

1 Mont Vernon School Board

2 Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

3 Meeting Minutes- Approved 08 24 2021

4 Attendees:

5 Administrative Team: Christine Landwehrle- Assistant Superintendent

6 Mont Vernon Village School Board: Chair- Sarah Lawrence, Secretary- Jessica Hinckley, and  
7 Stephen O'Keefe.

8 Board Minutes: Danae A. Marotta

9 Public: Mont Vernon Resident Candidates, Diane Weiss and Kristen Clark.

10 I. Call to Order

11 **Chair of the Mont Vernon School Board, Ms. Sarah Lawrence called the meeting to order**  
12 **at 6:06PM.**

13 Ms. Lawrence explained the process for interviewing candidates.

14 Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Christine Landwehrle, commented that there is real value in  
15 finding the right fit. She encouraged the candidates to discuss their passions and skills to round  
16 out the board.

17 Ms. Lawrence asked Ms. Hinckley and Mr. O'Keefe for other input.

18 Ms. Landwehrle and the board introduced themselves. She explained that Mr. O'Keefe is the  
19 SAU Board Chair and that is an additional group and collaborative meeting monthly between the  
20 ASB, SCSB and MVSb.

21 Ms. Diane Weiss, Mont Vernon NH Resident, introduced herself and discussed her background.

22 Ms. Kristen Clark, Mont Vernon NH Resident, also introduced herself and reviewed her  
23 background.

24 Mr. O'Keefe noted that they also have considerations such as school spending and the fiscal  
25 approach.

26 Ms. Clark asked about collaboration between the state and grant funding.

27 Ms. Weiss explained the importance of transparency and fiscal responsibility.

28 Mr. O'Keefe explained that as a board they have to balance out the needs of the school with  
29 keeping the taxpayers in mind.

30 Mr. O'Keefe asked about the candidates' strengths as a board member.

31 Ms. Weiss and Ms. Clark each explained their personal strengths.

32 Ms. Lawrence added that you can see what the roles and responsibilities are in the “B” policies.  
33 It is nice to have that as a guideline.

34 Discussion ensued.

35 Ms. Hinckley asked if they are comfortable devoting a lot of time to the board.

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37 Ms. Lawrence commented on the different board committees and the length of time  
38 commitment.

39 Mr. O’Keefe remarked on the budget committee.

40 Ms. Hinckley added that it is very collaborative.

41 Ms. Lawrence mentioned that the process is efficient.

42 Ms. Lawrence asked Ms. Weiss and Ms. Clark for further questions.

43 Ms. Weiss asked about the process for volunteering for subcommittees.

44 Ms. Lawrence explained the different subcommittee makeup.

45 Mr. O’Keefe commented on the expectations and as a new board member. The good thing is that  
46 there is an established board.

47 Ms. Lawrence asked for further questions.

48 There were no further questions.

49 Mr. O’Keefe thanked the candidates for their interest. He noted his preference for Ms. Clark.

50 Ms. Hinckley also noted her preference for Ms. Clark and her personal attachment to the school.

51 Ms. Lawrence also mentioned her preference for Ms. Clark.

52 **Mr. O’Keefe motioned to approve Ms. Kristin Clark to serve on the Mont Vernon School**  
53 **Board with the term expiring in March of 2022. Ms. Hinckley seconded the motion. The**  
54 **vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

55 II. Meeting Adjourned

56 **Ms. Hinckley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07PM. Mr. O’Keefe seconded the**  
57 **motion. The vote was unanimous, motion passed.**

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