

***MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320***  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Mount Vernon High School, 314 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Mount Vernon, WA**

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

**Roll Call of Members:** Present at the meeting were Directors Otos, Samora, Ragusa, Coffey, and DeLeon. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was student representative Alsilimy and Superintendent Bruner. Some others in attendance included F. Atkinson, D. Berard, J. Sager, L. Brower, J. Larson, B. Nutting, S. Gilbert, C. Johnson, C. Carlton, B. Torseth, J. Anderson, V. Gonzalez. Also in attendance were a number of community members.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas**

Superintendent Bruner requested removal of New Business (letter I), Construction (Number 3), Resolution #06/19-20 related to high school fine arts project. This will be heard at the November 13, 2019 meeting.

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

**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 (15); Mount Vernon High School DECA Club; Fall Leadership conference; Bellevue Hyatt Regency; Bellevue, WA; 11/03/19 – 11/05/19
- Students (240); Mount Baker Middle School; Camp Orkila, Orcas Island, WA; 04/27/20 – 04/29/20
- Students (16); Mount Vernon High School; State Volleyball Tournament; Yakima, WA; 11/21/19 - 11/23/19
- Students (22); Mount Vernon High School; Regional Soccer/State Soccer; Puyallup, WA; 11/15/19 – 11/16/19 and 11/21/19 – 11/23/19
- Students (14); Mount Vernon High School Girls' Swim Team; State Swim and Dive competition; Federal Way, WA; 11/14/19 – 11/16/19
- Students (8); Mount Vernon High School; State Cross Country Meet; Pasco, WA; 11/07/19 – 11/09/19
- Students (60); Mount Vernon High School; State Football competition; Tahoma, WA; 12/06/19 – 12/07/19
- Students (8); LaVenture Middle School; Oaxaqueño Youth Conference; Springville, CA; 11/08/19 – 11/12/19
- Staff (1); A.Dykstra; Mount Vernon High School; Western Business Education Association; Torrance, CA; 02/13/20 – 02/17/20

**Agreements**

- Interlocal Agreement; Bellingham School District; Licensed Practical Nursing Services for child specific; 09/01/19 – 06/30/20
- Amendment to Agreement; Northwest ESD189; Whatcom Discovery Program; child specific; 2019-2020 school year
- Interlocal Agreement; Skagit County; Multi-tiered System of Support; School Social Worker; 11/07/19 – 07/31/20

#### **Warrants**

- Warrant numbers 563032-563035 totaling \$13,980.02
- Warrant numbers 563036-563296 totaling \$1,080,289.40 and voids for \$141.77
- Warrant numbers 563353-563401 totaling \$1,249,608.81
- Warrant numbers 563402-563676 totaling \$2,145,500.67
- Warrant numbers 563297-563352 totaling \$71,700.24

#### **Minutes**

- Regular meetings on September 4 and 18, 2019
- Work study meetings on October 2, and two on October 30, 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 Classified positions

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

#### **Board Member Comments**

- Director Ragusa relayed the standing to date of the levy proposition, which is currently 31 points away from passage.
- Director Ragusa commented that she and Director Samora visited the Parent Academy fair.
- Director Samora shared on the board classroom tour at Centennial Elementary. Staff and students were very welcoming.
- Director Otos visited the high school for the Veteran's Ceremony, noting it was done very well.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### Summer Programs 2019: S. Thomas

Director of Assessments and Data, Stephanie Thomas, presented a summary of the 2019 summer programs. Highlights included:

Students Served: 3544

Number of Programs: 11

Number of Meals Served: 15,705

Transported: Buses drove 2,064 miles with 3,300 rides

Partner: SeaMar for dental screenings

Student Achievement: 83% showed growth

##### Maintenance Program presentation: C. Johnson

Facility & Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Johnson, presented department information including:

Wide array of duties including overnight maintenance and building security, graffiti removals, gym floors, running tracks, and tennis court maintenance/refurbish, portable removals, hydrant installation, and

much more. The department process 2099 work orders last school year, with the major completed. The maintenance department has stayed within budget for the first time in 19 years. This is done through using State contracted vendors, using employees for work instead of hiring specialists, and rearranging schedules to improve employee efficiency.

Principal for a Day: C. Bruner

Superintendent Bruner presented on the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Principal for a Day. There were 27 applicants from a wide array of businesses. Many said they were surprised about the student pride in school, the advanced technology being used in classrooms, the dual-language program, the faculty led equity discussions, and equity awareness. The program is successful at building relations to explore new opportunities and enhance existing partnerships.

### **Old Business**

School Board Regular Meeting Schedule modification: Due to the high school construction and remodel, it is necessary for the monthly board meetings be relocated for the remainder of the year. Madison Elementary has agreed to host and they are a centrally located school.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the revised school board meeting location.**

### **New Business**

Board Policy 2410: High School Graduation Requirements modification: first read

This policy is to change the timeline for the 20-credit earned diploma for programs such as Skagit Academy, Graduation Alliance, Emerson High School, and Open Doors at both NCTA and Skagit Valley College. Last school year the district had a waiver approved to grant the 20-credit diploma through 2018. With these changes, we will have this opportunity available to our students through 2020. At that time, the district will comply with State's Core 21.

CTE 5 year Plan and Carl Perkins Grant approval: J. Sager

Assistant Principal, Julie Sager, present information on the Community & Technical Education (CTE) program at Mount Vernon High School. Classes are offered approved categories of agriculture, family and consumer science, marketing, and STEM. There are 55 courses available for students from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Additionally, STEM is available at LaVenture Middle School for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The hands on approach provides relevance and generates a robust high school and beyond program for participants.

Ms. Sager reviewed the Carl Perkins Grant, which provides funds to cover items not included in the regular budget such as professional development for teachers and counselors to design pathways, excursions, and improvement plans. The CTE advisory committee reviewed the grant materials.

**Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved application of the Carl Perkins Grant.**

Construction: Staff Recognition

Suzanne Gilbert, Capital Projects Supervisor, recognized Ria Vanderpool, Belinda Torseth, and Janis Anderson for their summer work related to the relocation of Madison and Lincoln schools.

### **Gifts to the District**

- Rick Epting Foundation for the Arts; \$1000 to benefit LaVenture Middle School program

- Mount Vernon High School Football Booster; \$4,125 to pay stipends for volunteer coaches
- Mount Vernon Public Schools foundation; \$1000 to support Every Day Counts Attendance program

**Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the gifts to the district as shown.**

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

**Student Comments:**

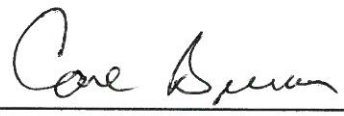
Student Alsilimy thanked Ms. Thomas for her presentation. She thanked Mrs. Sager for her presentation. She said that through the program she was able to shadow a surgeon, which was fascinating. Thanks to the maintenance and architecture teams for making campus' pretty and keeping us safe.

**Adjournment:** There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:35.



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Larry Otos  
Board President



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Carl Bruner  
Secretary to the Board