

**MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MT. VERNON
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Revised to include Sam Heckman. The Mt. Vernon High School Spell Bowl team competed recently at the Indiana Academic Spell Bowl State Finals at Purdue University and placed second in Division II. Top spellers were Kaitlyn Mansfield and Sydney Friedman with perfect scores of 9 points. Logan Mayes had a near-perfect score of 8 points. The team consisted of: Paul Campbell, Emma Clark, Haley Curtis, Jasmyne Emerson, Felicitie Flemmings, Sydney Friedman, Alison Gansman, Sam Heckman, Emilee Hogan, Kaitlyn Mansfield (captain), and Logan Mayes.

BUS PURCHASE BIDS

The Board accepted the bid from Kerlin in the amount of \$230,658.00 to purchase two 72-passenger transit school buses and to reject all bids for the 15-passenger multi-function school activity bus as recommended.

2020 SUMMER PROJECT - MV FOOTBALL FIELD RENOVATIONS

The Board accepted the bid from ECI Construction in the amount of \$136,805.76 for the MV Football Field Renovations project.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION

The Board confirmed the employment of Karen Sandoval as a Spanish teacher at the HS.

RESIGNATIONS

The Board accepted resignations from:

- Amy Beshears – remediation teacher assistant – MA – effective December 19, 2019
- Vincent Spitz – custodian – HS – effective immediately

RETIREMENT

The Board accepted the intent to retire from Charles Kueber, mechanic, effective December 31, 2019. Mr. Kueber will be retiring with 28.5 years of service to the school district.

BUS DRIVERS AND BUS ATTENDANTS AGREEMENT

The Board entered into an agreement with Teamsters Local 215 for wages and benefits for school district bus drivers and bus attendants beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

The Board renewed the school resource officer memorandum of understanding for the school year with the City of Mt. Vernon with automatic one-year renewal terms.

SUB-ACCOUNT TRANSFERS

The Board granted permission to the administrative staff to make sub-account transfers and to pay late vouchers with identification of prepaid vouchers and with an outline of sub-account transfers to be provided to the Board of School Trustees at a future meeting.

OPERATIONS FUND EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – ROOF SECTIONS AT WEST

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing use of the 2019 Operations Fund emergency allocation to repair and replace sections of the West roof in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 as recommended.

SUNDAY USE OF FACILITY REQUEST

The Board granted permission to the West Side Youth Basketball and Cheer group to use the junior high and high school gyms for their New Year's Ball Drop basketball tournament on Sunday, December 29, 2019.

LEASING AGREEMENT

The Board authorized leasing sections of Hedges Central School by the Posey County Domestic Violence Taskforce (Willowtree) renewing for a period of twelve (12) months beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

LEASING AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL

The Board authorized the lease amendment to lease sections of Hedges Central School by the American Red Cross renewing for a period of three (3) years beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Information to the Board included:

- Farmersville Falcon News
- fuel adjustment for contracted bus routes
- Self-Insurance Fund report – November 2019
- website update

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. (tentative)

Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. (tentative)

All meetings will be held at Mt. Vernon Senior High School (Media Center).

APPROVED OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, December 19 – last day of Semester I for students
 - December 20 – January 3 – Winter break
 - Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – staff development day (early dismissal)*
 - Elementary dismissal at 12:25 p.m.
 - Junior High dismissal at 12:35 p.m.
 - Senior High dismissal at 12:45 p.m.
- *If there is a snow day on January 15, the staff development day (early dismissal) will occur on January 22, 2020.
- Monday, January 20, 2020 – School in session, make-up day for November 12, 2019

PERSONAL FINANCE CLASS

Jim Hatfield, MVHS business teacher, presented information to the Board about adding a personal finance class as a graduation requirement for all MVHS students. Discussion and questions by the Board followed.

NEW COURSE PROPOSALS

The Board reviewed and discussed two additional courses which are being proposed for the high school. The courses include Integrated Mathematics I and Dance Choreography. These new courses will be presented to the Board at a future meeting for consideration.