

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, December 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 6:02 p.m. on December 15, 2021. The meeting was held at Madison Elementary School and via Zoom call. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Members present included Directors Otos, Coffey, Ragusa, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Superintendent Vivanco was present; Students Hernandez-Quiros and Wagenbach were in attendance, Student Ponce Cisneros was excused. Also, in attendance were several staff members and some public.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded, and approved, the Consent and Regular Agendas were approved.

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded, and approved, items in the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

Agreements

- Memorandum of Understanding; Best Dental Help; Preventative Oral health Care; 12/15/21 through 03/07/22
- Agreement for Services; Northwest School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children; 09/07/21 through 06/15/22

Personnel Report

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Board Member Comments

- Director Ragusa: thanked staff and public for their participation in the downtown parade. She also thanked the Mariachi Band for the performance at Lincoln Theatre where they were able to work with a professional group.
- Director Samora agreed the parade was amazing. She appreciated the enthusiasm by the Mariachi Band for the ability to participate with professionals.
- Director Otos enjoyed the Mariachi program. He participated in a Balanced Calendar presentation.

Superintendent's Report

Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation: Director Otos said the Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation has developed a campaign to support the auditorium at the high school. He appreciates the creativity and hard work. Sinead Fitzpatrick Plagge, Foundation President and Campaign Cochair, said the campaign opened today. The Foundation is 100% volunteer led and started by concerned and caring

parents and community. The Golf Tournament is the largest fundraiser to date. The District is in line with bond resources. With the Declare Your Chair campaign, the quality of the seating can be expanded beyond bond resources, as well as audio opportunities.

Washington Elementary School: Host Presentation: Washington Elementary School Principal, Stephanie Jones Flores, and the Washington team, presented a report on the school. The school's vision and mission statement were reviewed and developed with the collective input and support of school families. The Multi-Tiered Systems of Support includes staff teams to provided student care. It enhances the Wolf Support team to address academic and social-emotional support. Students are supported holistically. The staff teams work together to create, promote, and hold family events to increase engagement. The equity focus is throughout the year and school wide based for full student and family access. The Children of the Valley site at Washington includes volunteers and additional volunteers from WWU will be increased. The Heritage Language Clubs meet weekly including the Mixteco Club and the Spanish Club. There was discussion regarding identification of students who may need supports and changes from two years ago (prepandemic). The board said it is inspiring to see the Washington family take on big projects with intent and reality.

District Update: Administrative Team: Superintendent Vivanco said staff and students are ready for the upcoming break. The staff teams have been supportive regarding health and safety issues and have attended mental health and social emotional training.

Old Business

Board Policy 5515 Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress; 2nd Read

Upon motion by Director Samora seconded, and approved, Board Policy 5515 Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress was approved.

New Business

Construction: TCF Architecture; Contract Amendment #16

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded, and approved, the board approved TCF Architecture contract amendment #16.

Policy Updates

Policy 3241 Student Discipline-revise 1st Read: Superintendent Vivanco noted this change is recommended by attorney Paul Clay, attorney and partner of Stevens Clay Attorneys. With the recent disciplinary challenges, it is imperative the policy is current.

Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements-revise 1st Read: Stephanie Thomas, Director of Teaching & Learning, said this extends the 24 credit diploma option to students enrolled in high school during 2019-20 and 2020-21 due to impacts of the pandemic related closures.

Policy 6220 Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements-revise 1st Read: Superintendent Vivanco said these policy changes are recommended by attorney Graehm Wallace at Perkins Coie to coincide with recent legislation and threshold amounts.

Director Cailloux made some changes on policy #3241 and commented that research centers on the ways school disciplinary processes can channel students into the criminal justice system, predominantly to boys of color. She doesn't want to do harm with policy changes, which could happen if care is not taken when policies are reviewed.

Gifts to the District

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

- Mount Vernon High School Music Boosters; \$1000 to benefit students in Band & Orchestra for music folders
- Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation; \$1000 to benefit students in Band & Orchestra for music folders

Public Comments

Laura Minton Breckenridge said she lives in Mount Vernon and has two children who were students at Washington Elementary, she is proud of all the schools and the work that is being done. She hopes that staff will call on the Public Schools Foundation for classroom and project support.

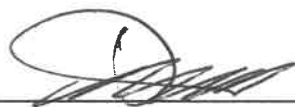
Student Comments

- Student Hernandez-Quiros thanked all the presenters. She appreciated the information on the Mixteco Club, noting the importance of students keeping this native language. She said often kids hide their feelings so the school and district level need to address their concerns. She said the negativity and degrading comments are usually where staff or administrators don't hear. The Pride Club discussed the positive changes occurring with inclusion.
- Student Wagenbach thanked Washington for the presentation. He attended the recent choir concert and said it was very good and was pleased to see students and public attend. He is excited to hear about the work on the high school auditorium and the chair sponsorship.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board