the MVCTA, Lindsey Knight, Vice President of the MVCTA. They are here on behalf of the Teachers' Association. We would like to thank everyone for being here today, representing both bargaining teams.

As with all public comments before the school board, the parties request that all who speak at this hearing limit their comments to the subject at hand and speak concisely and cordially.

### Minutes:

Mrs. Walls opened the public hearing at 7:02pm. No one spoke at hearing. Public hearing closed at 7:02pm

## 6 Public Hearing for 2026 Budget

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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The Notice to Taxpayers is available online at [www.budgetnotices.in.gov](http://www.budgetnotices.in.gov) or by calling (888) 739-9826.

Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at 1806 W. State Road 234.

Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation, Hancock County, Indiana that the proper officers of Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2026 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation will meet to adopt the following budget:

Date of Public Hearing Monday, September 8, 2025 Time of Public Hearing 7:00 PM

Date of Adoption Meeting Monday, October 6, 2025 Time of Adoption Meeting 7:00 PM

Public Hearing Place 1806 W. State Road 234

Adoption Meeting Place 1806 W. State Road 234

### Minutes:

Mr. Elkins shared a brief review of the budget. Mrs. Walls opened the public hearing at 7:05pm. No one spoke at the hearing. Public hearing closed at 7:05pm.

### Attachments:

[Form 3 2026.pdf](#)

## 7 Reports

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

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### 7.1 Good News Report

Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations

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#### **Minutes:**

Mrs. Maria Bod gave the Good News Report

#### **School Accolades & Notable Activities**

MVCSC was awarded a \$24,000 IDOE Robotics Competition Grant for 2025–2026. Teams will compete from FES, MVIS, and MVMS, led by STEM teachers Stephanie Thorla, Lisa Pluckebaum, and Cindy MacMillian. NineStar contributed the required \$6,250 match, and IDOE announced 92 recipients statewide.

Once again, Mt. Vernon High School earned recognition as a U.S. News Best High School, ranking in the top 40% nationally and achieving strong standings in both national and metro-area rankings.

MVHS student-athlete Shawn Houser, who courageously returned to the soccer field after recovering from a traumatic brain injury and a car accident, celebrated a milestone recently by scoring his first goal of the season.

Mt. Comfort Elementary successfully hosted the Boosterthon Fun Run, reaching its \$15,000 fundraising goal. MES is on their way to raising \$22,000 for their Pirate Fun Run this week.

FES kindergarten students explored the role of community helpers, highlighted by a visit from local police officers who showcased their K-9 detection skills, along with demonstrations from other fields. High school EMS students gained a unique hands-on learning experience with the Star Flight 5 crew from Rushville, who provide training in emergency helicopter operations and aid.

All elementary schools are utilizing their vending book machines as a reward for positive behavior, students' birthdays or as another reward.

#### **Community Connections**

The Ambassador program kicked off with the first meeting at the Administration Building with our 29 members introducing themselves, a welcome from the MVCSC School Board, and enjoyed a presentation from the operations and transportation departments.

MVCSC partnered with the Mt. Vernon Education Foundation to host the 4th annual Staff SOAR Celebration at Fortville Elementary. Hundreds of staff members attended, enjoying food, prizes, and great camaraderie while celebrating the start of school together.

Schools' counseling offices are gathering a variety of toiletries and items for their Care Closets. These donations support some of our students' basic needs and are greatly appreciated.

#### **Noteworthy Media**

Dr. Parker was featured in the Hancock Economic Development Council's podcast called Hancock on the Horizon Podcast. Dr. Parker highlighted MV's opportunities and partnerships, as well as how the district prepares students for the workforce through real-life learning experiences.

WTHR covered the Mt. Vernon Youth Football League and their fundraising efforts to prioritize safety by investing in soft-shell caps for the players. Empowering MVCSC Through Giving

Thanks to the generosity of the Weil Foundation, MVHS is receiving grant funding in partnership with the Harnessing Hope organization to provide equine-assisted learning opportunities for at least three classes, along with a regulation activity in partnership with the Bring Change to Mind Club.

