

1 Mont Vernon School Board

2 Monday, January 04th, 2021

3 Meeting Minutes- Approved 01 14 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 and Jessica Hinckley.

10 Board Minutes: Danae A. Marotta

11 Public: Mont Vernon Community Members

12 I. Call to Order

13 **Chair of the Mont Vernon School Board, Ms. Sarah Lawrence, called the meeting to order**
14 **at 5:45PM.**

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

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

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

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27 In accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that:
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- 29 1. We are providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access
30 possible by video and other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic
31 meeting. All members of the committee and selected legislative staff have the ability to
32 communicate contemporaneously in this meeting through this platform. And the public
33 has access to contemporaneously watch and or listen to the meeting on Zoom and via
34 phone by following the directions and links provided on our website: www.sau39.org.
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36 2. We have provided public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting.
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38 3. We are providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting
39 if there are problems with access. If anyone has a problem, please email
40 awallace@sau39.org.

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42 4. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, we will be adjourned and
43 rescheduled.

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45 5. Please note that all votes taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

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47 6. Finally, let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states
48 their presence please also state where they are and if anyone else is in the room with you
49 during this meeting, which is required under the Right-to-Know Law.

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51 Roll Call: Eckhoff- Home and alone, St. Denis- Home and alone, Hinckley- Home and alone,
52 and Lawrence- Home and alone.

53 II. Discussion to Ratify the Agreement with the Mont Vernon Education System

54 Superintendent, Mr. Adam Steel, discussed that tonight's meeting is the result of a successful
55 negotiation between the Mont Vernon School Board and the Mont Vernon Education
56 Association. The MVEA has voted to ratify the tentative agreement back in December 2020. The
57 next step is for the Board to publicly ratify the agreement which they have discussed several
58 times in Non-Public Session.

59 As a result of ratifying the agreement, it will then go to the Public Hearing in two weeks and
60 discussed at the Deliberative Session in February. The voters can approve of the cost items in
61 March. After it is ratified by the Board, it will then become a public document and available for
62 review.

63 Ms. Lawrence inquired when and where the document will it be published.

64 Mr. Steel replied; it will be available tomorrow on the SAU website.

65 **Mr. Eckhoff motioned to ratify the agreement between the Mont Vernon School Board and**
66 **the Mont Vernon Education Association as proposed. Ms. Hinckley seconded the motion.**
67 **The vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

68 **Roll Call: Eckhoff- Yes, St. Denis- Yes, Hinckley- Yes and Lawrence- Yes.**

69 Ms. Lawrence noted that Mr. O'Keefe could not be here tonight due to an emergency.

70 III. Meeting Adjourned

71 **Ms. Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 5:50PM.**

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