

**MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 4, 2022 6:00 PM**

**Call to Order and Flag Salute** *[The Mount Vernon School District records all School Board meetings. They will be available by accessing the district website at [www.mountvernonschools.org](http://www.mountvernonschools.org).]*

Director Otos called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on May 4, 2022. The meeting was held at Madison Elementary School and via Zoom. 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; Student Viridiana was present, Students Leydi and Adam were excused. Also, in attendance were several staff members and some public. Notes by C. Ledin.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

- Work Study Meetings on April 13, 2022, April 14, 2022, and April 20, 2022
- Regular Meetings on April 13, 2022 and April 20, 2022

**Warrants**

- Warrant numbers 575714 through 575903, totaling \$1,236,115.65 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$6,990.14
- Warrant numbers 575904 through 575923 totaling \$45,266.78
- Warrant numbers 575924 through 575948, totaling \$1,369,472.31
- Warrant numbers 575949 through 576129, totaling \$5,016,622.37 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$95.91

**Travel Request**

- Student (33); Mount Vernon High School-Gear Up; Mastering College Essentials; Central Washington University; Ellensburg, WA; June 20-22, 2022
- Students (50); Mount Vernon High School-Gear Up; AWS: La Cima Leadership Conference; Cispus Learning Center; Randle, WA; June 27-July 2, 2022
- Students (10); Mount Vernon High School; ASB and Senate Students; Chipus Mount Rainer Student Leader Training; Cispus Learning Center; Randle, WA; July 24 – July 29, 2022
- Staff (5); Safe and Civil Schools Annual Conference; Portland, OR; July 10-14, 2022

**Agreements**

- Data Sharing Agreement; Foundation for Academic Endeavors; continuing

**Personnel Report**

- Certificated: Employment; Out of Endorsement and Conditional Certificates; Leave; 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 that she attended the FFA plant sale and it was a fun event with great student customer service. She appreciates that everyone looks forward to it each year.
- Director Coffey commented he is working with a statewide group call WIN schools, a group that is recognizing in some states and parts of ours, public schooling is under pressure to change curriculum. We need to keep our ears open to statewide and community information. We need to make sure our staff and frontline teachers are aware of how much we support them in teaching honest pedagogy and honest content and to listen for forces in community who might be acting against. He wants our board to show to the best of our ability that we have the back of our teachers in trying to teach good and honest content.
- Director Cailloux said she supports that effort and that we are supporting our teachers and presenting the information, for example, the way they teach history. She attended a meeting with the Swinomish Tribal Community who work collectively with the Swinomish community. She said it was a beautiful chance to build relationships and thank you to district office staff for the opportunity and who made that possible.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mount Vernon High School Principal: Dr. Colette Roche: Superintendent Vivanco welcomed Dr. Roche, who shared with the board that she is looking forward to meeting them properly and in person. She said she is incredibly excited to join the community. The Board welcomed her and encouraged her to visit whenever she can.

Teacher & Nurse Annual Recognition: I. Vivanco: Superintendent Vivanco recognized and thanks teachers for all they do. They are appreciated, with students every day, and prepare them for the future. Student Services Director, Bill Cheney, spoke on behalf of Mr. Carlton, who was unable to be present to share his thoughts on Nurse recognition. He shared they are very grateful for the nurses. In advance of school nurse day, the theme is Bridging Health Care & Education. This theme is appropriate for the hard work our nurses do. Schools and MVSD have become challenged in meeting student needs and working through the Covid epidemic. Nurse Rittenhouse was recently awarded the Save a Life Award for her services to personally save the lives of six of our students. Christy's calm under pressure is remarkable. He thanked all nurses in the district.

Finance & Enrollment Report: J. Larson, Executive Director-Finance: Executive Director Larson shared data regarding student enrollment and the monthly budget update. She shared that if you are at the district office and see kids coming and going, it is often to attend the Mount Vernon Virtual Learning program (MVVL). Director Ragusa asked if students have been surveyed to determine continued interest in the MVVL. Superintendent Vivanco replied it has been discussed, but wants to wait a bit before committing to future programming. The plan at this time is to discontinue the relationship with Spokane Virtual Learning and have our own staff teachers with all services provided in-house.

