

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:00 PM

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Coffey called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on June 16, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom call and in-person at Madison Elementary School, 907 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon. Director Coffey led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Board members present included Directors Coffey, Ragusa, Samora, and Cailloux. Director Otos was excused. A quorum was present. Also, in attendance was Superintendent Vivanco. There were a number of staff members present. A Spanish language interpreter was present.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Agreements

- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement; Skagit County; Multi-tiered System of Support

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Summer Programs; Reassignment/Transfer; Retirement / Resignation / Termination
- Classified: Employment; 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 shared it was nice to celebrate the graduating students, even though it was not a traditional ceremony. Staff did a good job for the several events. She thanked the upper classmen for reaching out to incoming students and encouraging participation in extracurricular activities. Director Samora was impressed with the organization and effort to have graduation ceremonies. They went smoothly and she enjoyed the opportunity.

Superintendent's Report

Finance & Enrollment Report: J. Larson Executive Director-Finance, J. Larson said the year ended with fewer students than anticipated, but still better than expected and much better than many districts south of Skagit County. The final loss in enrollment was 4.4%, noting that many districts to the south were in losses of double digits. She noted the expense in Capital Outlay is for any item that exceeds \$5000 and had not been built into the original budget. This was for larger ticket items required to return students to

in person learning.

Fall Return to In-Person Learning; B. Nutting/I. Vivanco: Superintendent Vivanco said students will be returned to full time in person learning in the fall. If we are required to keep the 3' distancing rule, it will be challenging in some schools. We will hear more from the DOH in the next month or so and will adjust accordingly. Much time will be spent during the summer preparing for full reentry and how to effectively utilize the learning recovery funds to support student learning. At this time, DOH is required masks for students and staff. Staff is working to develop a Mount Vernon Virtual Learning Program to reach K-12 students who have opted to continue remote learning. There have been inquiries from approximately 30-35 parents. The process is essentially starting a new school to consideration must be made for all related requirements including student learning plans, curriculum, delivery, and more. The former Lincoln Elementary School will be utilized as a 9th grade campus starting in the Fall. Staff is working on logistics to make that happen, including working with the City. While the campus can no longer be used as a full-time school, it can be used as a swing space. The building is not ADA compliant, and there are many details to work through. Director Ragusa would like the Lincoln neighbors to be kept abreast. Director Cailloux questioned whether students would be tracked separately, if they will be split with highly capable at the high school and regular levels at Lincoln. It will be unfair to split them. Superintendent Vivanco said that more information will be provided at the next board meeting.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Request for Impact Fee Waiver; D. Prutzman; East Village Homes; 1st read

Director Coffey shared that Director Otos was unable to be present, but wanted information on the 20% difference in senior occupancy. Mr. Prutzman replied it is required by the HUD Fair Housing law to make available up to 20% of homes in subdivisions for senior residents. He commented it isn't something they will do and they would have to be sued to do so, it is a federal requirement. The Community Covenants and Restrictions (CCRs) say that residents that live in the community, even those under 55, can't have anyone living with them under age 21. The 21-year-old threshold removes the school element and impact. He noted that on last page of the CCRs is a reporting requirement attesting to age. Director Coffey thanked Mr. Prutzman for attending and said this would be considered by the board at the next meeting on July 21.

Travel Request; staff: A. Moe; Arcos Learning Abroad Program; 07/24/21 – 08/14/21; Oaxaca, Mexico

Superintendent Vivanco said this request has been processed through Risk Management for Covid and safety concerns, adding that Ms. Moe has signed a liability waiver. Ms. Moe said we know that many of our families come from Oaxaca, so this opportunity will directly benefit communication with our students and families. She will stay with a host family, take excursions, learn the history and culture, and attend classes at the university. Director Ragusa thanked Ms. Moe for taking her vacation to further her professional development. Ms. Moe said she hopes the district can continue to work with others to further their Spanish language and experiences around the Oaxacan culture. Teachers from there can also visit our district in an exchange program. This was reviewed through the equity lens and multi-lingual services. Ms. Moe noted there is an elementary school close to the university so there will be an arrangement to learn how their school system works and to work with the students.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the travel request by A. Moe to attend a language and cultural immersion study program 07/24/21 –

08/14/21 in Oaxaca.

Student Staff Calendar 2021-22 School Year: J. Ronngren: Director of Human Resources, Jon Ronngren, presented the Student Staff Calendar for 2021-22. He noted the basic calendar has been agreed upon, while there are still some details regarding early release planning dates that will be presented later. Most of the teachers want to start before Labor Day. Ms. Larson explained the parameters around the student count day, adding it is required to capture four full student days.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the Student Staff Calendar for the 2021-22 school year.

Request to Surplus; Obsolete Books; Mount Vernon High School

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the obsolete books presented by Mount Vernon High School are approved for surplus.

Resolution #23/20-21 Employment of Supervisory Certificated Staff for 2021-22 Executive Director-Finance, J. Larson, commented these resolutions allow personnel and payroll staff to issue contracts to employees for the 2021-22 school year.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #23/20-21 for employment of supervisory certificated staff for the 2021-22 school year was adopted.

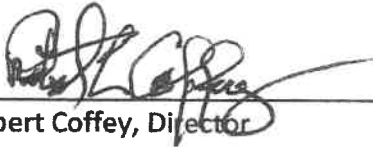
Resolution #24/20-21 Employment of Central Office Administrators for 2021-22

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #24/20-21 for employment of Central Office Administrators for the 2021-22 school year was adopted.

Public Comments: there were no public comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43.



Robert Coffey, Director
Vice Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

