

Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees

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Mt. Vernon High School Auditorium

Monday, August 16, 2021

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Present: Mr. Greg Rollo, Director of Technology; Mrs. Gwen Scrogam, Board Secretary; Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations; Mrs. Laura Durig, SpEd Director; Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President; Mr. Tony May, Board Member; Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent; Mr. Derek Shelton, Director of Operations; Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Shannon Walls, Board Member; Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer; Chad Gray, School Board Member

Absent: Lisa Heitman, Finance Dept; Phil Edwards, School Board Member; Susan McElroy

1 Pledge of Allegiance (6:00 P.M.)

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Freeman led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Call to Order

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

3 Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

4 Reports

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

4.1 Good News

Mrs. Maria Bond, Director of Community Relations

Minutes:

Mrs. Bond shared the following Good News:

1. Approximately 30 vested community members, with or without students in our district, became the first cohort of the MV Ambassadors and kicked off their first meeting in August by getting to know each other, listening to a presentation about the district from Dr. Parker, and ended with a tour of the bus

barn while learning about facts about transportation.

2. MV held three 65+ Club registration events this summer for those patrons 65 and over who live in our district to receive an event pass for most MVHS & MVMS events.
3. MVHS Booster Blas was a success with many community members' families coming out to enjoy the day with inflatables, games, silent auction, live music and reinforcing the camaraderie in the MV community.
4. MVCSC hosted the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce with Governor Holcomb as the speaker and Hancock Health CEO Steve Long moderating.

Attachments:

[8-2021 Board Report.pdf](#)

4.2 Curriculum and Digital Learning Pathway

Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum

Minutes:

Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum and Misty Hall, Curriculum Integration Coordinator, gave a Curriculum Update and Digital Learning Pathway presentation. Mr. Shipley began by stating the curriculum team had made several additions to their team including Mrs. Stacy Muffler, Assistant Director of Curriculum, and 9 Specialists for each building in math and reading focusing on supporting students who's rate of learning has been affected by COVID and supporting those students quarantined due to COVID. The past couple of years they have been working on a crystal clear curriculum noting the importance of clarity as clear is kind, unclear is unkind. When talking about a crystal clear curriculum, we talk about Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum. Guaranteed is the opportunity to learn; specific content is taught in specific grade levels, regardless of the teacher to whom the student is assigned. Viable Curriculum is time to learn; the number of required students is manageable for students to learn a level of mastery in the time provided. Indiana Academic Standards are used, but to teach all the standards, students would need to be in school for 23 years. As this is not possible, we need to determine what is Essential Learnings (ELs). ELs were created by teacher and articulate the skills, content and concepts aligned with standards determined to be non-negotiable areas of proficiency for all students. The ELs promote clarity, consistent priorities for student learning, provides pacing for assessments and creates ownership of the curriculum. The teachers determined what is essential by prioritizing standards and benchmarks to create ELs based on endurance (will this standards provide knowledge and skills that will be valued beyond a single class period, throughout the year and/or future years); leverage (will this standard provide knowledge and skills that can leverage other standards in your discipline or other disciplines); readiness (will this standard provide students with the "tools" they must have for success); teacher judgement (do you as the content experts believe this skill/knowledge is critical based on what you know about your students); and assessment (something you know students will be assessed on standardized assessments). Created quarter views to attain that clarity where students are assessed during each nine week quarter on the ELs. The quarter views provides a clear overview of when essential learnings will be taught and assessed, clarifies intended and implemented curriculum, provides a crosswalk between essential learning and district resources, and communicates with stakeholders. The ELs can be found on the MVCSC website or school websites.

