

***MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320***  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:00 PM**

**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 p.m. on September 15, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom call and in person at Madison Elementary School. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

**Roll Call of Members:** Members present included Directors Otos, Ragusa, Samora, Cailloux, and Coffey. A quorum was present. Superintendent Vivanco was in attendance, along with several administrators and community members.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas:**

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

**Review and Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, items in the consent agenda were approved as follows:**

**Agreements**

- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement; Edmonds School District; child specific; 09/01/19 through 08/31/24 (amended in 09/01/21)
- Contract; North Cascades Institute; Mountain School; Jefferson Elementary School; two October sessions
- Interagency Agreement; Everett Community College; College in the High School; 09/28/21 – 06/28/22
- Interlocal Agreement; Skagit County; Becca Bill; 09/01/21 – 08/31/22

**Travel Request**

- Staff (2); Highly Capable Conference; Denver, CO; 11/10/21 – 11/14/21

**Personnel Report**

- Certificated: Employment; Leave
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination
- Extra/Co-Curricular Stipends and Supplemental Contracts
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified Positions

- **Public Comments**

D. Prutzman, contractor in city limits, shared the contractors have begun work on the low-income housing. Property clearing is underway. Once the construction phase begins, the pickup process will be patterned similar to other construction projects. There will be silk fencing temporarily, and replaced later with cedar. Per city regulations, the clearing process will take a few years. The city only allows a certain number of trees to be removed each year. Only 13 houses at this time are being built in city limits. Mr. Nutting said the district construction team is happy to have conversations with Mr. Prutzman's developers regarding the work, traffic, and school needs.

- Dave Bond, Madison parent, shared he is against the requirement for students to wear masks, even though the district is following state regulations. They have decided to homeschool for this reason.

### **Board Member Comments**

- Director Ragusa, thanked staff for working together to make things feel normal. Director Ragusa clarified the classroom tours are still scheduled, but the routine evening board meetings will remain at Madison for the time being.
- Director Otos, said the board is working to have the student board representatives oriented for board service. Director Otos said the Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation accepted a challenge by Burlington Edison for a fundraising goodie basket, with proceeds to benefit each district's foundation.
- Director Cailloux clarified the student represents can engage on topics during the meeting and not just during public or student comments.

### **Superintendent's Report**

New Staff Introduction: Director of Human Resources, Jon Ronngren, presented information on the new certificated staff starting in the 2021-22 school year.

Enrollment Report: September 2021-22: Executive Director Larson said the Aspire and MVVL programs are counted differently as they are ALE programs and funded through ALE programming. Services are contracted with the Spokane Public School system. These students do not generate the same net revenue as basic ed students. She noted a significant difference in 2020 September enrollment versus 2021 September enrollment, with the current year significantly lower. She believes October will be better, but believes the district will still come in below projected.

District Update: Superintendent Vivanco said the overwhelming majority of students and staff are excited to be back. Health and safety protocols are in place. There have been a few positive tests, but very few and individual in nature, Nurse Rittenhouse is tracking the status.

Director Ragusa inquired on the status of spectator sports; Mr. Nutting shared that the turnouts have been high. In conjunction with the district's learning recovery plan, we don't want to turn anyone away from sports participation.

Director Cailloux inquired if there is demand for additional mental health supports; yes, there seems to be. Families will be surveyed to seek their preference on activities including morning or afternoon, educational, sport related, or other club activities. Executive Director Carlton said there are now additional social workers, counseling, and social emotional support available to students. He added work has been done regarding MTSS that supports behavioral and curriculum challenges.

Director Coffey has said with regard to the state requirement for groups larger than 500 needing masks – such as at a football game, he wonders why the number 500 and not, for example, 300. He believes the idea is for more distancing with a smaller number, but feels that is still a lot of people when we are trying to mitigate the virus spread. The impacts result in real deaths and represent real losses so we need to do what we can to decrease those numbers.

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

**New Business**

Resolution No. 01/21-22; Fund Transfer: Executive Director Larson said this fund transfer is a function of required accounting changed for funds moving from the federal level to the state level. Currently funding for the Invest Ed program is in a private purpose trust fund, which is no longer allowed.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted Resolution No. 01/21-22 regarding a fund transfer.**

Gifts to the District: Superintendent Vivanco said there were two gifts to the district that totaled \$3294.22.

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

- **Marathon Petroleum Foundation; \$2,500 to support Jefferson Elementary Gardening Program**
- **Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation; \$794.22 to support Harriet Rowley Elementary incoming Kindergarten students**

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

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Larry Otos, Director  
Board President

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Bill Nutting, Assistant Superintendent