

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Madison Elementary School In-Person and Via Zoom

Madison Elementary School, 907 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon, WA

Note: masks, social distancing, and registration upon entry are required

To join on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/99255050884>

Requests to make Public Comments must be registered
by 3:00 PM on April 14 to Carol Ledin at cledin@mvsd320.org

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Otos called to order a meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on April 14, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom and in person at Madison Elementary School, 907 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon, WA. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members:

Directors present included Directors Otos, Ragusa, Samora, Cailloux; Director Coffey was excused. Superintendent Vivanco and students Brian Conde Martinez and Chase Rochelle were present; student Alexa Grechishkin was excused. Several staff and the public were in person and on the zoom call.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas:

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Minutes

- Regular meetings on March 3, 2021 and March 17, 2021; and work study meeting on March 22, 2021.

Warrants

- Numbers 570423 through 570567, totaling \$957,819.14 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$1,125.04
- Numbers 570568 through 570592, totaling \$60,127.11
- Numbers 570593 through 570615, totaling \$1,459,562.29
- Numbers 570616 through 570762, totaling \$2,742,470.70
- Numbers 570763 through 570765, totaling \$19,817.45

Agreements

- Memorandum of Understanding; SeaMar Community Health; Behavioral Health School Based Services; 04/14/21 – 06/30/22
- Agreement with Skagit County C2020625, Amendment #1; Additional Funding to migrant language access; expiration 07/15/21
- Agreement with City of Mount Vernon; Sherman Anderson field; 03/19/21 – 05/8/21
- Interlocal Agreement with Northwest ESD; Legal Services Cooperative; 07/01/21 – 06/30/22

- Interlocal Agreement with Northwest ESD; Whatcom Discovery Program; Child Specific Services; 2021-22 School Year
- Interlocal Agreement with Northwest ESD; Skagit Discovery Program; Child Specific Services; 2021-22 School Year

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/Termination
- Classified: Employment; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/Termination
- Extra/Co-Curricular Stipends and Supplemental Contracts
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified Positions

Public Comments:

- Gracie Woolley, 5th Grade Dual language Teacher at Madison Elementary; shared she wanted the public to be aware of the lack of preparedness at the high school to safety teach children in person. She said many of the agreed upon safety measures have not been met including occupancy number posting, no partitions in place where agreed upon, lack of adequate furniture. Since the community Covid rates are rising, this is concerning.

Board Member Comments

- Director Ragusa congratulated Assistant Principal for her new position as Principal of Centennial Elementary. She also congratulated the families of the debate students for their consistent support and hard work.
- Director Otos said there is planning underway for a Board retreat. He is hoping the Covid numbers will decline so the meeting can be in person. He also thanked Tim Papendorf, Technology Supervisor, and his team for the hard work on the zoom communications and audio for the school board.
- Director Samora, shared she was able to watch debate practices and the students were impressive. She is pleased for the students for their success.

Superintendent's Report

Presentation on Clubs: B. Conde-Martinez, Student Board Representative: Student Representative Conde-Martinez presented information on the Washington CTSO's and Career Readiness. He said he was honored to have the opportunity to share information on the clubs in the Career & Technical Student Organizations, noting they provide leadership and services to students. Participation in the clubs promote success in higher education, military, and technical jobs. Some of the clubs are credit bearing if built into a CTE credit class. The board thanked Brian for the information and his enthusiasm.

Finance & Enrollment Report/J. Larson: Executive Director of Finance, Jennifer Larson, presented her monthly finance and enrollment report. She shared the budget versus actual by object through March, 2021, noting we are on track as the amount spent is less than the reference point. She shared the impact fees collected through March, noting none were received in March, the total to date received for 2020-21 was \$386,433, and the impact fee balance is \$1,469,365. Enrollment was presented through the end of April, noting the district has 275+ fewer students than was budgeted. Ms. Larson presented enrollment projects for 2021-22 school year, noting it drives 80% of the district revenue and related staffing allocations. The information presented does not include Skagit Academy, Aspire Academy, or NCTA programs as those are separately budgeted through the state. She shared the recommended number of students for budgeting purposes by grade.

Reopening Update: B. Nutting/I. Vivanco: Mr. Nutting & Dr. Vivanco reported that the K-5 in person learning is going well. Much was learned from the process that will support the in-person programming for 6-12. The same health and safety protocols will be adjusted for the secondary grades, noting the

process is working well. Transportation continues to be a challenge with the various route changes and adjustments. Dr. Wattawa reported about fifty percent of the high school students want to return and the others want to remain remote learning through the end of the school year. The many traditions for seniors are impacted and the staff and student leaders are working hard to have safe programming. There will be no tents added to the high school site to accommodate overflow. Instead, that will be handled in existing classrooms with the reduced numbers of students who will be returning in person. The students returning have agreed to follow all required protocols. Mr. Nutting expressed his appreciation to Dr. Wattawa and her team, and to the middle school preparation teams. There are many little details that make up the whole and the staff has been positive and creative in managing those challenges. The high school staff still has work to do to prepare for the students to return, but they are fully confident it will be completed before students arrive.

Old Business

Resolution 16/20-21 Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits:

Superintendent Vivanco noted this emergency waiver is required and is needed due to scheduling adjustments due to Covid class adjustments.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #16/20-21 Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits was approved.

New Business

Revision to Policy 2410: High School Graduation Requirements, first read: S. Thomas Ms. Thomas, Director in Teaching & Learning, noting this revision is intended to provide consistency in the document. There are no substantial changes, the document now reflects more clearly the requirements. This will be presented at a future meeting for board approval.

Resolution 17/20-21: Recognition of Administrative Office Professionals, Assistant Principals, and Community Volunteers Appreciation Month: Superintendent Vivanco shared this resolution as a small way to recognize these important employee and volunteer groups for their significant contributions to the students and district. They are an important component to the educational team.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted Resolution #17/20-21 Recognition of Administrative Office Professionals, Assistant Principals, and Community Volunteers.

Request to Surplus books: Mount Vernon High School: Superintendent Vivanco noted the high school had some books that surfaced during the building move required due to construction. The books are very out of date, in very poor condition, and not useful to student education.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to surplus books from the high school.

Gifts to the District

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the donation from the Washington State School Retirees' Association; \$1000 to benefit LaVenture Middle School students; and Aspire Academy students

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Student Comments:

Student Conde-Martinez shared that he is excited for the reopening at the secondary level and looking for to normalcy. He is happy staff is asking for student opinion,
Student Rochelle thanked Brian for his informative report.

Adjournment: Director Otos thanked the tech team and said that the meetings for the balance of the 2020-21 school year will be held at Madison Elementary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Board