

May 15, 2023

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Mt. Vernon, Indiana met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:45 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Senior High School, 700 Harriett Street, Mt. Vernon, Indiana

Present were Board members Kendra Bisesi, Mark Isaac, Beth McFadin Higgins, Greg Oeth, and Joe Rutledge; administrators Bo Harris, Director of Business and Technology; and Matt Thompson, Superintendent of Schools; and Kendra Glaser representing the NEA.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mark Isaac and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The Board recognized the following achievements:

**JH ACADEMIC SUPER BOWL**

After taking 1st place overall at the North Posey Invitational, the Mt. Vernon Junior High School Academic Super Bowl team traveled to Tecumseh recently to compete in the Regional and State events.

**Regional Results:**

English Team – 1st place: Ella Wells, Julia Emsweller, and Micky Schaefer

Math Team – 3rd place: Madison Owens, Lidia Juarez-Fernandez, Kaydee Campbell, Jaxon Idler, Gage Mastison, Jayce Robinson, and Nicholas Lueder

Science Team – 2nd place: Lidia Juarez-Fernandez, Madison Owens, Micky Schaefer, and Kaydee Campbell

Social Studies Team – 1st place: Julia Emsweller, Gloria Guerrero, Logan Preske, and Ella Wells. Additionally, the Social Studies Team placed 3rd at the State Competition.

As required by statute, citizens were provided an opportunity to comment at a formal hearing on the proposed additional appropriation for the Rainy Day Fund. No comments were made.

**The Board:**

1. approved the minutes of May 1, 2023 as prepared, authorized payment of payroll checks 380754 through 381123, voucher checks 141975 through 142039, and electronic transfers ET002794 through ET002797, and accepted the financial statement for April 30, 2023 to file for audit. The voucher list and financial statement are attached to, and made part of, the minutes of this meeting.  
(Rutledge – McFadin Higgins)
2. adopted the additional appropriation resolution appropriating \$350,000 in the Rainy Day Fund as recommended. The resolution is attached to, and made part of, the minutes of this meeting. (Oeth – Bisesi)
3. accepted the resignations, effective the end of the 2022-23 school year unless otherwise indicated, from:
  - Maria Fuelling – Sp. Ed. teacher – HS
  - Lindsay Kay – teacher assistant/Sp. Ed. – FA
  - Austin Reagan – custodian – JH – May 19, 2023
  - Melanie Reising – teacher assistant/study hall – HS  
(McFadin Higgins – Rutledge)
4. confirmed the employment of:
  - Derek Foncannon – assistant football coach –  $\frac{1}{2}$  stipend to  $\frac{3}{4}$  stipend - HS
  - Maria Fuelling – secretary – Special Services
  - Amy Hueftle – credit recovery teacher
  - Teri “Alexa” Lamar – assistant principal – WE
  - Melanie Reising – Sp. Ed. teacher – JH
  - Carol Seifert – IREAD-3 bus driver
  - Rhett Snodgrass – assistant football coach –  $\frac{1}{2}$  stipend – HS
  - Darrin Still – custodian – JH
  - Guy Weaver – student council sponsor – JH
  - Guy Caleb Weaver – STEM teacher – FA
  - Hannah Winiger – PE/Health teacher and assistant coach girls' basketball – HS  
(Bisesi – Oeth)
5. accepted the intent to retire from:
  - Carol Evans – Food Services bookkeeper – effective August 31, 2023 – 23 years of service
  - Ruth Muller – custodian – MA – effective July 5, 2023 – 23 years of service  
(Rutledge – Oeth)
6. granted Tammy Arbary an extension of a nonpaid medical leave of absence from June 5, 2023 through June 30, 2023 as requested.  
(McFadin Higgins – Oeth)
7. adopted a resolution permitting personnel listed to attend educational meetings. The resolution is attached to, and made part of, the minutes of this meeting. (Bisesi – Rutledge)
8. set public official bonds for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 as recommended. The bond schedule is attached to, and made part of, the minutes of this meeting. (Rutledge – McFadin Higgins; with Oeth abstaining)

9. adopted textbooks and other curricular materials for elementary and junior high science and health for 2023-2029 as recommended by teachers, parents, and administrators. The textbook and curricular material list is attached to, and made part of, the minutes of this meeting.  
(McFadin Higgins – Bisesi)
10. approved the use of facilities for the 2023 wrestling camp as recommended.  
(Oeth – Bisesi)

A citizen, Paula Rudibaugh, asked about accommodations for students that do not qualify for special services. Dr. Thompson explained the RTI (Response to Intervention) process.

Information to the Board included May menus and high school handbook changes.

Future Board meetings were set for:

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.  
Monday, June 19, 2023 at 5:45 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

All meetings held at Mt. Vernon Senior High School.

The Board reviewed and discussed several policies regarding students and one regarding business for possible future action.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

These minutes were prepared by Matt Thompson, Superintendent of Schools.

  
Secretary

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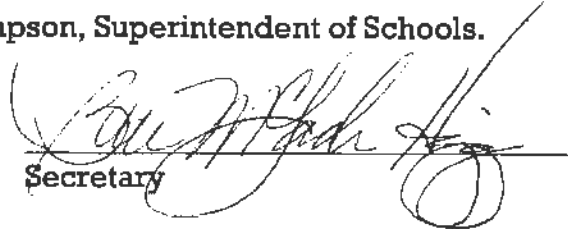
The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Mt. Vernon met in Executive Session on Monday, May 15, 2023 immediately after the regular meeting at Mt. Vernon High School, 700 Harriett Street, Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Those in attendance were Board members Kendra Bisesi, Mark Isaac, Beth McFadin Higgins, Greg Oeth, and Joe Rutledge; and administrator Matt Thompson, Superintendent of Schools.

The Board met with respect to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 Section (6) with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction; and Section (9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

The Board discussed no subject matter in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

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