

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 5, 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, Cailloux, and Ragusa. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Bruner. Student Representatives in attendance were R. Asilimy, L. Covarrubias, L. Cervantes. Some others present included Ann Klitzke Nelson, Madison, Kay Quall, LaVenture, Behr Ibarra, Mount Vernon High School, Sallie Miller, Little Mountain Elementary, Heidi Hixson, Jefferson Elementary, and S. Thomas, F. Atkinson, T. Newall, B Nutting, D. Berard, J. Gaona, C. Rodriguez, S. Gilbert, and L. Hildahl.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas: Superintendent Bruner requested an addition to New Business letter I, number 3, Resolution 17/19-20 Resolution Recognizing School Counselors. He also requested an addition to new Business letter I, number 4, Travel Requests.

Upon motion made by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board approved setting the consent and regular agendas as modified.

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board approved items in the Consent Agenda including the following:

Travel

- Students (5); Mount Vernon High School; Future Farmers of America; State Floriculture Contest; Castle Rock, WA; March 27 – 28, 2020
- Students (5); Mount Vernon High School; Future Farmers of America; State Agriculture Mechanics Contest; Yakima, WA; April 16-17, 2020
- Students (8); Mount Vernon High School Boys' Swim; State Tournament; Federal Way, WA; February 20-22, 2020
- Students (8); Mount Vernon High School; Bowling Team; State Tournament; University Place, WA; February 5-8, 2020
- Students (24); Mount Vernon High School; Boys' and Girls' Wrestling with Cheer team; Regionals and State Tournament; Tacoma, WA; February 14-15, 2020 and February 21-22, 2020
- Students (15); Mount Vernon High School; Girls' Basketball; Regionals and State Tournament; Tacoma, WA; February 27-29, 2020 and March 3-7, 2020
- Students (15); Mount Vernon High School; Boys' Basketball; Regionals and State Tournament; Tacoma, WA; February 27-29, 2020 and March 3-7, 2020
- Students (75); Harriet Rowley Elementary 5th grade; Mountain School; Diablo, WA; May 11-13, 2020

Agreements

- Interlocal Agreement; University of Washington; Research Subaward Agreement #P334A180017-19 ACT 4; Amendment

Warrants

- Numbers 564882 through 564074, totaling \$2,270,008.21 and voids/cancellations totaling \$139.78
- Numbers 565075 through 565128, totaling \$85,537.75
- Numbers 565129 through 565159, totaling \$1,286,216.69
- Numbers 565129 through 561560 through 565346, totaling \$1,988,783.92

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Out of Endorsement; Leave
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/Termination; Transportation Adjustments
- Extra/co-curricular stipends and supplemental contracts
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified positions

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Board Member Comments:

- Director Ragusa said she enjoyed the production of Kilroy by Skagit Academy students.
- Director Coffey shared the superintendent search will close to applications in a few weeks. He appreciates the input and perspectives provided to help identify the right individual for Mount Vernon.
- Director Otos said a meeting is schedule on March 2, 3, and 5 as part of the search process. The board will not participate in day activities or school visits, but will meet with the candidate for dinner, followed by the community forum and board deliberation. This process is one of the most important decisions made by a school board.

Superintendent's Report

Communications & Public Information Report: C. Rodriguez: Celina Rodriguez, Communication Specialist, presented information on her department. She noted it has been several years since the district had a full time staff person managing public information and communication. She noted that in her first year, she has planned several events, published several written communications, assisted schools with branding and logos, and supported district communication by participating in a number of events including boundary change meetings, Chamber board, and Washington State commission on Hispanic Affairs. She has increased Facebook communications, twitter, and Instagram followers, as well as participate in Public Information Officer meetings regionally and statewide.

Old Business

Revised Policy, #3211 Gender Inclusive Schools; 2nd read

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board adopted revised policy #3211 Gender Inclusive Schools.

Mount Vernon High School Course Approvals 2020-21, 2nd read

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board adopted the proposed Mount Vernon High School course modifications and additions for 2020-2021.

Mount Baker and LaVenture Middle School; Course Addition 2020-21, 2nd read

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board adopted the proposed Mount Baker and LaVenture Middle School course addition for 2020-2021.

2019-20 Student/Staff Calendar Revision

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board adopted the proposed calendar revision for 2019-20 to change the graduation date to June 5, 2020.

New Business

Construction: These items were reviewed during a work-study meeting.

Harriet Rowley Elementary School

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded, and unanimously approved, the Prime Contract Change Order #14 for Lydig Construction related to Harriet Rowley Elementary School was approved.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #12/19-20 regarding the Harriet Rowley Elementary School Building Methane Report was approved.

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #13/19-20 for the Harriet Rowley Elementary Building Commissioning Report was approved.

Mount Vernon High School Old Main

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #14/19-20 for the Mount Vernon High School Old Main project to utilize General Contractor/Construction Manager was approved.

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #15/19-20 certifying racial balance was approved.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #16/19-20 to authorize certified signers of construction and related documents was approved.

Donations to the District

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the donation by Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation for \$1000 to benefit Mount Vernon High School Marine Science Snow Goose Research Trip.

School Counselor Recognition: National School Counseling Week: Superintendent Bruner shared that the role of counselors has changed drastically over the past many years. They are essential to the well-being of staff and students. Our counselors have formed an emergency response team to help staff and students in crisis. In recognition of the extraordinary work performed by the district's school counselors,

the following proclamation was read:

WHEREAS, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and
WHEREAS, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and
WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and
WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and
WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and
WHEREAS, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school;
Therefore, I, Carl Bruner, Superintendent, do hereby proclaim February 1–5, 2021, as National School Counseling Week.

Travel Requests

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board approved the following travel requests:

- **MVHS Debate Team: Students (12); Tournament Travel; University of California-Berkeley; Berkeley, CA; 02/13/2020 to 02/18/2020**
- **Northwest Career & Technical Academy; Students (8); 2020 ProStart Invitational; Olympia, WA; 03/13, 2020 to 03/15/2020**

Public Comments: there were no public comments.

Future Topics

Director Otos requested a presentation on Emerson School and some possible miscommunications that should be clarified. He would also like an update on Athletics from Athletic Director Chris Oliver. Specifically, he would like to hear whether the waiving of ASB fees has resulted in an increase in attendance at sporting events.

Student Comments

Student Covarrubias said she appreciates that the community newsletters are in English and Spanish. She said activities in the Lucha Club helped her realize how happy she is to be at Mount Vernon as the neighboring districts do not push the Latinex activities as much.

Student Alsilimy said she was grateful for the recent speaker at the high school. She found her message empowering.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

Larry Otos

Larry Otos, Director
Board President

Carl Bruner

Carl Bruner, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board