

# Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees

**Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees**  
Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center  
Monday, January 12, 2026  
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. 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

**Absent:** Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mrs. Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept; Mrs. Stacy Nielsen, School Board Member

## 1 Call to Order

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**Minutes:**

Mrs. Walls called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

## 2 Adoption of Agenda

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**Minutes:**

Mrs. Freeman made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs Britt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## 3 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

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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.

## 4 Public Hearing: Additional Appropriations

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Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the school corporation known as Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation (the "School Corporation"); that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation will meet at the School Corporation's Administrative Service Center,

1806 West State Road 234, Fortville, Indiana, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. (Local Time) on January 12, 2026,

to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds (the "Bonds";) which the Board has determined to issue. The Board considers such additional appropriation necessary to meet the need existing at this time: An appropriation in the amount not to exceed \$12,210,000.00 from the proceeds of the Bonds, including all original issue premium and all investment earnings thereon, to be deposited in the School Corporation's Construction Fund (Fund#2301) on account of the (i) renovation of and improvements to school corporation facilities, including roofing improvements, site and athletics improvements, building renovations, and the purchase of equipment and technology; and (ii) purchase of buses and maintenance vehicles (collectively, the "Project";) in the School Corporation, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project and the issuance of Bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of Bonds by the School Corporation. The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities in the School Corporation.

Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation. The meeting will also be available to stream live from <https://www.youtube.com/@MVCSC1/streams>.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2025.

**Minutes:**

Mrs Walls opened the public hearing at 7:13pm

Mr. Elkins reviewing the additional appropriations of bond details.

No one present to comment. Public Hearing closed at 7:14pm.

**Attachments:**

[MT. VERNON SCHOOLS - June School Board Excerpts of Minutes and Resolutions - 2024 Lease 1 .docx.pdf](#)

[June 19 2023 Public Hearing.pptx 2 .pdf](#)

[Excerpt of Minutes.pdf](#)

[Mt. Vernon Schools - Script for Addtl Approp Hearing - 2026 GO.docx.pdf](#)

[Mt. Vernon Schools - Notice of Determination - 2026 GO.docx.pdf](#)

[60156372 NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.pdf](#)

## 5 Reports

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### 5.1 Good News Report

Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations

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**Minutes:**

**School Accolades & Notable Activities**

- MVHS led the county in 2025 with the highest graduation rate at 97.3% while also graduating the largest cohort of 360 students.
- Kathy Reed, our district Data Steward, has been named a Skyward Leader in Excellence, a national award that recognizes innovation and effective use of Skyward. She will be honored at the Skyward iCon conference in Tampa this February.
- Tate Cougill was one of two seniors awarded the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, which provides full tuition and fees for four years at any accredited four-year college or university in Indiana.