Misty Hall began her presentation on Digital Learning Pathway by giving kudos to teachers and administration for their hard work, extra time and support to create this pathway. The Digital Learning Pathway, created by MVCSC teachers for MVCSC teachers, is a professional development opportunity where educators explore translating teaching and learning best practices to the digital world with a common MVCSC vision. Digital Pathway Overview: 1) funded by IDOE Grant monies; 2) collaborated with CIESC for creation and implementation; 3) six hours of synchronous learning utilizing ZOOM meetings; 4) multiple hours of own pace learning utilizing Canvas Learning Management System

(LMS). Modules were created: Module 1 Establishing Relationships and Foundations in the Digital Space; Module 2: Accessible Learning in the Digital Learning Space; Module 3: Learner Centered Design; Module 4: Engagement and Empowerment; Module 5: Feedback and Assessment; and Module 6: Future Ready Mindset. Next steps include establishing Cohort 2 in the fall consisting of approximately 42 teachers and remaining administrators. Cohort 3 will consist of approximately 84 teachers. Cohort 4 will consist of approximately 110 teachers (all remaining teachers). Grant dollars will be budgeted to pay teachers their contracted extra hours rate for many of the hours outside their teaching day needed to complete the MVCSC Digital Learning Pathway Credential. Mr. Shipley and Ms. Hall presented certificates to members of Cohort 1.

Attachments:

[Curriculum Update.pdf](#)

4.3 Health & Safety Plan Report

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley provided updates to the MVCSC Health & Safety Plan for 2021-2022, made since the last presentation, along with how to support students who are out on quarantine. He began by stating as of 8/13/21, the number of COVID positive cases was at 19 with number of close contacts at 437 and number of close contacts not required to quarantine 63. Mt. Comfort Elementary and Fortville Elementary have reported no cases; McCordsville Elementary 2; Mt. Vernon Middle School 12; Mt. Vernon High School 3 and 2 Other. Legal guidance related to COVID-19 and schools includes school boards have the jurisdiction to implement routine and prevention measures they deem necessary to protect the health of students and staff, such as masking, distancing, and disinfection. Two mandates related to COVID-19 in Indiana are masks required while riding a bus (per the U.S. Department of Transportation) and contact tracing and quarantine/isolation (Executive Order 21-19 issued on 7/29/21 supports the Indiana Department of Health's guidance on COVID-19 issued on 7/9/21; duty to report COVID positive cases and conduct contact tracing; and failure to report is a Class B misdemeanor according to the Indiana Communicable Disease Statute IC 16-41-2). The guiding principles in developing and revising our Health and Safety Protocols includes adhering to state and federal laws; aligning our protocols with guidance from state and county health departments; prevent as many students and staff from missing school due to illness, including COVID-19; if students and staff do miss then we want them back in school as quickly and safely as possible; and maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff and community members who come to visit our campuses. He pointed out changes to the Health, Safety & Facilities Protocols includes each level of the tiered plan is specific to one building and data to inform a change will be only that building's data. Mr. Smedley re-capped the tiered plan, previously presented. Significant changes from the IDOH are: 1) students who are 3' to 6' from an identified positive case do not have to quarantine provided that the positive case and close contact(s) is/are wearing a mask; 2) contact tracing on the bus is now 3' because everyone is masked on the bus.

Supporting students who are quarantined is very important and administrators have worked diligently to put a plan in place to do just that:

1. Assignments and materials will be provided no later than 48 hours after teachers are notified of close contacts;
2. In most cases assignments will be given for the duration of the quarantine period or at the very least a week's worth at a time;
3. Assignments/materials will be pushed out electronically in most cases via Canvas or Google Meet; printed materials and supplies may be picked up from school;
4. Both direct (teachers, specialists, other support staff) and/or indirect (links to videos, recordings,

- other resources) instruction will be provided;
5. Instruction and check-ins will be conducted by teachers, specialists and other support staff;
 6. Assistance and follow-up will be provided;
 7. Students and parents are encouraged to reach out to ask questions, seek further assistance, etc.;
 8. Special education teachers will coordinate with students/families in order to provide support based on needs in student IEPs;
 9. Students encouraged to complete their assignments while out in order to stay on pace with the class; due dates may be extended in certain circumstances; and
 10. Tests or quizzes may be given electronically or delayed until the student returns depending on the teacher's discretion as to whether they feel the student is prepared.

Mr. Smedley called on Mt. Vernon's attorney Amy Matthews, to respond to several essential questions.

