

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
ZOOM Call and Madison Elementary School

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Otos called to order at 6:00 PM on March 18, 2020, a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors. The meeting was via Zoom call with a physical location 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: Present were Directors Otos, Ragusa, Coffey, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Bruner and a few staff members and community guests.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas: Superintendent Bruner request several revisions to the agenda including:

- Removal of item number 1 in Letter D Superintendent's Report, Presentation on Harriet Rowley Elementary school
- Removal of number 2 in Letter E Old Business, Board Procedure 2410P High School Graduation Requirements
- Addition of number 1 in Letter F New Business, Resolution No. 21/19-20 to adopt Policy No. 1320R Suspension of Policy

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon motion by director Coffey, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board approved all items included in the consent agenda including the following:

Contracts/Agreements

- Agreement modification, University of Washington, STEM and Undergraduate Preparation; end date 09/25/2020
- Agreement modification, University of Washington, GearUp and Undergraduate Preparation; end date 09/30/2020

Warrants

- Warrant Numbers 565863 through 566114, totaling \$1,939,417.01 and voids/cancellations totaling \$736.58
- Warrant numbers 566115 through 566116, totaling \$65,013.85 and voids/cancellations totaling \$200.00
- Warrant Numbers 565587 through 565630, totaling \$55,671.99

Minutes

- Regular Meetings on December 18, 2019 and January 8, 2020 and Work Study meetings on December 4, 11, and 18, 2019 and January 8, 2020.

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:

- Director Ragusa said she was pleased to see Dr. Vivanco at the meeting. She said she appreciated the parents who reached out to thank the district for the student lunches and thanked the food service department for their fast efforts to make the lunches available so quickly.
- Director Coffey said he was glad the meeting is held remotely.
- Director Cailloux said she is pleased with the numbers of staff that are Nationally Recognized, noting it indicates the commitment and professionalism of staff.
- Director Samora thanked the teachers for the videos they have made. She has enjoyed watching several and appreciates the quality of the videos, as well as the efforts they have made in producing high quality materials.

Superintendent's Report

District Closure: Superintendent: Superintendent Bruner shared the closure by the Governor and Superintendent of Instruction, Chris Reykdal is unprecedented. Expectations are quickly being established and almost as quickly changing due to the fast changing situation. OSPI has indicated the first priority is keeping children fed, the second priority is childcare for first responders and emergency personnel, and establishing some form of student instruction. Work will continue and staff has been quick to support these goals. The board thanked the staff for their efforts in this disruptive process.

Old Business

Employment of Dr. Ismael Vivanco as Superintendent effective July 1, 2020

Director Otos said the board is asked to confirm the appointment of Dr. Ismael Vivanco as superintendent, effective July 1, 2020. Dr. Vivanco said he is honored for the opportunity and particularly to follow such an accomplished superintendent. He is very excited to work with the board and to move forward with the district.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded, and unanimously approved, the board confirmed Dr. Ismael Vivanco to serve as Superintendent effective July 1, 2020.

New Business

Resolution No. 21/19-20 to adopt Policy No. 1320R Suspension of Policy: Superintendent Bruner said this Resolution is recommended by WSSDA to ensure continued business during the closure. The policy allows the superintendent to take immediate action for emergencies. It also specifically states "...that the Mount Vernon School District No. 320 School Board hereby suspends provisions of its board policies and/or whole policies, as identified by the District Superintendent or designee, if such suspension is necessary to implement written guidance from OSPI relating to containing COVID-19 for the duration identified in the Governor's order of March 13, 2020 and a subsequent order of school closure, if any."

Further it states "...that in the interest of public health, the board may encourage the public to attend its open public meetings via live streaming on television and/or the internet and to limit public comment to written comments. The board reserves the right to adjust board meeting dates, times, and locations during the district-wide emergency closure in a manner consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, and notes that any or all board members may attend board meetings electronically."

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopts Resolution #21/19-20 to adopt Policy No. 1320R Suspension of Policy.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Larry Otos
Larry Otos (Apr 18, 2020)

Larry Otos, President
Mount Vernon School Board

Carl Bruner
Carl Bruner (Apr 18, 2020)

Carl Bruner, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board