- MVHS Senior Charlie Cole made the Indy Star's 2025 Central Indiana Super Team for soccer.
- MVHS Sophomore Zoey Wood was honored by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) as the player of the week, and Senior Luke Ertel has been selected twice (Dec. 8-13, Dec. 22-27).
- Senior Dominika Zarate finished first for her wrestling weight class at sectionals, second at the IHSAA regional, and advanced to the girls' wrestling state finals.
- Derek Shelton, MVCSC Director of Operations, is being inducted into the athletic hall of fame for basketball and football, along with both Brian Gilpin and Jimmie Howell for basketball.
- MVCSC welcomed back Mike Kirschner as head football coach, who previously led the Marauders from 2018–2020, compiling a 30–8 record with two sectional titles and a regional championship while bringing leadership, experience, and a strong connection to the program.
- We are saddened by the passing of Doug Peacock, former Mt. Vernon head football coach for 17 years, Hall of Fame inductee, and longtime educator, whose leadership and impact on Marauder athletics and students spanned nearly two decades.
- MVIS students hosted a pizza chef during lunch to celebrate a student-favorite meal, Big Daddy's Pizza, with the chef and Big Daddy tossing pizza dough back and forth for a fun, interactive experience.
- MVMS's Dr. Katz spread holiday cheer before winter break by dressing as an Elf on the Shelf, delighting students with candy tosses, rooftop greetings, and other festive shenanigans throughout the building. In addition, MCE's rooftop squad—including Principal Turner—welcomed students from above with smiles and waves before winter break, creating a fun and memorable start to the day.
- MVMS hosted its annual "Walk on Water" science experiment, giving eighth-grade students an engaging, hands-on opportunity to explore scientific principles through a memorable and interactive experience.
- January is Board Appreciation Month -We are incredibly grateful for our dedicated School Board of Trustees, who always keep what matters most—our students, and our staff—at the heart of every decision.
- Forty-three HC3 Criminal Justice students successfully completed the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) 40-hour Jail Officer Certification Course!
- FES students shared a meaningful cultural exchange with MVHS students through food and fellowship, thanks to Multilingual Teacher Brittany Braun.
- MCE 4th-grade students shined during the Wax Museum, impressing families and staff with their confidence, creativity, and knowledge at a well-attended and inspiring event.
- Other fun winter activities themed around the Grinch, barista bootcamp, holiday music performances, and more can be found on our schools' social media accounts.

### **Community Connections**

- The district celebrated the end of the first semester with its annual holiday staff open house at the Administrative Building, welcoming the greater Mt. Vernon community for a festive gathering. We want to send a special thank you to our many vendors who donated door prizes to help our staff kick off the holiday season.
- The Transportation Department hosted a successful "Take the Wheel" Bus Driver Experience Day recently for individuals interested in becoming a district bus driver and will offer a second experience day this Thursday.

### **Noteworthy Media**

- The new Hancock County Career Center was featured in a WRTV segment highlighting Dr. Parker, Mr. Wilkison, and MVHS nursing student Avery Koon.
- MVCSC's Bob Martin was interviewed about our bus system, Routefinder PLUS, in the School Bus Ride, the publication for the National Association of Pupil Transportation.
- We recently learned that MVCSC's 2021 Instructional Assistant Video, in partnership with CIESC, was a Telly Award Bronze Award winner.

### **Attachments:**

## 6 Consent Agenda

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### Minutes:

Mrs. Walls read the consent agenda. Mr Gray made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Britt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### 6.1 Regular Session Minutes

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#### Attachments:

[12.8.25 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[12.8.25 Work Session Minutes.pdf](#)

### 6.2 Personnel Report

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#### Minutes:

##### **CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Jennifer Pizarro, MVHS MLL Teacher
- Kelsey Renbarger, MVIS Temporary 5th Grade Teacher
- Tatum Fitzgerald, MVIS Essential Skills Teacher
- Anita Benoodt, MCE Temporary Kindergarten Teacher
- Michelle Dunahee, MVHS Essential Skills Teacher- 1.25 FTE 2nd Semester 2025-26

##### **CERTIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT**

- Scott DeArmond, MVMS SPED Teacher to PCC Teacher
- Brittany Stewart, Part Time Early Childhood SPED Teacher

##### **CERTIFIED RESIGNATIONS**

- Suzanne Digby, MVHS Essential Skills Teacher
- Tara Elson, MVMS PCC Teacher (Termination)
- Brandon Ecker, MVHS Athletic Director

##### **CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Jusin Law, MES High Intensity IA
- Edward Childress, MVMS High Intensity IA
- Jessica Wilson, Part Time Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Gwen Scrogam, Temporary Business Office Assistant
- Brayden Stamm, MVMS Part Time Permanent Building Substitute
- Arthur Francois, MVMS Career Exploration Student (2nd Semester Only)
- Shatuana Campbell, MVCSC Substitute Non-CDL Driver
- Alie Shields, MCE SPED IA
- Katherine Blackwell, Career Exploration - MMP IA
- Tyler Carrie, FES Permanent Building Substitute
- Tessa Globerger, MES P/T IA
- Verence Flores, MCE Essential Skills IA
- Nicole Day, Mini Marauder Beginnings Lead Instructor
- Rebecca Johnson, Mini Marauder Beginnings IA
- Erin Hunt, MVCSC RBT
- Classified Salary Schedule Roster

- Mike Kirschner, MVHS Weight Room Assistant
- Transportation Extra Duties Compensation

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

- Makenzie Ralston, MVIS IA to FES Title 1 IA
- Harjinder Kaur, MES IA to MES High Intensity IA
- Erin Costerison, MVCSC Behavior Tech to Registered Behavior Tech
- Robert Pillow, MVCSC Transportation Driver to Substitute Driver
- Craig Teschendorf, MVCSC Transportation Substitute Driver to Permanent Substitute
- Robby Cox, MVCSC Substitute Driver to Permanent Route Bus Driver

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

- Charles Stallworth, MVIS Behavior Tech
- Kimberly Smith, MVCSC Food Service Substitute
- Waunita Unatoa, MVIS Administrative Assistant (Termination)
- John Russell, MVIS Permanent Building Sub (Termination)
- Jessica Jones, MVIS Permanent Building Sub

#### **ECA RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Mike Kirschner, MVHS Head Football Coach
- Erik Morrison, MVHS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- MVHS Athletic ECA's (Track & Field)
- Justin Davis, MVHS Girls Tennis Head Coach

#### **ECA RESIGNATIONS**

- Sarah Weaver, MVHS Senior Class Sponsor

#### **LEAVES**

- Jordan Sell, MVIS 5th Grade Teacher (May 13, 2026 - December 18, 2026)
- Lori Barnett, MCE IA (Extension from January 19, 2026 to February 13, 2026)

#### **Attachments:**

[1.12.26 Personnel Report Detail 3.pdf](#)

[1.12.26 Personnel Summary 3.pdf](#)

### **6.3 Claims**

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#### **Attachments:**

[January 2026 Claims Docket.pdf](#)

### **6.4 Construction Claims**

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#### **Attachments:**

[January 2026 Construction Claims.docx.pdf](#)

### **6.5 Construction Change Orders**

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Gibraltar Construction (2) - New FES

Jack Laurie Flooring - New FES  
Millennium Contractors - PreK  
Quality Walls & Ceiling - New FES  
West Electric - New FES

**Attachments:**

[Gibraltar CO 17 - FINAL CHANGE ORDER.pdf](#)  
[Gibraltar CO 16.pdf](#)  
[JL gym CO 7 - FINAL CHANGE ORDER.pdf](#)  
[Millennium Contractors Co 021 PreK.pdf](#)  
[Quality Walls Ceiling Inc.-FINAL C.pdf](#)  
[West Electric CO 7 New FES Jan 2025.pdf](#)

## 6.6 Monthly Fund Transfers

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**Attachments:**

[December 2025 Monthly Transfers.pdf](#)

## 6.7 Donation Approval

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**Minutes:**

Thank you to all our donors.

**Attachments:**

[Central Indiana Communications Donations.pdf](#)  
[Mystic Waters donation.pdf](#)  
[MVMS Choir Donation.pdf](#)  
[Dellen Chevrolet Donation - Athletics.pdf](#)  
[Athletic Booster Club VonceSSION Payout.pdf](#)  
[sprinkle - prom.pdf](#)

## 6.8 Destruction of Records

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**Attachments:**

[Destruction of Finance Records.pdf](#)

# 7 Action Items

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## 7.1 Resolution 2026-03 Additional Appropriation

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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**Minutes:**

Mr. Elkins reviewed the Resolution 2026-03 Additional Appropriation and asked for approval. Declaration declares once proceeds are received the funds from the bond sale will pay for the project approved from 2023. Mrs. Freeman made a motion to approve the Resolution 2026-03 as presented. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Attachments:**