1, Where is it stated that it is a legal requirement to report Covid positive cases, conduct close contact investigations and quarantine. Why must students and staff who are returning early from a quarantine wear a mask through day 14? Why is a vaccinated individual able to return to school earlier than an unvaccinated individual?

Ms. Matthews responded these three questions come from the Indiana Department of Health's control measures which are requirements the IDOH has the authority to issue under state law IC16-41-2. These control measures are independent of the Governor's Executive order, discussed earlier, and can and will continue even after the Governor's order expires or until the IDOH rescinds or replaces them.

2. How can it be a misdemeanor to not follow this? Are school personnel liable?

Ms. Matthews responded IC 16-41-2-9 Indiana Communicable Disease statute does establish it is a Class B Misdemeanor to recklessly violate or fail to comply with state law Chapter 2 Communicable Disease: Reporting of Communicable or Dangerous Diseases. She went on to further state each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. Since the control measures for COVID 19 that are in place now do specifically put requirements on schools, school officials who actions cause non-compliance could be liable.

3. What gives schools the legal authority to issue or not issue mask requirements?

Ms. Matthews responded that is also Indiana statute that provides or grants schools that authority.

4. Why do we have to wear a mask while on the bus?

Ms. Matthews responded it is a requirement of the federal Center for Disease Control enforced by the U.S. Department of Transportation (TSA) and is a federal statute for transportation which is why you see a federal mask mandate that just applies to school buses.

Mrs. Freeman asked if most of the quarantining is coming from the school bus. Mr. Smedley responded about half and said the new significant change from the IDOH regarding contact tracing on the bus is now 3' because everyone is masked on the bus will really help.

Attachments:

[DRAFT 2021-8-16 Update - Health and Safety Protocols Tiered System 2021-2022.pdf](#)
[Health Safety Plan Related to COVID - 8.16.2021 1 .pdf](#)

5 Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

B 225 Public Participation at Board Meetings

May only address items listed in the agenda

Must be recognized by presiding officer

Must provide name, address and group affiliation, if and when appropriate

Limited to 3 minutes duration

All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually

Minutes:

Janet Smith stated that after the August 6, 2021 board meeting and Dr. Dan Stock's comments, he has been overwhelmed with support from all over the country and she has been helping answering e-mails and phone calls. People she has spoken with have thanked him for stating publically what is the truth. Several commented they were upset their children were required to wear masks or be vaccinated before they can attend college. Several doctors she spoke with agree with Dr. Stock that no one should be vaccinated under 30 and that masks don't work. She feels parents should have control, not the government.

Stan Harper thanked board members for their best efforts in keeping our kids safe. He is concerned about remote learning as his son was recently quarantined. He believes 1:1 is critical at the elementary level. Teachers are doing their best, but students need guidance and he sees no reason why virtual learning should not be an option.

Dan Stock thanked the board for their attention this evening. He apologized for a comment made by Tucker Carlson, referencing Mt. Vernon, whose show he appeared on recently. He feels that as the board has control over a mask policy, they owe it to the people they are serving to listen to them as the majority of people don't want a mask policy.

Clinton Valentine was concerned that 11 out of 27 students in his daughter's class were sent home due to contact tracing causing them to not get in-person instruction. He feels allowing kids to miss school will make them think school is not important and cause them to drop out at some point. He feels kids are fearing being contact traced and not wanting to be social with their friends which is very important.

Phillip Coleman thanked the board, teachers and administrators for putting a policy in place to help with instruction for those students quarantined. It is something to build on. He believes in being pro-active instead of reactive and wondered if instead of waiting for a certain number of absences to occur on the tiered plan before additional sanitizing occurs why not be pro-active and sanitize continually now.

