

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Northwest Career & Technical Academy
2205 W. Campus Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Otos called to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 13, 2019 a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors. The meeting was held at the Northwest Career & Technical Academy at 2205 W. Campus Place, Mount Vernon, WA. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Present were Directors Otos, Ragusa, and Coffey. Excused were Directors DeLeon and Samora. A quorum was present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Bruner, and Student Representatives L. Covarrubias and R. Alsilimy. Some staff attending included Bill Nutting, Suzanne Gilbert, Lynette Brower, Peter Donovan, Jennifer Larson, Dan Berard, Celina Rodriguez, Frank Atkinson, Kathy Hulbert, Linton Porteous, NCTA student Jordan Rogers, community members M. Hernandez and W. Robertson.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas: Superintendent Bruner requested addition of two action items in New Business, Letter I. These include a request for student travel for Mount Vernon High School Debate team and approval of Resolution 11/19-20 Certification of 2020 Excess Property Taxes.

As motioned 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 Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, items included in the consent agenda were approved including the following:

Agreements

- University of Washington; Center for Educational Leadership; Instructional Coaching Support; 2019-20

Personnel Report

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

Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.

Board Member Comments:

- Director Ragusa: Thanked the community for supporting the levy addendum.
- Student Alsilimy: Would like to work toward implementing more restorative actions for homeless individuals when they are removed from district property. She would like us to provide information about shelters and community support.

Superintendent's Report

Northwest Career & Technical Academy/Host School: L. Brower: NCTA staff and student including Lynette Brower, Peter Donaldson, Lyle Hildahl, Kathy Hulbert, Linton Porteous, Wes Friddell, and student Jordan Rogers, presented information on the academy. Student Rogers indicated his enjoyment and challenges in the culinary arts program. He particularly appreciates the partnership with Whidbey Coffee for their opportunities to develop food for the restaurant menu. Teacher Hulbert shared about the multiple partnerships for the dental program including UW, Safe Harbor & Medical Teams International, Skagit Foundation, and the Skagit Valley College bridge to Bellingham Technical College to earn final certifications. Teacher Porteous reviewed the video game development program and partnership with Cascades Job Corps, the co-enrollment with Skagit Valley College, and the ability for students to earn 24 credits in multimedia interactive technology at SVC. Teacher Friddell with the Marine Science program housed in Anacortes shared on two new resources including ABYC Curriculum and CORE Plus Maritime. Students are learning to refurbish equipment and are earning certifications. Director Brower said all the programs focus on quality instruction. The 2019 focus has been on technical writing, utilizing a professional development model. The Open Doors program is also available for students who are not on track to receive a diploma.

Year End Finance Report: J. Larson: Executive Director Larson reviewed the fund balance and the role it plays in the district budget. She identified the various budget lines including restricted, restricted for skills centers, assigned, unassigned minimum fund balance, unassigned and not targeted. She also reviewed areas where unassigned funds might originate including additional transportation funding from the state, safety net funding, and interest earnings on unspent funds. Director Larson then shared that several items impact the budget including the addition of teacher FTE at the high school to counterbalance large classes, addition of security and safety add-ons such as radios and additional security staff, creation of behavior support team, addition of special education services, a maintenance position, the equity work, and a girls' soccer coach.

Old Business

Board Policy 2410: High School Graduation Requirements modification: second read: The board has read and considered the proposed changes to policy 2410 regarding high school graduation requirements.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved revised policy 2410 High School Graduation requirements.

Update on Superintendent Search: Wayne Robertson – NWLA, updated on the search process to date. He presented details of the focus group meetings. There were multiple common threads among the various groups. There were 15 groups with 209 participants, which is a high mark for community involvement. There was consistency among the groups such as a superintendent who reflects the community and understands and honors equity. The next step in recruitment will be the vacancy announcement. The announcement will be shared with 3500 individuals nationwide and on their website, WASA, WSSDA, other links.

New Business

School Improvement Plans, first read: Dan Berard, Categorical Funding Director, introduced Ema Shirk, a district intern who is working on district level systems. Ms. Shirk reviewed the school improvements plans for each school.

Perkins Grant Northwest Career & Technical Academy: Lynette Brower, NCTA Director, said this grant was preauthorized by congress a few years ago. Due to the complexities involving Federal and State requirements, not all schools are utilizing Perkins dollars. This is money that serves the programs well.

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the application from NCTA for the Perkins Grant.

Memorandum of Agreement; Skagit County School Districts; Migrant Nurse supports; three-year agreement: Dan Berard, Director of Categorical Programs, said this agreement represents a consortium with several other districts. The agreement will support a much-needed nurse for the migrant families in our communities.

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to enter in to the memorandum of agreement with Skagit County Districts to support a nurse position specific to the migrant population.

Construction Update: Suzanne Gilbert, project manager, reviewed the following documents. They are a supplements to OSPI for submission of the required D forms.

Resolution #06/19-20 Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts, Constructability Report
As motioned by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted resolution #06/19-20 of the constructability report for the Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts construction project.

Resolution #07/19-20 Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts, Value Engineering Report
As motioned by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted resolution #07/19-20 of the value engineering report for the Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts construction project.

Resolution #08/19-20 Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts: Constructability Report and Implementation
As motioned by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted resolution #08/19-20 of the constructability report and implementation for the Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts construction project.

Resolution #09/19-20 Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts, Modernization for 5 Year use/30 Year Life
As motioned by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted resolution #09/19-20 of the modernization for 5 year use/30 year life for the Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts construction project.

Resolution #10-19-20 Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts: Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price
As motioned by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted resolution #10/19-20 of the guaranteed maximum price for the Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts construction project.

Mount Vernon High School Old Main: Approve Design Development
As motioned by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the design development for the Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts construction project.

Travel Request; Students (5); Mount Vernon High School Debate Team; Seattle Academy of Arts Forensics Invitational; Seattle, WA; 11/15/19 – 11/16/19

As motioned by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the travel request for the Mount Vernon High School debate team to participate in the Seattle Academy of Arts Forensics Invitational in Seattle, WA from November 15-16, 2019.

Resolution No. 11/19-20; Certification of 2020 Excess Property Taxes: Executive Director Finance, Jennifer Larson, explained this resolution is related to the recently passed levy.

As motioned by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved resolution #11/19-20 for certification of 2020 Excess Property Taxes.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.


Student Comments:

- Student Covarrubias: commented she is excited about the construction at the high school. She is pleased that NCTA offers the Open Doors program for high risk students. It appears to be a good way to reach students and adjust the teaching to help them better learn.
- Student Alsilimy: Also shared comments on the high school remodel and Open Doors program.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.



Larry Otos, President
Mount Vernon School Board



Carl Bruner, Superintendent