Dana, MVHS English Teacher and Jennifer (last name0 Harnessing Horse Equine donation MVHS a grant 3600 mobiek to equine sessions to students. Therapeutic riding and driving based in trauma care and work with regulation. Partnering with Essential skills and MLL classes also will be able participate Horse nervous system is larger that our own. Regulation is helped by horses and learn to cope. Hancock Community Foundation. Derek asked if field trips are allowed. Assertive energy moves a horse helps humans. Hoping to grow this with Mt Vernon. Teachers came out during lunch and noticed a difference. Maria thanked them for coming.

**Attachments:**

[9-2025 Board Report.pdf](#)

## 7.2 Spotlight on Schools- McCordsville Elementary School

Mrs. Stephanie Miller, McCordsville Elementary School Principal

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**Minutes:**

Mrs. Stephanie Miller, McCordsville Elementary School Principal and Mr. Brady Edwards, McCordsville Elementary Assistant Principal presented the Spotlight on McCordsville Elementary. The school's focus this year is on fostering belonging and elevating student learning through the SAIL initiative. Which stands for Safety, Assertiveness, Integrity, and Leadership. SAIL was developed by staff and piloted last spring with PTO support. Staff hand out doubloons daily, which students can trade for book vending machine tokens, and signage throughout the school reinforces positive behaviors, especially encouraging students to be confidently assertive. Counselor-led programs include bullying lessons, new student lunch groups, and January check-ins, while weekly administrative data reviews and tiered behavior supports, including reset rooms and sensory paths, are helping reduce behavior referral which are down 18% year-over-year and 20% for August specifically. On the academic side, teachers are using data binders, goal-setting lessons, and student-led conferences to empower students to track progress, set goals, and reflect on their learning, all while emphasizing a growth mindset and keeping families informed about support services.

Spotlight is belonging and students tracking their own data. Over a year time they developed along with data time developed a SAIL program that honored students who always do the right thing. Mr. Edwards shared S is for Safe, A is Assertive, I is for Integrity and L is Leadership. Program was piloted last spring. Results were presented to PTO to help with funds to grow and launch the program. A vending machine book has been purchased for students to learn awards. Staff hand out doubloons each day to any students. After a student receives 10 they can trade it in for a token to get a book from the vending machine. New students are added to a lunch group when they start to make connections. The counselor checks in with students during the year. Behaviour techs meet weekly to review and skills groups are based on needs. Steps for regulation are used. Data this year referrals verses from last August 29% are down. Growth and goals were shared. See slides for data goals etc. Students receive recognition for growth and helps fosters belonging

**Attachments:**

[MES Presentation.pdf](#)

## 7.3 Roofing, HVAC & MEP Updates

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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**Minutes:**

Mr. Elkins presented updates on Roofing, HVAC, and MEP systems. He reviewed the data compiled over the summer for property insurance bids, noting that Emcor assisted in providing the necessary information for the process. He summarized the current status of each building's maintenance needs and emphasized the importance of updating maintenance plans as the district grows and aligning projects with the budget. He also noted that the lifespan of several key items will soon require attention and wanted to ensure the board was informed of these upcoming needs.

**Attachments:**

[RoofSmart Presentation.pdf](#)

[GSC Project Summary.pdf](#)

## 7.4 Internet Filtering Review

Mr. Seth Hamilton, Directory of Technology

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**Minutes:**

Mr. Hamilton reported that the district uses Linewize to meet Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements for content filtering. Classwise enables teachers to restrict sites as needed during class. Unblock requests are handled through the Director of Technology. He noted that E-rate funding provides a 40% discount on technology purchases and requires an annual public review of filtering practices. Through Qustodio, parents can monitor student activity and pause Chromebooks used at home. Board thanking Seth for all the things he does to keep students safe.

**Attachments:**

[Board Presentation - Internet Content Filtering.pdf](#)

## 8 Consent Agenda

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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**Minutes:**

Mrs. Walls reviewed the consent agenda. Mrs. Freeman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Gray seconded the motion Motion carried 5-0.

### 8.1 Regular Session Minutes

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**Attachments:**

[8.11.25 Work Session Minutes.pdf](#)

[8.11.25 Minutes.pdf](#)

### 8.2 Personnel Report

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**Minutes:**

**CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS**

Jessica Justice, MCE 1st Grade Teacher  
Scott DeArmond, MVMS Resource Teacher  
Camille Hull, MVIS Temporary 6th Grade Math Teacher  
Kelsey Renbarger, FES Temporary Kindergarten Teacher

**CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS**

Colin Cress, ICE Student - MVIS Library Assistant  
Hannah Hauser, ICE Student - MV Admin Finance Assistant  
Charles Jackson, FES Custodian  
Shatuana Campbell, Transportation Substitute Bus Aide  
Matt Kidd, Transportation Trainee/Substitute Bus Driver  
Reagan Lund, FES Apprenticeship USA  
Madeline Wilson, FES Apprenticeship USA  
MVHS Registrar Additional Days 2026-27  
MVCSC Registrar Extra Work Hours Compensation  
Davion Pillow, Transportation Trainee/Substitute Bus Driver  
Susan Monday, MVIS Cafeteria Worker

Katelin Nading, MVHS Adjunct Teacher  
Nicholas Speas, MVIS Essential Skills IA  
Gavin McDonald, MV Admin Custodian  
April Kirby, MVIS Food Service Worker

#### **CLASSIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT**

Beth Leisring, Transportation Bus Aide to Substitute Aide  
Noella Knots, FES ICE IA to MMP ICE IA  
Linda Vodney, FES Part Time ENL IA to MCE Part Time ENL IA

#### **CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS**

Tatiana Miller, MES High Intensity IA  
Nancy Lopez, MV Admin Custodian  
Janie Ross, MVIS Food Service Worker  
Sherry Christensen, MVIS Food Service Worker  
Michaela Bova, MVHS Athletic Secretary

#### **ECA RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mike McQueen, MVMS 8th Grade Baseball Head Coach  
Katie Buzan, MVMS Co-Ed Swim Head Coach  
MVHS 2025 -26 ECA's  
MCE 2025-26 ECA's  
MVMS 2025-26 ECA's  
Brandon Johnson, MVHS Boys Soccer Assistant  
Andrew Sebold, MVHS Girls Golf Head Coach

#### **ECA RESIGNATIONS**

Dustin Ritz, MVMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball Assistant  
Troy Everett, MVHS Science Olympiad Coach  
Mike Miner, MVHS Girls Golf Coach

#### **LEAVES**

Marysa Cummins, FES Kindergarten (October 6, 2025 - December 19, 2025)  
Kathy Reed, MVCSC Data Steward (August 29, 2025 - October 1, 2025)  
Erin Brown, MVMS Counselor (October 29, 2025 - December 19, 2025)  
Emily Morrow, FES 2nd Grade (November 14, 2025 - March 13, 2026)

#### **Attachments:**

[9.8.25 Personnel Report summary 2.pdf](#)  
[9.8.25 Personnel Report Detail 2.pdf](#)

### **8.3 Claims**

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#### **Attachments:**

[9.8.25 Claims.pdf](#)

### **8.4 Construction Claims**

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#### **Attachments:**

[September 2025 Construction Claims.docx.pdf](#)

### **8.5 Construction Change Orders**

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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Indiana Steel (2) - New FES  
JBM - Pre K Renovation  
Johnson Melloh - New FES  
West Electric - New FES  
Quality Walls & Ceilings - New FES  
Gibraltar Construction (4) - New FES  
Bullseye Commercial Fence Systems - MVHS Parking  
Bullseye Fence Design - New FES  
Millennium Contractors - New FES  
Diversified Painting - New FES  
Victory Surfaces - New FES  
BMI Corp (2) - New FES  
Jack Laurie Flooring (3) - New FES  
Central Restaurant Products - New FES  
Victory Surfaces - New FES

**Attachments:**

[BMI Corp New FES.pdf](#)  
[BMI Final New FES.pdf](#)  
[Bullseye Commercial MVHS Parking Lot.pdf](#)  
[Bullseye Fence Design New FES Sept 25.pdf](#)  
[Steel Structure Co New FES.pdf](#)  
[IL Carpet Floor Final.pdf](#)  
[Central Restaurant Products.pdf](#)  
[Gibraltar New FES Sept 25.pdf](#)  
[IL Carpet Floor Co 6.pdf](#)  
[West Electric New FES.pdf](#)  
[Gibraltar 2 New FES.pdf](#)  
[Gibraltar Con New FES.pdf](#)  
[Victory Surfaces New FES.pdf](#)  
[Diversified Painting New FES.pdf](#)  
[Indiana Steel new FES.pdf](#)  
[Millennium Contractors New FES.pdf](#)  
[Victory Surfaces New FES.pdf](#)  
[JBM Pre - K Reno.pdf](#)  
[QWCI Co 10.pdf](#)  
[Gibraltar 10.pdf](#)  
[Johnson Melloh New FES.pdf](#)  
[Victory CO 6 - FINAL CHANGE ORDER.pdf](#)

