

1 Mont Vernon School Board

2 Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

3 Meeting Minutes- Approved 02 03 2021

4 Attendees:

5 Administrative Team: Adam Steel- Superintendent, Christine Landwehrle- Assistant
6 Superintendent, Michele Croteau- SAU #39 Business Administrator, Meg Beauchamp- Director
7 of Student Services, Dr. Kim Sarfde- Principal of the Mont Vernon Village School.

8 Mont Vernon Village School Board: Chair- Sarah Lawrence, Vice Chair- Peter Eckhoff,
9 Secretary- Scott St. Denis, Stephen O'Keefe and Jessica Hinckley.

10 Board Minutes: Danae A. Marotta

11 Public: Peter King, MVSD Moderator, 36 Kendall Road, MV NH, and Mont Vernon Community
12 Members

13 I. Call to Order

14 **Chair of the Mont Vernon School Board, Ms. Sarah Lawrence, called the Emergency**
15 **Meeting to order at 6:00PM.**

16 Today, we will be conducting a School board meeting of the Mont Vernon School Board.

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18 Before we get started, I'll read through a checklist to ensure that the meeting that we are holding
19 is in compliance with the Right-to-Know Law.

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21 As Chairperson of the Mont Vernon School Board, I find that due to the State of Emergency
22 declared by the Governor as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the
23 Governor's Emergency Order Number 12, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 and its
24 extensions, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that there is no
25 physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting which was authorized
26 pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order.

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28 In accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that:
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- 30 1. We are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access
31 possible by video and other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic
32 meeting. All members of the committee and selected legislative staff have the ability to
33 communicate contemporaneously in this meeting through this platform. And the public
34 has access to contemporaneously watch and or listen to the meeting on Zoom and via
35 phone by following the directions and links provided on our website: www.sau39.org.
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37 2. We have provided public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.
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- 39 3. We are providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting
40 if there are problems with access. If anyone has a problem, please email
41 awallace@sau39.org.
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- 43 4. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will be adjourned and
44 rescheduled.
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- 46 5. Please note that all votes taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.
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- 48 6. Finally, let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states
49 their presence please also state where they are and if anyone else is in the room with you
50 during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know Law.
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52 Roll Call: O'Keefe- Home and alone, Hinckley- Home and alone, Lawrence- Home and alone,
53 St. Denis- Home and alone, Eckhoff- Home and alone.

54 II. Moving Deliberative Session Dates

55 Superintendent, Mr. Adam Steel, noted that MVSD Moderator, Mr. Peter King is also in
56 attendance on the webinar.

57 Last week, the Governor issued Emergency Order #83 EO #83 to move their Deliberative
58 Session and Voting Day to either April, May, June or July. Because they are connected to the
59 Town of Mont Vernon, the Souhegan Cooperative District and the Amherst School District, it
60 makes sense that they all do the same thing.

61 The Moderators of those entities, 3 schools and 2 towns, as well as the school board chairs and
62 Selectmen Chairs got together to discuss the thoughts and recommendations of that group. The
63 purpose was to hopefully build a consensus of that group that might lead to a consensus of all the
64 governing bodies which are the school boards and selectmen.

65 The result of that meeting was to move voting to June 8th, the second Tuesday in June and the
66 Deliberative Session the first week in May. After further discussion, the consensus was also built
67 to have the same schedule as they usually do in February. This would mean Amherst on Monday,
68 Souhegan on Tuesday and Mont Vernon on Wednesday.

69 He questioned Mr. King if he had missed anything.

70 Mr. King replied no. that the reasoning is for Public Health and safety. There is some thought
71 that they may be able to do an outdoor meeting. They discussed pushing the election day to July
72 but that makes things difficult with budgets.

73 Mr. Steel added that the location does not have to be decided tonight just the date.

74 Ms. Lawrence added that this is to align with the other districts. She suggested that they send a
75 mailer to the residents.

76 Mr. Eckhoff gave his support and noted that it was a big jump in the date.

77 Mr. King added that they usually have a half a dozen attendees, the town meetings, Souhegan
78 and Amherst have a lot more, sometimes hundreds. Basically, they have to align.

79 **Ms. Hinckley motioned per Emergency Order #83, dated January 22nd, 2021 to move the**
80 **annual meeting process to a first session, otherwise known as the Deliberative Session to**
81 **May 5th 2021 and a voting day to Tuesday, June 8th 2021 with a time and specific location of**
82 **the first session to be determined by the time this is posted at least 14 days prior. Mr.**
83 **Eckhoff seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

84 **Ms. Lawrence called a Roll Call: Lawrence- Yes, O’Keefe- Yes, Hinckley-Yes, Eckhoff-**
85 **yes, and St. Denis- Yes.**

86 Mr. King added that he is working with the Town Moderator on a release to get to the public.
87 They will get this to the community with the correct information.

88 The Board thanked Mr. King.

89 III. Meeting Adjourned

90 **Mr. Eckhoff motioned to adjourn at 6:10PM. Ms. Hinckley seconded the motion. The vote**
91 **was unanimous, motion passed**

92 **Ms. Lawrence called a Roll Call: Lawrence- Yes, O’Keefe- Yes, Hinckley-Yes, Eckhoff-**
93 **yes, and St. Denis- Yes.**

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