

*MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320*  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

**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 November 4, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom call. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

**Roll Call of Members:** Members present included Directors Otos, Ragusa, Coffey, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Superintendent Vivanco was present. Also, in attendance were student representatives B. Conde-Martinez and A. Grechishkin. Several staff and community members were present.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas**

Superintendent Vivanco requested approval to add one item for board consideration and action. This would be in Old Business letter H, number 2, Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County for Multi-tiered System of Support.

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

**Review and Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Warrants**

- Warrant numbers 568599 through 568742 totaling 1,458,179.25 and voids/cancellations totaling \$1,585.63
- Warrant numbers 568743 through 568762 totaling \$43,007.52
- Warrant numbers 568763 through 568789 totaling \$1,227,489.98
- Warrant numbers 568790 through 568988 totaling \$2,063,103.47 and voids/cancellations totaling \$995.01

**Minutes**

- Work Study Session October 21, 2020
- Regular Meetings October 7, 2020 and October 21, 2020

**Agreements**

- University of Washington Research Subaward Agreement; GEAR UP Grant; 09/26/18 – 09/25/21; Class of 2023 and 2024 (UWSC10884)
- University of Washington Research Subaward Agreement; GEAR UP; 10/01/18 – 09/30/21; Class of 2025 (#UWSC10908)
- Partnership Agreement with Children of the Valley for tutoring/day care services; 08/25/20 through 12/18/20

**Personnel Report**

- Certificated: Employment; Out of Endorsement; Leave
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Leave
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified positions

### **Public Comments**

There was a public comment regarding bringing K-2 students to the classroom and that the board should be more engaged on the issue.

### **Board Member Comments**

- Director Otos reported the school board has been fully engaged in the decision regarding remote learning. Skagit County as a whole may look different than Mount Vernon, but the board must review cases within the district zip code.
- Director Ragusa congratulated the debate team on their recent competitions.
- Director Coffey commented the reporting numbers by county are behind the state reports by ten days. Currently, the actual figures are much higher than what is reported by Skagit County. The rates are rapidly rising, which will be displayed by increases in the next few days. If we are to stay within guidance of OSPI and the state, we can't expand at this time.

### **Superintendent's Report**

School Engagement Activities: Superintendent Vivanco shared that communication with families continues. He was able to participate in the Washington Student of the Week deliveries, attended the Parent Advisory Committee meeting, and saw first hand how the social distancing practices are managed on student bus transportation.

### **Old Business**

Policy 3110 Admission and Qualifications of Attendance and Placement (2nd read): S. Thomas Director Thomas reported there were no changes from first read. Purpose of policy revision is to allow implementation of a Transitional K program beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This will provide a structured learning environment for students who have not been able to engage in preschool.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted revised policy 3110 Admission and qualifications of attendance and placement.**

**Interlocal Cooperative Agreement; Skagit County; Multi-tiered System of Support practice and teams; 11/04/20 – 07/31/21:** Clint Carlton, Executive Director of Student Support Services, shared the district receives funding for a social worker and nurse. The employees are hired by the district, but they are grant funded. There are stipulations that align with work that we are already doing for MTSS. Dan Berard commented that we were fortunate to have the ability to hire a migrant health nurse, in collaboration with area districts and supported with County resources.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County for the Multi-tiered system of Support Practice and Teams.**

### **New Business**

School Improvement Plans 2020-21 (1<sup>st</sup>): D. Berard: Mr. Berard reported on the school improvement plans for each school for the 2020-21 school year. He shared what each school has as their priority and the proposed plans of action. The board suggested that the term racial equity be used rather than equity so that it reflects the board commitment.

Approval of Highly Capable Program Plan iGrant: D. Berard: Mr. Berard reported on the HiCap program and the efforts to reach English Language Learners and migrant students. He shared that in the past four years, the district has increased by 20% to a total of 40% of those students who qualify for HiCap services.

We need to continue increasing this number as to accurately reflect student population, it should be at about 55%.

**Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the program review and iGrant submission.**

Revision of Policy #3120 Enrollment (1<sup>st</sup>): C. Carlton: Mr. Carlton shared revision of this policy will bring the district to date with current state RCWs and WACS. It is required due to state changes. It also incorporates recommendations provided by WSSDA and vetted through their attorneys.

Request to Surplus Books from Harriet Rowley Library: S. Thomas: Ms. Thomas shared the request from the Harriet Rowley library to surplus a large number of outdated books. Disposal of the books will meet policy guidelines.

**Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved surplus of library books from Harriet Rowley elementary.**

Construction: B. Nutting: Mr. Nutting and Jeremy Woolley of Parametrix, shared information on the requirement for Resolution #11/20-21 regarding the acceptance of the building commissioning report for the high school shop. This is a required step by OSPI.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted Resolution #11/20-21 Resolution of Acceptance of Building Commissioning Report, High School Shop**

Gifts to the District: \$960

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

- **Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation; \$480 to benefit Jefferson Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students – Writable Student Literacy Program**
- **Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation; \$480 to benefit Jefferson Elementary school-wide – STEM maker weather unit kits**

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Student Comments: There were no student comments.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the board adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

  
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Larry Otos, Board President

  
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Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board

