

**MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order and Flag Salute:** Director Otos called to order at 6:00 PM on March 4, 20<sup>20</sup>, a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors. The meeting was held at Madison Elementary School, 907 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon, Washington. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

**Roll Call of Members:** Present were Directors Otos, Ragusa, Coffey, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Bruner and student representatives Covarrubias, Alsilimy, and Cervantes. Several other staff and guests. Some guests included staff members B. Nutting, J. Larson, S. Gilbert, L. Brower, S. Thomas, C. Carlton, J. Walton Kawasaki, D. Berard and community members M. Hernandez and R. Baker.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas:** Superintendent Bruner requested moving from Letter D. Consent Agenda, contract located in item 2, bullet 2, contract for Skagit Family YMCA Environmental Work Cost Share Agreement. This item will be included in Old Business letter H.1., adjusting following items in order as presented.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the consent and regular agendas were approved as modified.**

**Review and Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the items included in the consent agenda were approved including the following:**

**Travel**

- Students (60); Washington Elementary School, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Mountain School; North Cascade Institute; June 1-3, 2020

**Contracts/Agreements**

- Interlocal Agreement; Department of Children, Youth, and Families; Child Specific Support Services; 02/01/2020 through 01/31/2023

**Warrants**

- 565663 through 565862, totaling \$3,867,874.15
- 565631 through 565662, totaling \$1,299,274.11
- 565347 through 565586, totaling \$1,030,545.27 and voids/cancellations totaling \$697.60

**Personnel Report**

- Certificated: Employment; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/Termination
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified positions

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## Board Member Comments

- Directors Ragusa and Samora commented on the visit to Jefferson Elementary School and the appreciation to the public, staff, and parents for their participation in the superintendent selection process during the Saturday interviews.
- Director Otos, thanked the board for their efforts in the superintendent selection process.

## Superintendent's Report

Enrollment Update: J. Larson, Executive Director Larson presented information on Enrollment Projections for 2020-2021. She noted the projections drive 80% of funding, staffing allocations, and are compiled by examining enrollment roll up, prior year retention and a three year retention rate. She noted the data shows student enrollment is declining slightly, with no specific indicator as to the reason.

YouthNet Emerson Update, Superintendent Bruner shared that Youthnet has expressed their intent to file a charter school action with the state for Emerson School. Students need a variety of options to best meet their needs, some of which include the Open Doors programs at the Northwest Career & Technical Academy or Skagit Valley College, or Emerson School. District administrators, including Principal Wattawa, Principal Walton Kawasaki, and Director Brower have taken the alternative learning opportunities to the next step to ensure adequate choices for students who need options to support a successful education.

## Old Business

### Skagit Family YMCA Environmental Work Cost Share Agreement

**Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded, and unanimously approved by four members with one abstention by Director Cailloux for conflict of interest, the agreement with the Skagit Family YMCA for Environmental Work Cost sharing was approved.**

## New Business

### Construction

#### Mount Vernon High School Old Main

- Resolution #18/19-20, Accepting Prime Contractor Change Order #004

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #18/19-20 accepting prime contractor change order #004 regarding Old Main building was approved.**

- Resolution #19/19-20, Accepting Education Specifications

**Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #19/19-20 accepting education specifications regarding Old Main building was approved.**

- Resolution #20/19-20, Accepting Value Engineering Study

**Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded, and unanimously approved, Resolution #20/19-20 accepting the value engineering study regarding Old Main was approved.**

- TCF Architecture authorization to construction documents

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, TCF Architecture authorization to construct was approved.**

## Donations to the District

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board accepted the donations to the district as follows:

- Mount Vernon Public School foundation; \$795.00 to benefit Centennial Elementary visit to Hibulb Culture Center and natural History Preserve
- Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation; \$1000 to benefit Mount Vernon High School athletic programs

## Future Topics

Director discussion included the following topics:

- Follow up presentation from 9<sup>th</sup> grade science and English teachers regarding detracking 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Star Assessment and how it measures progress
- Equity Report
- Student presentation on Hibulb trip
- Policy for political activism

## Public Comments

- Director Lynette Brower, Northwest Career & Technical Academy, expressed her appreciation for the support of the Open Doors program, noting it is a consortium based complicated model that takes many people to ensure success.
- Director Ragusa noted several teachers have passed recently and their impact on students, staff, and community made a big difference in people's lives. She sends her condolences to their families and friends.

## Student Comments

- Student Alsilimy shared information on the multicultural week held at the high school, noting it was well received and informative.
- Student Cervantes thanked the board for including the student voice in the superintendent selection process.
- Student Covarrubias thanked high school staff for keeping students informed about health and reminding them to stay calm and keeps hands washed. She said the teachers are caring, supportive, understanding, and informative.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

*Larry Otos*

Larry Otos (Apr 18, 2020)

Larry Otos, President  
Mount Vernon School Board

*Carl Bruner*

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Carl Bruner, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board