

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom Call

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Coffey 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 Coffey led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Present were Directors Coffey, Ragusa, Samora, and Cailloux. Director Otos was excused. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Vivanco. There were several administrators and community members present.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Agreements

- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement; Northwest ESD 189; Science Materials Center; 09/01/2020 – 08/31/2021
- Contract; Alternative Learning Experience; Youthnet; 09/01/2020 - 06/30/2021 *corrected*

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

- A. Brancheau: parent, expressed concern with remote only learning option. Would like to have a remote/hybrid learning option.
- J. Scherr: expressed concern with a proposed trimester schedule, stating there are too many unanswered questions and a reduction in opportunities to engage with students.
- C. Thrasher: President of Mount Vernon Education Association, thank you to the board for the decision to support remote learning. Thank you to the staff working on the planning.

Board Member Comments

- Director Ragusa met with Dr. Vivanco and found it very interesting. She appreciates the efforts being taken to honor the equity plan in our future actions including in our hiring efforts.
- Director Cailloux commented that she and Director Coffey have participated in a few of the operational planning meetings for fall reopening. She is pleased at the number of people participating in this important process, noting one zoom call had nearly 100 attendees. There is good

conversation with many creative ideas. Thank you to staff for making sure we are able to start safely for students and staff.

- Director Coffey thanked Director Cailloux for her comments and agreed.

Superintendent's Report

Fall Reopening Plan: B. Nutting: Assistant Superintendent Bill Nutting explained the Remote Plus model. He shared that when the district closed in March, the remote teaching was an emergency response. From that experience, staff have learned what will work successfully, while providing the best and safest model for families. There are committees working on attending and grading expectations, racial equity policy and using the equity lens in decision-making, technology, social emotional care, child care, working with district providers, and more. Daycare is a challenge for many parents. With the spring closure, we had daycare available for a small group of parents, we hope to expand that opportunity. However, we need to be cautious on the numbers of students being brought in to the schools at any one time. Director Ragusa suggested alternate schedules for parents might work. The financial burden to our families is tremendous. Mr. Nutting noted there is much more to be done, but a direction has now been decided so work can move forward quickly.

High School Reopening Pilot Schedule: Dr. Wattawa: Dr. Wattawa presented information on a possible revised bell schedule. She noted the high school is on a 4 x 4 A/B schedule, and research is clear that for remote learning, this is developmentally inappropriate. After reviewing several possible options, the most effective seems to be a trimester schedule. There are downsides to all of the models reviewed, but this schedule appeared to provide the most opportunities for the majority of students. This is a new way of scheduling for the district that would require orientation for staff and students. It would provide a platform for strong online classes. This is not a permanent change, but if adopted, would be used for the full year to accommodate the online learning environment.

Athletic Coaches Committee: J. Larson, C. Oliver: Ms. Larson and Mr. Oliver presented a summary of committee work that occurred during the past several months related to equity with the athletic coaches. They noted it had been 13 years since any pay change. Through the committee's work they were able to determine fair wages per sport, include longevity, establish a trigger number per sport for assistant coaches, and incorporate a tiered system based on sport duration, grade level, and experience. The Board and Superintendent thanked them for their work.

WASA Superintendent On Board: I. Vivanco: Superintendent Vivanco attended an orientation for incoming and new superintendents. He commented all the sessions were information, they covered a large volume of topics, and it was well worth the time to attend. Director Coffey thanked him for the report.

Old Business

School Board Meeting Calendar 2020-2021: Superintendent Vivanco said this calendar was revised from the last version to include visits to the legislature and other conferences. Director Cailloux asked about the classroom tours and possibility for those with remote learning. Superintendent Vivanco replied that with so many unknowns, it was better to incorporate them into the schedule and change them to a later time if needed.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the School Board Meeting Calendar for 2020-2021 school year adopted as presented.

New Business

MESA Clerical Bargaining Agreement 2020-2022 plus Wage Reopener 2019-20: B. Nutting: Mr. Nutting shared there were 13 sessions between January and July of 2020.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the MESA 2020-22 bargaining agreement and the 2019-20 wage reopener.

Unrepresented Classified Schedule for Administrative Secretarial/Technical 2020-21: B. Nutting: Mr. Nutting noted this agreement covers wages and benefits for the unrepresented classified staff.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the unrepresented classified schedule was approved for 2020-21.

Nutrition Services Department: Meal Prices: D. Connors: Nutrition Services supervisor, David Connors, shared information regarding breakfast and lunch fees. He shared that OSPI provides district guidance on meal charges through a Paid Lunch Equity workbook. They require that districts be close to the level of reimbursement of a free lunch meal. Additionally, he shared that changes from the USDA are pending and would impact the approved feeding model. The USDA is requiring a return to the national school lunch program, which includes several requirements. There are different models for meal delivery that are being reviewed such as a family picking up five days of lunches on one day. Even with reduced daily contact, meeting the distancing requirements remains a challenge. It is possible we will go to a community-based model and move away from the free and reduced plan. Director Coffey thanked him for the information and the work done so far during the closure include school year and summer meals. Director Ragusa said she would be interested in a report on the meal service and is grateful for the work on different models to feed our families.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to allow a required increase by OSPI in the full pay per meal rate to \$3.00 for elementary and \$3.25 for secondary. The secondary breakfast rate for full pay meals will be \$2.00.

Resolution #45/19-20 Designation of ASB Advisors: J. Larson Executive Director Larson shared this resolution is completed annually and provides fiscal support and supervision for the ASB advisors.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted resolution #45/19-20 designating ASB Advisors for 2020-21 school year.

Student Fees, Fines, Charges (Policy 3520): J. Larson Executive Director Larson said presentation of this information is required by board policy. The schools largely set their own pricing models. Director Samora inquired how the equity factors in when schools have differing rates for fees. She said it would be good to have that conversation and she will begin work on it. Superintendent Vivanco said it would be nice to have a district with no fees as these can present barriers to families in poverty.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the student fees, fines, and charges for 2020-2021 school year.

Public Comments: Director Coffey noted comments were made during the zoom meeting. These included:

Anonymous: will remote learning change construction work on the high school campus.

- M. Jurenka: please address remote learning regarding special programs such as music.
- L. Ellis: could a model be used that allows less in person instruction but time for class assignments.
- Youngren: will the proposed high school scheduled be mirrored at the middle school level.
Anonymous: with remote learning, will teachers be forced to use the same platform.
- Anonymous: will para or teacher substitute employment be impacted by changed to high school schedule
- K: appreciate the board made the difficult decision for remote learning.
L. Ellis: thank you for your support.
- S. Uppendahl: when will staff know who the “plus” kids will be.

Director Coffey thanked attendees for their comments and requested they be forwarded to the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent for review. The comments are appreciated.

Student Comments: There were no student comments.

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

08/05/20 approved

Rob Coffey, Director
Board Vice President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board