

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 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, February 16, 2022 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 presented included Directors Otos, Coffey, Ragusa, Samora and Cailloux. Also present was Superintendent Vivanco, Student Representatives Hernandez-Quiros and Ponce-Cisneros, student Wagenbach was excused. Several staff members and an interpreter were present.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

Superintendent Vivanco requested approval to make three additions to New Business including a modification to the 2021-22 student calendar and approval for two student field trip requests.

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Travel Request

- Mount Vernon High School; Students (4); Boys Swim Team; WIAA State Swim Championships; Federal Way Aquatic Center; 02/16/22 – 02/19/22; Federal Way, WA
- Mount Vernon High School; Students (5); Girls Bowling Team; State Competition; 02/02/22 - 02/03/22; University Place, Tacoma
- Mount Vernon High School; Students (5); DECA Club; Deca State Career Development Conference; 03/03/22 – 03/05/22; Bellevue, WA
- Mount Vernon High School; Students (30); Mariachi; Portland State University and Portland's Centers for the Arts; 03/17/22; Portland, OR

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Leave; Retirement/ Resignation/ Termination
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Leave; Retirement/ Resignation/Termination; Transportation Department Adjustments; 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 shared the video from the Jefferson Voyager program was very good.
- Director Cailloux shared she appreciated the outreach regarding the Fentanyl risks.
- Director Samora shared she was excited to see students attending competitions at State levels.

Superintendent's Report

District Update: Administrative Team: Director Otos shared information from a meeting with OSPI Superintendent Reykdal who said the Governor would soon be making an announcement about masking. He cautioned schools not to get ahead of the loosening of the mask mandate due to insurance and funding risks. He said the district will follow guidance, discuss vaccine and testing requirements. Superintendent Vivanco said it is important to have open conversations with the community and staff, while continuing to be proactive. The messaging will be clear that staff and students will still be allowed to wear masks if that is their preference. Director Coffey commented if Skagit County does not release specific guidelines, they will suggest we follow state recommendations.

Old Business: None

New Business

Employment: Assistant Superintendent-Teaching & Learning; Effective July 1, 2022: Superintendent Vivanco said he is excited to announce the recommendation of Dr. Kate O'Brien to fill the position of Assistant Superintendent-Teaching & Learning, start date July 1, 2022. Dr. O'Brien addressed the board, noting her attraction to the Mount Vernon District and community. She is excited to support the equity work in the schools and was impressed with the very clear vision and direction.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board approved the hiring of Dr. Kate O'Brien to fill the position of Assistant Superintendent-Teaching & Learning, effective July 1, 2022.

Gifts to the District

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and approved, the board accepted the donation by the Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation for \$1500 to benefit the student run library at Aspire Academy.

Student Travel (3) Mount Vernon High School Boys Wrestling Team; WIAA State; Tacoma, WA; 02/17/22 – 02/19/22

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and approved, the board approved travel for members of the Mount Vernon High School Boys Wrestling Team to attend the WIAA State competition in Tacoma, WA from 02/17/22 – 02/19/22.

Student Travel (6) Mount Vernon High School Girls Wrestling Team; WIAA State; Tacoma, WA; 02/17/22 – 02/19/22

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and approved, the board approved travel for members of the Mount Vernon High School Girls Wrestling Team to attend the WIAA State competition in Tacoma, WA from 02/17/22 – 02/19/22.

Student/Staff Calendar Modification: Assistant Superintendent Nutting presented a request for a modification to the 2021-22 student calendar. The request is to change March 9 from a non-student day for K-12 students to a non-student day for K-5 students only, with a regular schedule for secondary schools. By making this adjustment, schools will be afforded the same last day of the school year. There will be additional recommendations coming once the winter weather passes. There remains a need to

make up days missed for building damage due to weather and additional, potential cancellations due to weather.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and approved, the board approved the recommended change to the 2021-22 student calendar to reflect March 9, 2022 as a non-student day for grades k-5 only, with a regular schedule for grades 6-12.

Public Comments: there were no public comments.

Student Comments

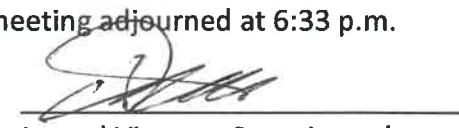
- Student Ponce-Cisneros commented she was excited to be on the bowling team and even though the season is done, it was enjoyable.
- Student Hernandez-Quiroz commented the funding for the art department doesn't seem to be as robust as the funding for the band and choir. She would like staff to look at any possible disparities between the funding for the fine arts departments.

Adjournment

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Board Secretary