Stephanie St. John has five children, four currently in school. She feels it is her job to advocate for her kids. She is struggling as she watches the community being torn apart right now with categories such as vaccinated or non-vaccinated, etc. She has worked in the healthcare field and feels if you fear COVID, get vaccinated, if you fear COVID wear your mask, if you fear COVID practice social distancing. Her daughter was recently quarantined due to contact tracing. She tried for two days to get her books from her locker along with school work. She sympathizes with teachers and feels they are doing their best to accommodate everyone, but if contact tracing is going to be part of the norm, then it may be time to add additional positions in the schools to assist teachers. She believes 50% of people will approve the board's actions and 50% won't. As COVID is not going anywhere in the near future, there has to be a better solution.

Kim Johnson who has a middle schooler and a high schooler expressed concern that her son was quarantined and could return to school after 10 days, but not allowed to attend extra-curriculars for 14 days. She works with at-risk youth and feels alternative options are needed to standard education. She stated there are options available through her workplace that provides resources to students and these options are not be utilized.

Laurie Vaughn stated she is at the board meeting because she loves this community. She appreciates the opportunity to come before the board and voice her concerns as it is critical. What she is hearing from everyone tonight is the word control. She is returning to the true heart of education which is to ask questions, use critical thinking and deal with facts and supporting data and not take someone's word for it. She cited a website that deals with facts regarding vaccines. We are losing our freedoms due to censorship and we cannot toss freedom away. She asked that no one be discriminated against depending on vaccination status and that

the choice to vaccinate should be left up to parents. She asked everyone to stand for freedom and not cave to fear.

John Jessup is the President of the Board of Commissioners in Hancock County. He liked the neat stuff he heard regarding Digital Pathways. He heard the buzz words cohort, essential and pathway this evening. He feels there is a large cohort here that feels it is essential to find a pathway past COVID, past the damage we are doing to our children. Teachers are experts in teaching children, the board is experts in running the schools and parents are experts in raising their kids. He feels in his gut something is not right here, what we are doing to our kids. Creating a healthy environment for our kids is what is important. Decisions made here will have less impact on our kids because we love our kids and our community.

6 Consent Agenda

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Minutes of the July 29, 2021 and August 6, 2021 board meetings;
2. Claims;
3. The following personnel items:

CERTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Melanie Hufford, FES 5th Grade Teacher

Jason Wiley, MVHS Welding Instructor

Lindzy Lemmons, MVHS Spanish Teacher

Erin Neely, MCE 3rd Grade Teacher

Deon Worrel, MCE 2nd Grade Teacher

Alexis Hesser, MES Special Education Teacher

Lisa Sullivan, MCE 1st Grade Temp Teacher (FMLA leave 1st Semester - Chapman)

Effie Miller, MVHS Social Studies Teacher

CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Chad Soden, MVHS Social Studies Teacher

CERTIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENTS

Jessica Gowin, MES Special Education Teacher to 4th Grade Teacher

Trudy Cole, MES Secretary to MES 4th Grade Temp Teacher (FMLA leave July 29, 2021 to October 1, 2021 - Cronk)

Kristi Norton, MES 4th Grade Teacher to MES STEM Teacher

Miriah Scruggs, MVHS Special Education Instructional Assistant to MVHS Special Education Teacher

CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

Mackenzie Ralston, FES Instructional Assistant

Mary C. Harris, MCE Instructional Assistant

Melvin Tillman, MVHS Life Coach
Michaela Bova, MVHS Athletic Secretary
Morgan Tharp, MMPS Instructional Assistant Floater
Cara Rhoades, MVCSC Occupational Therapist
Tatum Fitzgerald, MMPS Instructional Assistant Floater
Richelle Elliott, MES Permanent Building Substitute
Vikki Foggin, MES Secretary Temporary
Michael Dovenbarger, MVHS Custodian
Mackenzie Miner, MMPS Instructional Assistant Part-time
Carey Cole, Transportation Sub Bus Driver
Ginger Shriver, MVHS Instructional Assistant
Madison Swingle, MVHS Athletic Department ICE Student
Adalyn Jackson, FES Office Support P/T
Cody Merritt, Technology Assistant
Riley Britt, MMPS Instructional Assistant
Tracy Gordon, Transportation Driver Trainee
Jennifer Roach, MVHS Prep Cook/Cashier
Lori Mitchell, MES Cook/Cashier
Shelby Ehrgott, MMPS Instructional Assistant P/T
Jessica Wilson, MMPS Instructional Assistant Floater Temporary
Larry Powell, MVHS Permanent Building Substitute
Jennifer Hohnbaum, MVHS Main Office Secretary
Ahmhad Jarrard, FES Custodial P/T
Marie Gilles, Transportation Bus Driver
Derek Ford, MVHS Custodian

CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Tyler Taing, MVHS Permanent Building Substitute
Andy Williams, MVHS Secretary
Breanna Johnson, MCE Custodian
Mary L. Harris, MES Instructional Assistant
Lisa Lee, MVMS Instructional Assistant - Request for termination
Babette Lamaster, MES Food Services
Teresa Turner, MVHS Food Service

Sally Pierce, FES Cafe Supervisor

Leann Wright, Payroll & Benefits Assistant

Jessica Jacks, FES Instructional Assistant

CLASSIFIED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

Natalie Adams, MMPS Lunch Floater to MMPS Special Education Instructional Assistant

Allyson Hamilin, MES Permanent Building Sub to MES Instructional Assistant

ECA RECOMMENDATIONS

Sara Keljo, 3rd Grade Team Leader 2nd semester 20-21 School Year

Zach Murphy, MVHS Volunteer Football Coach

Brianna Reeder, MVMS Team Leader

Zach Peach, MVHS Assistant Soccer Coach (Freshman stipend)

Brianna Reeder, MVMS Team Leader

MVMS Athletics ECA's (see list attached)

ECA RESIGNATIONS

Cliff Owens, MVHS Soccer Girls Freshman (Assistant)

Jill Stewart, MVMS Team Leader

Kelly Diehl, MVMS Team Leader

LEAVE REQUESTS

Ashley McClelland, request for leave of absence (October 18, 2021 to February 25, 2022);

4. The following Overnight Field Trip Requests:

a. 8th Grade Washington D.C. Field Trip May 4-7, 2022;

b. MVHS Boys' Cross Country to Mason High School, Ohio, Cross Country Individual September 10-11, 2021;

5. Constructions Claims

Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

6.1 Regular Session Minutes

July 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Attachments:

[July 19 2021 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

[August 6 2021 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

6.2 Claims

Attachments:

[August Claims.pdf](#)

6.3 Personnel Report

Attachments:

[Personnel Report 1.pdf](#)

[Personnel Report.pdf](#)

6.4 Overnight Field Trip Request

Attachments:

[Out of State Overnight Request - Boys Cross Country.pdf](#)

[21-22 Washington DC Trip - Overnight Out of State Field Trip Request .pdf](#)

6.5 Request to Accept Donation

There are none.

6.6 Construction Claims

Attachments:

[August 2021 Construction Claims.docx](#)

7 Action Items

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

7.1 Health & Safety Plan

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley asked the board to approve the updated Health & Safety Protocols for 2021-2022 as presented. Mr. May made a motion to approve the updated Health & Safety Plan, Mr. Gray seconded.

Mrs. Walls stated when she voted to table the motion at the last meeting it was heavily weighed because she felt we lacked in our academic response to our students. She applauds the administration because they took that very seriously. Even though we need to do better, she feels we have a very comprehensive plan in place and appreciates all the work that went into this as the last thing we want is for our students to fall behind. We want them in school, we want them safe and we want them healthy. We does not want any student to have a year like her son had last year as a senior as he missed out on so many important events. She feels it is important to keep our kids in school and that the administration is trying their best to do this. She believes as a community we have an opportunity to shine and you don't have to agree with the person sitting next to you, but we have the opportunity to walk out of this meeting united and hopefully as as community we can do that and move forward.

Mr. Gray asked Dr. Parker for clarification on whether there was a difference between extra-curricular and contact tracing quarantine periods. Dr. Parker stated he had written that question down to check on himself as he needed some clarification also.

The motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[DRAFT 2021-8-16 Update - Health and Safety Protocols Tiered System 2021-2022.pdf](#)

7.2 Approval of Updated Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley presented the updated Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy which allows the Board to distribute its Teacher Appreciation Grant monies received from the Indiana Department of Education to the teachers that meet the following criteria:

1. Employed in the classroom or directly provided education in a virtual classroom setting;
2. Received a Highly Effective or an Effective rating on their most recently completed performance evaluation; and
3. Employed on December 1st of the year the Corporation receives the grant monies.

Those teachers receiving a Highly Effective rating will receive at least 25% more than the stipend given to those teachers receiving an Effective rating. Mr. Smedley reminded everyone that this is the same policy as last year, the policy did not change. Mr. Gray made a motion to approve the Updated Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[TAG Policy.docx](#)

7.3 Resolution Regarding the 2021 Health & Safety Plan

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Parker presented a resolution regarding the 2021 return to in-person instruction plan. March 6, 2021, Gov. Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a public health emergency in Indiana due to COVID-19. The Mt. Vernon School Board approved the 2021 Return to In-Person Instruction Plan, also known as the Health, Safety and Facilities Protocols for the 2021-22 School Year on July 19, 2021. As facts and circumstances change quickly, the resolution of the Board authorizes the Superintendent and administration to revise and refine the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan as warranted by the changing conditions. Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding the 2021 Health & Safety Plan as presented. Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[MV Resolution Delegating Authority on Return To In-Person Instruction Plan.docx.pdf](#)

7.4 Resolution 2021-22 Preliminary Bond Resolution

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins gave a presentation on the General Obligation Bonds of 2021. He is asking approval to advertise for a \$3 million GO Bond (advertise high, but thinks it will probably be closer to \$2.5 million) to

be paid back in one year due to the revenue we can generate because of a low tax rate . Typical time frame to pay back a GO Bond is seven years. The Net Assessed Value Rate is expected to grow to 15.220%. Issuance of this bond will allow us to pay all bills, pay back stewardship project bonds, along with bus loans. It will also make room for future growth projects. It is not anticipated that the debt service tax levy will increase over the 2021 Debt Service Tax Rate of \$1.18.

Mr. Elkins asked for consideration and approval of Resolution 2021-22 Preliminary Bond Resolution. This resolution establishes the maximum amount to be borrowed, maximum term of repayment and maximum interest rate. Should the board vote to approve, notice of the determination to issue the bonds shall be published twice in the Greenfield Daily Reporter and posted in three places within the school corporation. Mr. Gray made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-22 as presented. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2021-22 PRELIMINARY BOND RESOLUTION.docx](#)
[Mt. Vernon Schools GO Bonds of 2021.pptx.pdf](#)

7.5 RESOLUTION 2021-23 Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Elkins asked for consideration and approval of Resolution 2021-23 Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures. If the school corporation pays any preliminary costs related to the project in advance of receiving the bond proceeds, this resolution allows the school corporation to be reimbursed from bond proceeds after the closing. Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-23 as presented. Mr. Gray seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2021-23 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES.docx](#)

7.6 Health Science/Welding Fees

Mr. Scott Shipley, Director of Curriculum

Minutes:

Mr. Shipley presented Health Science and Welding Fees. This is not a new request, but a transfer request. Previously the fees were charged through the Anderson Career Center where students attended the classes. This request transfers the fees to in-house to be billed by Mt. Vernon High School. By transferring in-school, it has increased attendance in these classes. The fees are not new fees for parents, just a change in who is billing them and are very comparable to what was billed at the Anderson Career Center. The fees were determined after all other fees were approved at a previous board meeting so that is why they are being presented for approval tonight. Mr. May made a motion to approve the Health Science/Welding Fees. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[Health Science I II and Welding purchase August 2021 - Courses.pdf](#)

7.7 Resolution Electing to Join the Public Employees' Retirement Fund as Administered by the Indiana Public Retirement System

Mr. Chris Smedley, Assistant Superintendent

Minutes:

