

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 6:00 PM

Call to Order and Flag Salute

A regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors was called to order by Director Otos at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 via zoom and in person at Madison Elementary School, 907 E. Fir Street. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members

Board Members present included Directors Otos, Ragusa, Samora, and Coffey; Director Cailloux was excused. A quorum was present. Also, present was Superintendent Vivanco, students Viridiana, Leydi, and Adam, several staff and community members, and an interpreter.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

Superintendent Vivanco requested revision to the agenda to include removing from letter H. Old Business, Item 2 Policy No. 2336 Required Observances, Update, Second Read. This item will be added to a future meeting. Addition to letter I. New Business, Item 3, Student Travel Request to attend leadership conference. This is an action item.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board set the regular and consent agendas as modified to remove review of Policy No 2336 and add request for student travel.

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and approved, the board approved items included in the consent agenda including:

Warrants

- Warrant numbers 573011 through 573205 totaling \$1,134,201.40 and voids/cancellations totaling \$486.50
- Warrant numbers 573206 through 573238 totaling \$71,077.83
- Warrant numbers 573239 through 573261 totaling \$1,245,356.21
- Warrant numbers 573262 through 573474 totaling \$3,375,801.,29 and voids/cancellations totaling \$51,583.49

Minutes

- Regular meeting minutes of October 20, 2021 and work study meeting minutes of October 6, 2021.

Field Trip Requests and Staff Travel

- MVHS (16 Students); DECA Club Fall Leadership Conference; Bellevue, WA; 11/07-11/09/21

Agreements

- Partnership Agreement; Children of the Valley; Extended Learning Services-COV location, Washington, Centennial, and Harriet Rowley Elementary schools; 10/01/21 – 06/14/22
- Memorandum of Understanding; Children of the Valley and Skagit Valley Family YMCA; Extended Learning Services-Centennial Elementary; 11/01/21 – 06/14/22
- Partnership Agreement; Skagit Valley Family YMCA-Hoag Road and Harriet Rowley Elementary; Extended learning Services; 11/01/21 – 06/07/22
- Agreement for Services; Stepping Stones Group; Occupational Therapist Services; 07/01/21 -06/30/22
- Contract for Services; NWESD 189; SHARE/RISE; 11/15/21 – 11/14/22

Personnel Report

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

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

- **Board Member Comments**

Director Ragusa expressed her appreciation for being reelected to the school board. She also expressed her appreciation to the district's various partners including the ESD, Children of the Valley, Skagit Family YMCA, and Dan Berard and his team for their work. She thanked the many people who are supporting this year's Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees. Teachers representing Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, and Burlington Edison School Districts are among those who have created trees to raise funds for this important effort.

- Director Samora thanked staff for their hard work. She understands the last several weeks have been challenging and appreciates that staff continues working hard on behalf of students.
- Director Otos congratulated Director Ragusa for her reelection. He shared that he is grateful for his cohorts on the board. There is controversy around the State and he appreciates the Mount Vernon and Skagit County community for understanding the many challenges.

Superintendent's Report

Finance Report: Year End 2020-2021 School Year – Executive Director-Finance, Jennifer Larson presented her annual Finance Report for year end 2020-21. She explained the various funds and how they may be used. She said that fund balance was needed for the 2021-22 budget. Other considerations for the fund balance in the 2021-22 budget include the loss of enrollment that totaled approximately \$2,000,000 and unanticipated operational costs of \$1,700,000. Monthly expenditures are about \$10,000,000. The transitional Kindergarten program is just starting, so that will positively impact enrollment. The estimated enrollment figures for the budget are done in March, and in 2020 when the budget was prepared, there was general expectation that the pandemic would be different than where we are now. The September 2021 expenditures are right where they are expected to be. She shared the impact fees figures, noting the last transfer for the 2009 QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bond) is in June 2022.

District Update – Superintendent Vivanco shared the district continues with frequent communications to staff, families, and the public. Staff is feeling stressed, but continue their efforts to maintain normalcy for students. There have been behavioral issues, but until recently, students have not been in the classroom

setting. This is requiring adjustments and will improve with time. Once more information is available on the Balanced Calendar review, it will be shared with the board. The district is also exploring a 24-credit graduation requirement, again, which will be brought forward in the near future for board discussion.

Old Business

School Improvement Plans; Second Read

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the School Improvement Plans for 2021-22 school year were approved as presented.

Agreement with DISH Wireless - Superintendent Vivanco said this was originally presented to the board for initial consideration last school year. Upon research and review, it was determined to be beneficial to the district if approved. Director Otos said the antennae would be attached to one of the poles at the high school. There are safety procedures in place. He noted this to be a good opportunity to generate revenue; Executive Director – Finance, Jennifer Larson, said the income can be target to use for the field. The income per the contract is \$1300 per month.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board accepted the Agreement with Dish Wireless to install and maintain an antennae on the high school campus.

New Business

Cancellation of Warrants, Resolution No. 4/21-22 - Superintendent Vivanco noted this is a housekeeping item to clear unclaimed warrants.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board adopted Resolution No. 4/21-22 for Cancellation of Warrants.

Donation to the District

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and approved, the board accepted the donation from Mount Vernon/Skagit Rotary; \$2000 to Mount Baker Middle School to benefit Athletic Sponsorships including sports fees, uniforms, and equipment.

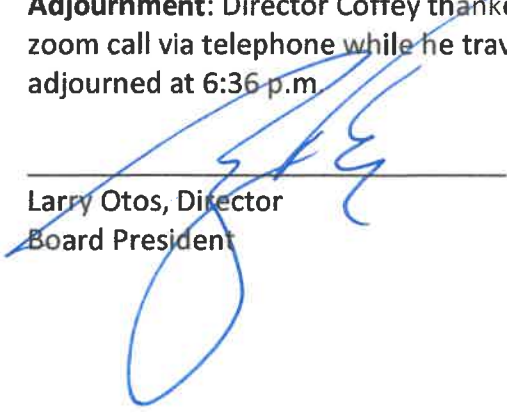
Student Travel Request (35); High School students to attend the Children of Aztlan Sharing Higher Education conference; WSU; November 12-14, 2021 – Superintendent Vivanco shared this trip is requested to allow migrant students to attend a conference through WSU; the students are not from one identified class. The conference allows them to meet role models to encourage continued education.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board approved the travel request from the high school to send students to the Children of Aztlan Sharing Higher Education Conference at WSU from November 12 – 14, 2021.


Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Student Comments – there were no student comments.

Adjournment: Director Coffey thanked Tim Papendorf, Technology Supervisor, for his efforts to set up the zoom call via telephone while he traveled to the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent