

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 6:00 PM

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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, April 20, 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. A quorum was present. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Vivanco, student representatives were excused. Multiple staff members were present and an interpreter.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas: Superintendent Vivanco requested approval to add two items in New Business, Letter I. These are two field trip requests, both are action items.

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda:

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and approved, the board approved items in the consent agenda as presented including:

Travel Request

- Student Travel (24) Mount Vernon High School Cheer Team; Leadership Camp; Central Washington University; Ellensburg, WA; 07/18/22 – 07/22/22
- Student Travel (10) Educational Talent Search Students; STEAM Conference; Los Angeles, CA; 06/03/22 – 06/06/22

Agreements

- Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement for Financing & Operations; NCTA; 06/09/21 through 08/31/22
- Memorandum of Understanding-Addendum; Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program; Grades 3 – 5; 2021-22 school year

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Out of Endorsement and Conditional Certificates; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Leave; Retirement/ Resignation/Termination
- 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: Director Otos called for public comments.

- Karen Rittenhouse Mitchell, said she was speaking on behalf of the high school music program parents, she thanked the board for their support to the music program and appreciated the board was going to fill the position that was recently vacated.

Board Member Comments

- Director Ragusa thanked staff and students for the Little Mountain Elementary presentation at 5:00 p.m. She said the content was informative.
- Director Ragusa said members of the board attended an equity inclusion training recently and is pleased the Mount Vernon is far above other districts in the policy making, commitment, and daily auditing of where the district is on those topics. She is pleased the district is leading the way and thanks district leadership for their work.
- Director Samora said this was the first in a series of training that is required by the state.
- Director Cailloux thanked Dr. Vivanco and Director Otos for their work on the 249 items listed in the WSSDA legislative position statement.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Vivanco and administrative staff presented information on several topics.

- National Board Certified Teachers: Jon Ronngren: Mr. Ronngren noted there are more than 91,000 teachers that are national board certified, with Washington State having 11,000. Mount Vernon School District has 82 teachers and 5 administrators who are National Board certified, equaling 15% of certificated staff. He said this year, eight of them renewed their certificates. He expressed appreciation for their commitment to professional development.
- District Update: Administrative Team: Superintendent Vivanco thanked Dan Berard and his team for their support in their work on the WSSDA legislative position statement.
- Superintendent Vivanco said the principal selection process continues. There was a total of 13 applications, eight of which were complete. Those were screened to move six forward for a screening interview. The next step is to move some forward beyond the screening interview, then forums and evening meetings for staff and families.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Field Trip Requests: Superintendent Vivanco said there were two field trip requests for board consideration.

- Student (55); Washington Elementary Mountain School; April 26, 2022 and April 28, 2022.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and approved, the board approved the request for the Washington Elementary 5th grade students to attend Mountain School.

- Students (4); Mount Vernon High School; Future Business Leaders of American National Leadership Conference; June 27, 2022 through July 3, 2022

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board approved the request for the Mount Vernon High School FBLA students to attend the National Leadership Conference from June 27, 2022 through July 3, 2022.

Public Comments: Director Otos called for public comments.

- Jacob Scherr, Music Chair at Mount Vernon High School, thanked the board for the support they have given the music department. He noted there are 16 major events being hosted from now until the end of the year. These include performances at Western Washington University, McIntyre Hall, and Lincoln Theatre, among other locations. The music department has

developed a new logo with the byline “Growth, Community, Familia”, which resonated with the students. Mr. Scherr said it is his 15th year here and everything is amazing.


Student Comments: there were no student comments.

Director Cailloux commented on the Champions of Diversity event recently held at McIntyre Hall. Dr. Vivanco said many Mount Vernon High School students received scholarships and it was rewarding to see the process and recognition of students. There were many universities scholarships from \$2000 to \$5000 awarded. Many of the presenters said the award is about the recipient and they are a champion of diversity. This pathway is what the district is about.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Board Secretary