

**MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Mount Vernon High School**

**Call to Order and Flag Salute:** Director Otos called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors on September 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 314 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Mount Vernon, WA. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

**Roll Call of Members:** Present at the meeting were Directors Otos, Coffey, Ragusa, and DeLeon. Director Samora was excused. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were Student Board Representatives Cervantes, Covarrubias, and Alsilimy, Superintendent Bruner was present and a number of district staff.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas:** Superintendent Bruner requested approval to add item in New Business (J), item 5, Request for student travel; Jefferson 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip to participate in Mountain School. This is an action item.

**As motioned by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board set the regular and consent agendas as modified to include field trip request.**

**Oath of Office: Student Representatives:** Superintendent Bruner gave the oath of office to student board representatives Lissa Covarrubias and Renad Alsilimy.

**Review and Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved items included in the consent agenda as shown below:**

**Travel Requests**

- Students (6); Mount Vernon High School; FFA Floral Team Contest; Lind-Ritzville High School; 10/11-12/2019

**Agreements**

- Interlocal Agreement; Stanwood-Camano School District; Visually impaired, mobility and orientation specialist; 2019-20

**Minutes**

- Work Study Meetings May 28, 2019, June 12, 2019, June 19, 2019, June 26, 2019 Work Study and Executive Session, July 17, 2019 Work Study
- Regular Meetings May 15, 2019, June 5, 2019, June 19, 2019, and July 17, 2019

**Personnel Report**

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

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Board Member Comments:** Student Representative Alsilimy shared information on the climate change student walkout on October 9, 2019 at 10:25PM at the Skagit County Courthouse. She said students want to support change for global climate improvement.

Board Member Ragusa appreciated the high school hospitality shown to Kim Wyman during her visit to the high school. Board Member Ragusa said she was pleased with the Madison grand opening and recognition of all the participants.

Director Otos shared his belief that the community now has three impressive new community buildings including the Skagit Family YMCA, Harriet Rowley Elementary, and Madison Elementary.

Director Coffey shared his enjoyment at the number of neighbors that participated in the Madison Elementary grand opening.

### **Superintendent's Report**

College Placement English and Biology: Dr. Wattawa, principal, Mount Vernon High School, introduced a number of teachers to present on sections of the presentation. The change in college placement classes is to increase equity, access, and rigor for all students. The district has an infrastructure in place to make it work to the benefit of all students. Director Coffey thanked staff for the energy put into this project

New Teacher Report: Assistant Superintendent Nutting presented a summary of new teaching staff hired for 2019-20. A large majority attended Western Washington University and many of those students have served in the district during their educational process. There were also teachers hired with a wide array of backgrounds and the students of the district should be well served.

Curriculum Report 2019-20: Executive Director Teaching & Learning, Dan Berard, presented the curriculum report for 2019-20. He noted it is board policy and state statute to present the curriculum information annually. The piloted curriculum programs align to address questions raised by parents during initial adoption. Specific programs reviewed were Language Arts K-5 and Science K-5, both of which are contingent on budget. Pilot for grade 6-8 science and intensified algebra. High School Pre-AP English 9 and 10, which is contingent on budget and Intensified Algebra, which is funded by a grant.

**Old Business:** there was no old business.

### **New Business**

Superintendent's Goals 2019-20: Superintendent Bruner presented his goals for 2019-20 school year. The evaluation of the superintendent by the board will include equity and cultural responsibilities, curriculum, instruction, and assessments, and community of care and support for students.

Priority Actions 2019-20: Superintendent Bruner noted the information is a result of multiple discussions with the administrative team. These steps are specific to the focus on the four key strategies established by the board including Early Learning, Powerful Teaching & Learning, Family and Community Engagement, and Individual Determination and Creativity. These provide a way to prioritize and monitor progress, as well as establish impact.

Construction: Assistant Superintendent Bill Nutting reviewed each item with the board and audience.

- Harriet Rowley Elementary: Mr. Nutting noted this agreement is required by the City of Mount Vernon regarding storm drainage maintenance at Harriet Rowley Elementary.

**Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to enter into an Interlocal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon regarding storm drainage maintenance at Harriet Rowley Elementary.**

- Mount Vernon High School: Assistant Superintendent Nutting noted these agreements allow forward movement on the high school campus projects.
- TCF Architecture Fees Service Request: Fine Arts Building

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to the TCF Architecture Fee Service request for the high school Fine Arts building project.**

- MWL Advisory Audit Services: MVHS Campus Projects

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to an agreement with MWL Advisory Audit Services regarding the high school campus projects.**

- Trico Companies: Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment

**Upon motion by Director DeLeon, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to the Maximum Price Amendment with Trico for construction at the high school.**

Director Coffey confirmed that the board is willing to have additional meetings to approve agreements as needed to ensure the various projects continue to stay on track and budget.

#### **Gifts to the District**

- Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation; \$827.04 to benefit Mount Baker Middle School; Reading Challenge Books

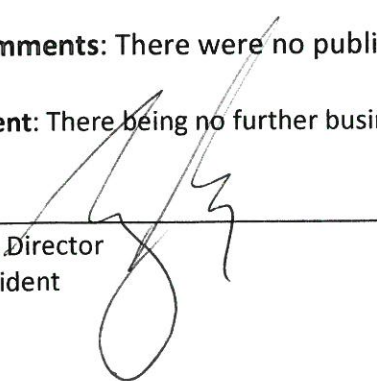
**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the donation to the district for \$827.04 to benefit Mount Baker Middle School students.**

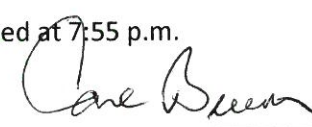
**Student Travel:** Superintendent Bruner commented that Jefferson Elementary School was requesting board approval to send 95 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to Mountain School; 10/02/19 – 10/04/19 and 09/30/19 – 10/02/19.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved request for Jefferson Elementary students to attend Mountain School.**

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Larry Otos, Director  
Board President

  
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Carl Bruner, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board