

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Otos called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors on January 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Madison Elementary School, 907 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. He led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Members present included Directors Otos, Coffey, Samora, and Ragusa. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Bruner. Student Representatives were excused. Others in attendance included B. Nutting, J. Larson, K. Johnson, K. Wollan, D. Berard, S. Thomas, C Rodriguez, F. Atkinson, C. Carlton, K. Wanelista.

Superintendent Bruner called for a moment of silence for Mount Vernon High School student, Annamay Cendejas, who passed away during winter break from an illness.

Welcome and Introduction of newly elected board members

Director Otos welcomed Directors Coffey and Samora for a successful reelection and Director Cailloux for returning to the board after several years.

Board Member Oath of Office

Superintendent Bruner provided the oath of office for Directors Coffey, Samora, and Cailloux and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

Superintendent Bruner request addition of travel request, Letter K, item 3, Mount Vernon High School Wrestling Team to attend tournament in Lacey, WA.

Upon motion by Director Coffey, 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, the board approved items included in the consent agenda including those items listed:

Travel

- Students (82); Centennial Elementary; Mountain School; Diablo Lake, WA; 03/02/20 – 03/04/20 and 03/04/20 – 03/06/20
- Students (70); LaVenture Middle School; AVID/GEAR Up; College Tour Trip; Ellensburg, Pullman, WA and Moscow, ID; 05/27/20 – 05/28/20
- Students (70); Mount Baker Middle School; AVID/GEAR Up; College Tour Trip; Ellensburg, Pullman, WA and Moscow, ID; 03/24/20 – 03/25/20

Agreements

- University of Washington; GEAR UP Subaward UWSC10884; Annual for classes of 2023 and 2024
- Skagit Valley College; Interlocal Agreement; Skagit/Islands Headstart & ECEAP; 09/01/19 - 08/31/20

Warrants

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warrant numbers 564571 through 564614 totaling \$62,801.79• Warrant numbers 564294 through 564569 totaling \$1,358,763.50 and voids/cancellations totaling \$2,726.08• Warrant numbers 564570 through 564570 totaling \$12,306.17• Warrant numbers 564615 through 564644 totaling \$231,203.53• Warrant numbers 564645 through 564881 totaling \$1,535,531.02	
Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular Meeting October 16, 2019 and Work Study Meeting September 4, 2019	
Personnel Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificated: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer; Leave; Retirement/ Resignation/ Termination• Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination; Transportation Adjustments• Extra/co-curricular stipends and supplemental contracts• Unfilled Classified positions	
Public Comments: There were no public comments.	
Board Member Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Coffey: welcomed returning board member, Director Cailloux. He said he would like the board to begin preparation and discussion of their own professional development on diversity and equity issues.• Director Cailloux: Thank you for the opportunity to serve. When leaving the board in 2011, it was to pursue a doctorate in equity. Now looking forward to working with the board, staff, and families on equity.	
Superintendent's Report	
<u>School Board Recognition:</u> Superintendent Bruner and Director Otos thanks former Board Member DeLeon for her years of service and commitment to the community. Superintendent Bruner shared the proclamation by the Governor regarding School Board Recognition Month as shown.	

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mission of Washington's public school system is to assure that all students achieve at high levels and possess the knowledge and skills to be responsible citizens of a democratic society who enjoy productive and satisfying lives; and

WHEREAS, Washington's 295 locally elected school boards and nine (9) elected educational service district boards are the core of the public education governance system in our state; and

WHEREAS, the districts and regions they lead serve more than one million students, have a combined annual budget of over \$15 billion, and employ approximately 120,000 people; and

WHEREAS, school directors play a crucial role in promoting student learning and achievement by creating a vision, establishing policies and budgets, and setting clear standards of accountability for all involved; and

WHEREAS, school directors are directly accountable to the citizens in their districts and regions, serving as a vital link between members of the community and their schools; and

WHEREAS, school directors and educational service districts provide a passionate voice of advocacy for public schools and the welfare of school children; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize school directors as outstanding volunteers and champions for public education:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 2020, as

School Board Recognition Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 18th day of December, 2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

Multi-Tiered System of Supports: Clint Carlton, Director of Special Services, assisted by Stephanie Thomas and Frank Atkinson in Teaching & Learning, provided information on a new MTSS program, Project Share, which is now in place. The district is the fortunate recipient of two grants that are helping support the program that will greatly benefit all students, not just those requiring special supports.

Old Business

Revised Discipline Procedures, Revise Policy #3240/3240P, 3241P; 1st read: Superintendent Bruner explained the reason for changes to discipline procedures that are now required by the State. This provides the opportunity to limit long-term exclusion from classes. The district must make staff available to help students who are on expulsion so they can continue with their schoolwork during their absence. The goal is to keep as many students in school for as long as possible to ensure a continuum of education.

New Business

Transportation Department; Request to Surplus; six buses: Mr. Nutting noted that once the busses are surplus, they will go to the State Enterprise Systems to be sold by bid. They are sold to enthusiasts and not other school districts.

- **Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, board approved surplus of six buses.**

Change to Student Calendar (i.e., Graduation Date): Dr. Terri Wattawa, principal at Mount Vernon High School, shared information regarding proposed changes to the school calendar relating to graduation. There has been much information provided to parents and students to seek their input regarding a potential venue change for graduation ceremonies. Currently only four tickets per family are allowed for attendance to the graduation event. This leaves many families unable to attend. Options have been reviewed including an outdoor venue (not practical due to unpredictable weather), splitting the class in two for separate ceremonies (students did not like this idea), McIntyre Hall (seats less than the gymnasium), and investigating locations in Bellingham, Western Washington University, and Angel of the Winds arena. The Angel of the Winds arena allows unlimited seating for guests. There is some additional expense for transportation for students, as well as a change in graduation date due to availability. After multiple surveys and communications, parents and students overwhelmingly supported this venue.

Director Ragusa said while she supports maintaining traditions, this has become a matter of safety and serving our families. Director Coffey said that he appreciated the thorough process with students, parents of students, the board, and the variety of ways to reach out in multiple languages. Director Samora noted that she has had four children graduate from the high school. The lines for seats are long. While tradition is hard to break, sometimes it must be. The surveys indicated 13% of students would need transportation, nevertheless it would be available for all students. Director Cailloux inquired on paying the additional cost; Executive Director of Finance, Jennifer Larson, responded that it would be absorbed.

- **Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved relocating the graduation venue to Angle of the Winds Arena and changing the date of senior graduation to June 5 to accommodate scheduling availability.**

Request for travel; Students (14) Mount Vernon High School; Wrestling Tournament; Lacey; 01/17/20 – 01/18/20

- Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved travel for students from the high school wrestling team to attend a tournament in Lacey, WA from January 17, 2020 through January 18, 2020.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Student Comments: There were no student comments.

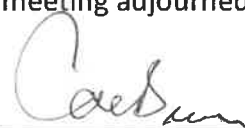
Executive Session: Adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (i)/RCW 5.60.060(2)(a)(i) regarding potential district litigation. No action to follow. Expected time is 30 minutes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Session: The regular meeting was resumed at 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Carl Bruner, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board