## 8.6 Monthly Fund Transfers

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**Attachments:**

[August 2025 Monthly Transfers.docx.pdf](#)

## 8.7 Overnight Field Trip Request

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**Attachments:**



## 8.8 Donation Approval

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**Minutes:**

Thank you to all our wonderful donors.

**Attachments:**

[MVHS Weil Foundation Grant.pdf](#)

[9.8.25 Kroger Donation.pdf](#)

[MVHS Boys Tennis Donation.pdf](#)

[MVHS Football Donation.pdf](#)

[MCE Forum CU Foundation.pdf](#)

[Mt Vernon Athletic Boosters Donation Wrestling.pdf](#)

[Mt Vernon Athletic Boosters Athletic Team Donation 2.pdf](#)

[Mt Vernon Athletic Boosters Athletic Team Donation.pdf](#)

[Mt Vernon Athletic Boosters Donation Wrestling.pdf](#)

[Mt Vernon Athletic Boosters Football and Girls Soccer donation.pdf](#)

[MV Athletic Boosters MVHS National Art Society Donation.pdf](#)

## 8.9 Destruction of Records

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**Attachments:**

[MCE Records.pdf](#)

# 9 Action Items

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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## 9.1 IPEP Member Resolution

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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**Minutes:**

Mr Elkins shared the information for IPEP and asked for the board to approve the membership.

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the IPEP Membership. Mrs Freeman seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**Attachments:**

[Resolution.pdf](#)

## 9.2 Second Reading of Policies

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

Dr.Parker reviewed the eight new policies for approval. He also asked for policy D250 to be deleted as it is no no long accurate to use per state law.

Mrs.Freeman made a motion to approve the policies and delete D250. Mrs. Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0



**Attachments:**

[B100 Board Authority and Philosophy.DOCX 1 .pdf](#)  
[B150 Organization.DOCX 1 .pdf](#)  
[B200 Membership.DOCX 2 .pdf](#)  
[C225 Parental Access to Instructional Material and Surveys.DOCX.pdf](#)  
[D325 Personal Background Checks and Mandatory Reporting.DOCX.pdf](#)  
[F125 Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets.DOCX.pdf](#)  
[G360 Data Breach and Protection.DOCX.pdf](#)  
[D250 Teacher Appreciation Grants update annually 8.25.pdf](#)  
[C425 Student Suicide Prevention Awareness. updated.pdf](#)

### 9.3 Elementary Enrollment

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

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

**Minutes:**

Dr. Parker reviewed elementary enrollments moving Vitners Park and Tatom/Rockport back to Fortville Elementary School. Mrs Freeman made a motion to approve moving these subdivisions to Fortville Elementary School. Mrs. Britt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

### 9.4 Vernon Township Public Library Appointment

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

Dr. Parker ask the board to approve Carla Nugent as the MVCSC board appointed member to the Vernon Township Public Library.

Mr Gray motioned to approve the VTPL appointee. Mrs. Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

**Attachments:**

[VTPL Appointment.pdf](#)

## 10 Board Member Reports

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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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 was not able to attend the meeting.  
Cumberland RDC - Mrs. Kellie Freeman shared there was no meeting last month.  
Hancock Co. RDC - Mr. Chad Gray stated the meeting did not have anything that pertained to the school.  
McCordsville RDC - Mrs. Shannon Walls reported the meeting was cancelled.  
MVEF - Mrs. Meghan Britt was unable to attend the meeting.

## 11 Announcements

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

Dr. Parker shared the following announcements. September 17 is a Parent/Teacher connection day there will be no students. Homecoming will be held September 19. The Mt Vernon Education Foundation will hold its annual TopGolf fundraiser on September 23.

## 12 Adjournment

Mrs. Shannon Walls, School Board President

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**Minutes:**

Mrs. Britt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Nielsen seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm