

**MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MT. VERNON  
JANUARY 6, 2020**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Glennden Stovall, a student at Mt. Vernon Junior High School, who passed away recently.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Board of School Trustees elected officers for 2020 as follows:

President:	Joe Rutledge
Vice President:	Beth McFadin Higgins
Secretary:	Greg Oeth

The Board took action for 2020 organization as follows:

- Set regular meeting dates for the first and third Mondays of each month at 5:45 p.m.
- Set School Board salaries at \$2,000 per year, \$112 for the second regular meeting of each month, and \$62 for special meetings; and set business mileage reimbursement at 46 cents per mile for 2020.
- Appointed Kimberley Morton as treasurer and Loren Evans as deputy treasurer for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2020.
- Appointed the law firm of Van Haaften and Farrar to serve as legal counsel for the school corporation for 2020.
- Adopted various financial resolutions for 2020 including resolutions authorizing the use of signature stamps and signature images, an authorization for checks to be issued in advance of a Board meeting, a corporate resolution authorizing school district personnel to manage the various district and school-extracurricular accounts, and an investment account resolution.

## **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

Farmersville 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Robotics Teams competed recently in the Petersburg Elementary Squared Away Vex IQ Competition. The fourth grade team consisted of: Isabella Benthall, Joslyn David, Josie Harshbarger, Dillon Kuhn, Abram Leverenz, Cody Mavrick, and Kendall Voelker. They placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 35 teams in the team driving alliance challenge which qualified them for the finals where they also placed 6<sup>th</sup>. The team earned 5<sup>th</sup> place for the driving and coding skills test portion. They were awarded the Excellence Award for overall performance in the following categories: team alliance matches, driving and coding skills, engineering notebook, and judge interview. This accomplishment qualified the team for the state championship in March.

The fifth grade team consisted of: Madisyn Burgdorf, Jaycee Campbell, Atticus Durbin, Dylan Hindman, Lida Isham, Leif Kercher, Bryce Middleton, Libby Reese, and Jacelyn Stevens. The team scored 12<sup>th</sup> out of 35 teams in the team driving alliance challenge which qualified them for the finals where they placed 5<sup>th</sup>. They earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the driving and coding skills test portion.

## **COURSE PROPOSALS**

The Board granted permission to add the two recommended course proposals as follows in Math and Fine Arts respectively: Intermediate Math I and Dance Choreography.

## **PERSONAL FINANCE CLASS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION**

The Board approved requiring a personal finance class in order to graduate from Mt. Vernon Senior High School beginning with the incoming freshmen class of 2020-21.

## **EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION**

The Board confirmed the employment of Maura Spencer as a remediation teacher assistant at Marrs.

## **RESIGNATION**

The Board accepted the resignation from Kaysie Collins as an assistant coach for girls' track at the high school, ½ stipend, effective immediately.

## **MANAGEMENT AND NON-UNIT WAGE AND BENEFITS PACKAGE**

The Board approved the revised wage and benefit package for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years for Management and Non-Unit Personnel as recommended. Changes are effective January 1, 2020.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Information to the Board included:

- tax draw summary for 2019
- property and casualty insurance premium history
- Extracurricular Financial Reports for the period of June 1 - November 30, 2019 for school extracurricular accounts and for the period of July 1 - November 30, 2019 for the School Lunch Fund.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**Wednesday**, January 22, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

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

Monday, February 17, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.

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

## **APPROVED OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

- 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 then staff development day (early dismissal) will occur on January 22, 2020.

- Monday, January 20, 2020 will be the make-up day for November 12, 2019
- Saturday, February 1, 2020 – HS Winter Formal – cafeteria
- Monday, February 3, 2020 – Harlem Wizards vs faculty – 6:30 p.m. - HS
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - Kindergarten Roundup (Rain date Feb. 18)