[Resolution 2026-03 Additional Appropriation EXHIBIT A 2 .pdf](#)

## 7.2 Resolution 2026-04 2016B Bond Refinancing

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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**Minutes:**

Mr Elkins reviewed the Refunding of bond series 2016B. Mrs Britt made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-04. Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Attachments:**

[Mt. Vernon 2016B Refunding.pptx](#)

[Excerpt of Minutes - 2016B Refinancing 1 .pdf](#)

[RESOLUTION 2026-04 1 .pdf](#)

## 7.3 Approval of Contract Bid

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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**Minutes:**

Mr Elkins reviewed the contract bid to complete the surface paving between the High School and Intermediate School. The bid was awarded to Power & Sons. Mrs. Freeman made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Mrs. Briss seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

**Attachments:**

[Contractor Rec Ltr - HS Bus Lot.pdf](#)

[HS Bus Lot Bid Tab 01.08.2026.pdf](#)

## 7.4 2025 Budget Year End Actions

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

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2025 Encumbrances

2025 Intrafund transfers

2026 Line of Credit

Amendment to 2024 Operations Encumbrances

**Minutes:**

Mr Elkins reviewed the Resolutions for the annual credit line, encumbrances and fund transfers. Mrs. Britt made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-05, Resolution 2026-06, and Resolution 2026-07. Mr Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Attachments:**

[RESOLUTION 2026-05 ENCUMBRANCES OF 2025 FUNDS .docx.pdf](#)

[Resolution 2025-06 Line of Credit Approval TAW .docx.pdf](#)

[Outstanding POs December 2025.pdf](#)

[Additional December 2025 PO s.pdf](#)

[Resolution 2026-04 END-OF-YEAR INTRA-FUND TRANSFERS .docx.pdf](#)

[2025 End of Year Intrafund Transfers - Sheet1.pdf](#)

## 7.5 Approval of Copier Contract

Mr. Seth Hamilton, Directory of Technology

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Proposal for refresh of all district copiers and printers via Van Ausdall & Farrar

### Minutes:

Mr Hamilton reviewed the copier contract details. The awarded 5 year copier agreement was awarded to Van Ausdall & Farrar. Mr. Jon Cross from Van Ausdall & Farrar was in attendance. They have visited the district and are happy about the future relationship.

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the copier contract. Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### Attachments:

[Copier and Printer Proposal v2 - Details.pdf](#)

[Copier and Printer Proposal v2 - Summary.pdf](#)

## 7.6 Updates to Course Description Book for MVHS (2026-27)

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

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### Minutes:

Mr Smedley presented the MVHS Course Description Handbook. Mrs. Tharp reviewed the updates and shared they are highlighted in the document for review. Important changes were made to the block 8 elective courses provided and then new career center being added next year.

Mr Gray made a motion to approve the 26-27 Course handbook. Mrs. Freeman seconded the motion. Mrs. Freeman thanked Mrs Tharp for her time

Motion carried 4-0

### Attachments:

[2026-2027 Course Scheduling Handbook for Cohorts 2029 Beyond.pdf](#)

[26-27 Course Handbook changes.pdf](#)

## 8 Board Member Reports

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Fortville RDC

Cumberland RDC

Hancock Co. RDC

McCordsville RDC

Mt. Vernon Education Foundation

### Minutes:

Fortville RDC - Mrs Nielsen was absent.

Cumberland RDC - Mrs. Freeman share there has not been a meeting yet this year.

Hancock Co. RDC - Mr Gray was not able to attend

McCordsville RDC -Mrs. Walls state the meeting is next week



## 9 Announcements

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**Minutes:**

Monday January 19 schools will be closed to celebrate MLK Day. January is School Board Appreciation month. Dr. Parker commented how much the Administration appreciates the board and it means a lot that they are there for what is best for the students .

## 10 Adjournment

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**Minutes:**

Mr Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs Britt seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 Meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.