

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Call

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Otos called to order at 6:00 p.m. a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors. The meeting was held by Zoom webinar. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Present were Directors Otos, Coffey, Samora, Ragusa, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Vivanco and student representative C. Rochelle. Some others present included Bill Nutting, Dan Berard, Jennifer Larson, Tim Papendorf, Celina Rodriguez, Stephanie Thomas, Omar Ordoñez, Traci Gromus, Bill Cheney, Clint Carlton, Jacob Scherr, and Adam Sager.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Warrants

- Warrant numbers 567257 through 5676282 totaling \$1,293,461.01
- Warrant numbers 567283 through 567439 totaling \$2,821,328.19
- Warrant numbers 567440 through 567678 totaling \$686,858.31 and voids/cancellations totaling \$2,648.00
- Warrant numbers 567102 through 567238 totaling \$2,126,403.88 and voids/cancellations totaling \$9,554.71
- Warrant numbers 566927 through 566950 totaling \$49,863.54
- Warrant numbers 567239 through 566548 totaling \$33,568.03

Minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes for June 3 and June 17, 2020
- Work Study Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2020

Agreements

- Contract; Northwest ESD 189; Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative; 09/01/2020-08/31/2021
- Contract: Northwest ESD 189; Safe Schools and Threat Assessment Services; 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2021
- Contract; Salish Sea Deaf School; child specific services; 09/02/2020 – 06/16/2021
- Education Program Contract; Skagit Preschool and Resource Center; 09/01/2020 - 06/30/2021

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination
- Classified: Employment; Summer Food Program; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination
- Extra/Co-Curricular Stipends and Supplemental Contracts

- Unfilled Certificated and Classified positions

Public Comments

T. Gromus, parent of child at Washington Elementary in the autism spectrum program; requests in the planning the IEP/Special needs students are considered-particularly those students who cannot learn remotely.

Board Member Comments

- Director Ragusa recently attended a meeting with facilities staff and contractors and is appreciative of their research on historic buildings and the planning process for Old Main. The interiors committee did a remarkable job.
- Director Cailloux commented over 50 staff members attended the transition to school meeting. She valued the thoughtfulness of people involved, and in keeping staff and students safe and creative.

Superintendent's Report

Introduction of Administrators: Assistant Superintendent, Bill Nutting, introduced Jon Ronngren and Jenifer Rolie as new administrators. He noted Jon is the Director of Human Resources and Jenifer is the Assistant Principal of Harriet Rowley Elementary.

Superintendent Vivanco commented on a recent zoom meeting with regional superintendents regarding opening and the challenges to appropriately meet student learning needs, while ensuring community, staff, student, and family safety. This group will continue to meet weekly and share ideas and challenges.

Fall Reopening Plan: Assistant Superintendent Nutting shared information on the committee work of the Fall Reopening Plan. The group is large, with committees focusing on several specific areas of need such as scheduling, social emotional, transportation, meals, remote learning, blended model, online option, learning standards, etc. Approximately 2400 responses were received to the return to school survey. Options included online 100%, combination programming, or in person attendance. A fairly high percentage preferred some online learning so that option will be built and available. There was interest expressed in all three of the various models. There will be significant frustration whichever model is selected. At this time, based on survey results, work will focus on combining online and onsite learning. An update will be provided for the board on July 29. The concept highlighted by OSPI and from an equity lens is for students furthest from academic success must also have their needs met. Communication with community partners and childcare providers is crucial. Director Otos inquired how much flexibility individual districts have and what OSPI and the state / county mandate. If we deviate from their recommendations, are we liable? Mr. Nutting said the larger authority are the Health Departments (State and County) and Labor and Industries. OSPI is relying on those agencies for direction. Skagit County public health has authority that we will need to comply with. The Skagit Community appears to be comfortable with parent attestations to a child's health. Director Cailloux questioned if the County needs to be in Phase 3 to open; Mr. Nutting replied it does not, but that will impact the opening requirements. Director Ragusa said that she has received the reopening plan from Anacortes School District and wondered when our plan would be shared. She commented that early notification to parents helps remove a small part of the frustration that comes with delayed information. Families have significant planning related to work, daycare, and student support that could take more than two weeks to secure. She also asked what is the onus on staff for contact tracing when an event comes up. Mr. Nutting said that we will get better information on how those scenarios play out. Dr. Vivanco shared that Qualtrics has methods for tracing, health screening, and time checks. Director Samora said it will be helpful to get the information to the

families and to make sure they know we are working closely with county and state officials. She also wondered what impact a delayed decision will have on schools building their master schedules. Bill noted there are layers of complexity with combined models and older siblings' ability to support younger siblings. The registrars are part of the planning team. She also questioned attendance and tardy policies and if that should be reviewed; Bill said there is an attendance committee working on that topic. The attendance also impacts the transportation schedule. Director Coffey said a survey was done for teachers by MVEA. The responses were varied, largely dependent it seemed on risk tolerance. Director Cailloux expressed her concern with student social emotional needs. We need to make them feel safe.

Fall Mountain School Canceled – Superintendent Vivanco shared that Fall mountain school has been cancelled. They are looking at maybe bringing the mountain to the school through local opportunities.

Equity Action Plan – Dr. Vivanco said this is on the radar and included in planning. Conversations will continue.

Superintendent Transition Plan – Dr. Vivanco shared he continues to meet and listen to staff, community, and families. He is working on monthly video conversations called Morning Tea with Dr. V. He commented the Harriet Rowley Elementary School new logo is very nice, commenting Public Information Officer, Celina Rodriguez, did a nice job. The next project could be the Little Mountain Logo, which is currently a clip art logo. Ms. Rodriguez has reached out the principal and hopes to work on getting it modernized and reflective of the school. Director Ragusa commented that was a great idea.

Old Business

Policy 5240 Evaluation of Staff; Second Read

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted policy 5240 Evaluation of Staff.

New Business

School Board Meeting Calendar 2020-2021: First Read: The 2020-21 calendar is presented for board review in draft form. There are some minor adjustments needed, such as including conference and legislative visits. This will be presented at a future meeting for board approval.

Principals Agreement: 2020-2022: Mr. Nutting said the principal agreement is a two-year plan that was worked on with Dave Riddle, LeAnne Plumly, Jennifer Larson, and Carl Bruner.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the Principals Agreement for 2020-2022 school years.

Director Cailloux asked if we have staff working on doctoral certifications and he responded several administrative staff are. She said it is good that we invest in our professionals.

Central Office Administrators 2020-2021: Mr. Nutting presented the agreement for Central Office Administrations, noting it is reflective of the principal's agreement.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the Central Office Administrators Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year.

Unrepresented Supervisors, Professional-Technical, Other Agreement 2020-2021:

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the Unrepresented Supervisors, Professional-Technical, and Other staff agreement for 2020-21.

Appointment of Claims Agent: This is a notification requirement for the county in response to individuals wishing to file claims against the district.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board appointed Superintendent Ismael Vivanco as the claims agent for the district.

Agreement; Cumberland Therapy Services; Occupational Therapy Services; 09/01/2020-06/18/2021

Special Services Executive Director Clint Carlton said this agreement and the one for Soliant Health are needed for student support.

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the Cumberland Therapy Services agreement for the 2020-21 school year was approved.

Agreement; Soliant Health; Speech Language Pathologist Services; 09/01/2020 – 01/31/2021

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the agreement with Soliant Health for 2020-2021 school year was approved.

Agreement; Boys & Girls Club; Summer Programming; 07/06/20 - 08/21/20: This agreement is a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club for summer academic supports.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the agreement with the Boys & Girls Club for summer programming from July 6, 2020 through August 21, 2020.

Construction

Resolution #44/19-20 of Final Acceptance of Construction Completion; Harriet Rowley Elementary School Superintendent Vivanco shared this is a great milestone for the district.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #44/19-20 for Final Acceptance of Construction Completion at Harriet Rowley Elementary School was approved.

Madison Elementary School; Prime Contract Change Order #1015; Mr. Nutting noted this represents the final contract amount adjustments. The diligence of the project team made sure there were no unnecessary purchases on this project.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the Prime Contract Change Order #1015 regarding Madison Elementary School was approved.

Public Comments: there were no public comments.

Student Comments: Student representative C. Rochelle said he appreciated the volume and variety of information provided.


Adjourn to Executive Session for 15 minutes; Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), (c); to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; and to consider the minimum price at which real estate could be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. No action to follow. Director Otos adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Session: At 7:45 p.m., Director Otos told the gallery the executive session would continue for an additional 15 minutes. At 8:00 p.m. the executive session adjourned and the regular meeting resumed. There was no action.

Adjournment: There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board