

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Otos called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on October 7 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Members present included Directors Otos, Ragusa, Coffey, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Vivanco and student representatives Chase Rochelle , Brian Conde Martinez. Student Alexa Grechishkin was excused.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas: Superintendent Vivanco requested two changes to the agenda to include addition of Letter G, superintendent's report, bullet for an update regarding opening plans. He also requested two agreements with Skagit Valley College located in the consent agenda be moved to Old Business.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board set the consent and regular agendas as modified.

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda:

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, items in the consent agenda were approved as follows:

Warrants

- Warrant numbers 568189 through 568328 totaling \$2,076,359.65 and voids/cancellations totaling \$815.29
- Warrant numbers 568329 through 568350 totaling \$53,240.98
- Warrant numbers 568351 through 568375 totaling \$1,214,996.63
- Warrant numbers 568376 through 568598 totaling \$1,890,500.20 and voids/cancellations totaling \$579.67

Minutes

- August 28, 2020 and September 2, 2020, Work Study Meetings
- September 2, 2020 and September 26, 2020 Regular Meetings

Agreements

- Memorandum of Understanding; Professional Educator Standards Board; Professional Development; 09/30/20 – 05/15/21
- Memorandum of Understanding; Virtudent, LLC; 09/01/20 – 06/30/21
- Interlocal Agreement; Lakewood School District; Visually Impaired, Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Braille Technician, Assistive Technology Specialist services for visually impaired student; child specific services; 2020-21 school year
- Interagency Agreement; Skagit Valley College; Invest Program; 09/01/20 - 06/30/21
- Partnership Agreement; Boys & Girls Clubs of Skagit County; student support services; 10/05/20 - 12/18/20
- Memorandum of Agreement; Community Action Agency of Skagit County; Adult Education Program; 09/01/20 – 08/31/21

- Interagency Agreement; Everett Community College; College in the High School; 09/28/20 - 6/28/21
- Agreement for Educational Services; Northwest School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children; child specific services; 09/08/20 – 06/20/21

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Out of Endorsement; Leave
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Leave
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified positions

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Board Member Comments:

- Director Ragusa shared positive comments regarding the tour of the Fine Arts/Administration building at the high school. She particularly liked the original façade combined with the new interior. She expressed her appreciation to voters for making this happen. Dr. Vivanco added that a virtual tour of the building has been filmed and will be on the website once edited.
- Director Otos said the thoughts and prayers of the board and district are with the Gromus family.

Superintendent's Report

Attendance Demographics: S. Thomas; Director Thomas gathered data from March 2020 and compared it to remote learning in September 2020. There was stronger attendance for onsite learning, but the schools are working hard to improve that factor. There is some disproportionality between Latinx and white students. As we continue, we fully expect the attendance numbers to grow. Director Cailloux said the district should watch these figures because with equity the focus of our work, we need to continue to make improvements.

Principal Recognition Month: I. Vivanco; Superintendent Vivanco said October is Principal Recognition Month and he expressed his appreciation for the district principals and their hard work.

Update Regarding Opening Plans: Superintendent Vivanco said he has heard some frustration regarding a lack of setting specific dates. He shared the district is hesitant to do so because the data is rapidly changing, with trending upward in cases. Skagit County is over the per 100,000 residents established by the Governor. We continue to move forward with opening plans and will be prepared at such time that happens. Mr. Nutting shared the planning cohorts continue to meet. He also said that while any month could serve as principal appreciation, this month is particularly so as they work to serve each and every family. There is also a very clear guidance booklet thanks to Head Nurse, Christy Rittenhouse and Student Support Services Executive Director, Clint Carlton.

Old Business

Interlocal Agreement; Skagit Valley College, Skagit/Islands/Headstart & ECEAP; 09/01/20 - 08/31/21

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and approved, the interlocal agreement with Skagit Valley College for Headstart for the 2020-21 school year was approved. Director Cailloux abstained due to conflict of interest relating to her employment at Skagit Valley College.

Interagency Agreement; Skagit Valley College; Invest Program; 09/01/20 - 06/30/21

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the interlocal agreement with Skagit Valley College for the INVEST program for the 2020-21 school year was approved. Director Cailloux abstained due to conflict of interest relating to her employment at Skagit Valley College.

New Business

Policy #3225 School Based Threat Assessment (1st read): J. Ronngren: Human Resources Director Ronngren and Assistant Principal Heath Tayon shared information relating to the policy 3225. These revisions are required for the 2020-21 school year. The information was provided by WSSDA and reviewed by their attorneys. Mr. Tayon reviewed the Threat Assessment procedures utilized for each threat level, as well as the events that prompt the assessments. Director Ragusa inquired if bystanders know what should be done during a potential threat; Mr. Tayon replied that the reduction in incident volume reflects the push toward no tolerance. Students are fully aware of this and are willing to report when needed. Director Cailloux inquired on threat to self as opposed to threat to others. Mr. Tayon replied that the focus is mostly on others but there is some communication on threats to self. She said Project Share and Compass Health are proactive.

Construction: B. Nutting

Resolution #07/20-21 Resolution of Final Acceptance of Construction Completion, Madison Elementary

Mr. Nutting said this is a great milestone resolution that puts the bow on many years of hard work. Madison was open and operating efficiently until the temporary shutdown related to COVID. During the student shut down, we have continued work with the contractor to finalize all details. This resolution will officially and finally accept the full process. Director Otos said it has been a long time in coming and is a tremendous success story. He thanked the team that made this bond promise happen and the voters for their part in approving the bond.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #07/20-21 for final acceptance of construction completion on Madison Elementary was passed.

Future Agenda Topics: Director Otos said this is an opportunity for the board to discuss future agenda topics.

- Director Otos: Aspire, CTE Program
- Director Ragusa: Safe Plus model report, athletics
- Director Cailloux: How teachers approach remote learning, monthly attendance reports, Time Immemorial curriculum, board retreat
- Director Coffey: Thanked the superintendent, staff, teachers for their work to involve and engage students. Would like a review on K12 curriculum including Social Studies and History. Report on the pilot program at Jefferson for project-oriented education. Doug Nichols report and future capacity considerations including enrollment projections and the impact on infrastructure.
- Director Samora: monthly reports from schools on their status.


Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Student Comments: The students thanked presenters for the information.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board