District Update: Administrative Team: Superintendent Vivanco said they are happy to welcome Madison Wolter as the new Assistant Principal at Madison. She thanked the board and shared her excitement at

being hired for the position. Director Ragusa said she has been a dynamic part of the equity team, has spent lot of her own time work with the equity team, and that she has brought a wealth of information.

Superintendent Vivanco shared some end of year events including professional development training in august, and the end of year administrator meeting. He was pleased at being able to attend the Swinomish Tribal Elder meeting. Some discussion included the strengths that we can contribute and the areas of growth as we work toward strengthening the Time Immemorial curriculum. The Tribal Elders shared their saying is "Nothing about us without us".

Superintendent Vivanco shared that he attended the WASA superintendents conference. There was tremendous information and he is excited about the things that were reviewed and looking forward to applying the tools to our district.

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

### **New Business**

#### Teacher & School Nurse Recognition, Resolution # 08/21-22

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board adopted Resolution #08/21-22 Teacher & School Nurse Recognition.**

#### Reemployment of Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff, Resolution #06/21-22

**Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and approved, the board adopted Resolution #06/21-22 Reemployment of Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff.**

Asset Preservation Program, Resolution #07/21-22: T. Theisen, C. Johnson: Consultant Tom Theisen and Maintenance Supervisor, Chris Johnson presented information on the ICOS program. Mr. Theisen shared that all information has been loaded to the ICOS database. He shared that Chris & his team are doing a great job maintaining the facilities. Often the scores stay the same each year, particularly he doesn't like to see the scores fall. This year, thanks to maintenance projects at the buildings, some scores went up. Little Mountain was improved due to the voice communications tools, Mount Baker score went up due to the replacement and repair of refrigeration equipment. NCTA marine buildings improved slightly due to roofing improvements at the Anacortes facility. The high school score improved due to the replacement of roof curbs and access to the control and security system. Chris has scheduled a roof project at Little Mountain for next year. Harriet Rowley and Madison look great and should serve the district well for many years. Chris Jonson thanked the maintenance team for their work. He believes it is a huge asset to bring Tom on for this project as he is an impartial evaluator. Director Otos commented it is interesting that OSPI doesn't required a third-party evaluator. Tom agreed, noting they may feel it valuable for the district to see first-hand possible problems and deterioration. By doing so, the district is able to rate the fixes.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board adopted Resolution #07/21-22 Asset Preservation Program.**

Ed Specs on Mount Vernon High School classroom project, Resolution #09/21-22

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board adopted Resolution #07/21-22 Ed Specifications at Mount Vernon High School for the classroom project.**

Racial Balance on Mount Vernon High School classroom project, Resolution #10/21-22

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board adopted Resolution #10/21-22 Racial Balance on Mount Vernon High School classroom project.**

Alternative Public Works Mount Vernon High School classroom project, Resolution #11/21-22

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board adopted Resolution #11/21-22 Alternative Public Works Mount Vernon High School classroom project.**

Lydig Construction Services; Old Main Change Order #PCCO 017: Assistant Superintendent Nutting said a significant piece of the change order is related to the cost of plaster restoration on the old main site. There was a great deal of conversation and vetting of needed changes and the total costs of the change order. Director Ragusa said it is not surprising as you get into the layers of an old building. She said the building is extraordinary and she is thankful for the financial stewardship and accomplishment. Director Coffey said he continues to feel confidence in the TCE and Lydig teams who have guided the district through two elementary schools, and the high school administration building, without any big set backs or glitches. Director Cailloux asked if there were any other items related to project completion that could bring another surprise.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and approved, the board adopted Lydig Construction Services Old Main Change Order #PCCO 017.**


**Public Comments - None offered.**

**Student Comments:**

- Student Viridiana offered her congratulations to Principal Roche and Assistant Principal Wolter and wishes them good luck.
- Director Otos shared that he won't be at the next meeting and Dr. Coffey will serve as chair. On June 1, he shared that he will be attending the leadership training by WSSDA in Walla Walla, but will attend be online. Dr. Coffey will chair that meeting due to unknown technical availability.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

  
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Larry Otos, Director  
Board President

  
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Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board