Mr. Smedley presented a Resolution Electing to join the Public Employees' Retirement Fund as Administered by the Indiana Public Retirement System. We created a classified position to oversee the rental of our athletic facilities. This position is currently not a classified position we offer, therefore we are required by INPRS to pass a resolution to allow this position to be added to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF). Passing this resolution will provide retirement benefits to this position and allow us to backdate it to date of hire. Mr. Gray made a motion to approve Resolution Electing to Join the Public Employees' Retirement Fund as Administered by the Indiana Public Retirement System. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[Resolution Electing to join the Public Employees Retirement Fund as Administered by the Indiana Public Retirement System.pdf](#)

8 Public Hearing - 2022 Bus Replacement Plan

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Information presented by Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

The Public Hearing for the 2022-2025 Bus Replacement Plan was opened. Notice of this public hearing was posted, as legally required, August 5, 2021 to the Department of Local Government Finance Gateway website and to the school corporation's website. Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-40-18, following this public hearing, the officers of Mt. Vernon CSC may adopted the proposed plan as presented.

Mr. Elkins stated the corporation will be trading in five buses and purchasing six new buses. The bus quotes and specs will be considered for approval by the board following the closing of tonight's public hearings. The corporation is required to list bus inventory for a rolling period of five years. If the proposed bus replacement plan is adopted by resolution, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-9(d).

Mrs. Freeman asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak regarding the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Attachments:

[MVCSC 2022 Bus Replacement Plan Amended.xlsx.pdf](#)

9 Public Hearing - 2022 Capital Projects Plan

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Information presented by Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

The Public Hearing for the 2022-2024 Capital Projects Plan was opened. Notice of this public hearing for the 2022-2024 Capital Projects Plan was posted, as legally required, on August 3, 2021 to the Department of Local Government Finance Gateway website and to the school corporation's website. Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-40-18-6, following this public hearing, the officers of MVCSC may adopt the proposed plan as presented.

Mr. Elkins stated the corporation is legally required to list any projects or capital asset purchases which might be paid for from the Operations Fund for Budget Year 2022, if the anticipated amount is \$10,000 or more. The plan does not obligate us to expend those funds and the plan could be amended as needed with board approval. If the proposed plan is adopted tonight, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-6(d).

Mrs. Freeman asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak regarding the 2022-2024 Capital Projects Fund. There were none.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Attachments:

[2022 Capital Projects Plan.xlsx.pdf](#)

10 Action Items

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

10.1 Resolution 2021-24 Bus Replacement Plan Adoption

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. May made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-24 Bus Replacement Plan Adoption. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2021-24 ADOPTION OF BUS REPLACEMENT PLAN.docx](#)

10.2 Approval of Bus Purchase Bids

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

MacAllister Transportation Quotes:

(4) 2023 All-America Front Engine School Buses (per unit \$137,708.00)

(2) 2023 Blue Bird Vision Special Needs Buses (per unit \$125,268.00)

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the Bus Purchase Bids as presented. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

10.3 Resolution 2021-25 Capital Projects Plan Adoption

Mr. Greg Elkins, Chief Financial Officer

Minutes:

Mr. Gray made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-25 Capital Projects Plan Adoption. Mrs. Walls seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Attachments:

[RESOLUTION 2021-25 ADOPTION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN .docx](#)

11 Announcements

Dr. Jack Parker, Superintendent

Minutes:

Dr. Parker made the following announcements:

1. Last week the Hancock County RDC meeting was cancelled, but at their previous meeting, they put \$500,000 in their budget for the purpose of helping re-do the traffic flow at Mt. Comfort Elementary. This is huge for Mt. Vernon and Dr. Parker thanked everyone.
2. The first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, of which Dr. Parker is a member, was held and he was elected Co-Chair of the committee along with Mary Gobble of the Community Foundation. The goal of the committee is to develop a new comprehensive plan for Hancock County.
3. The Hancock County Economic Development Council meeting is scheduled for this week.

12 Adjournment

Mrs. Kellie Freeman, Board President

Minutes:

Mrs. Walls made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Mr. May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.