



**MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORK STUDY MINUTES
Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon School District, Skagit County, Washington, held a Work Study Session on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at Madison Elementary School and via Zoom call. In attendance were Directors Otos, Ragusa, and Cailloux. Directors Coffey and Samora were excused. A quorum was present. Also, in attendance was Superintendent Vivanco, a number of staff, and an interpreter.

Stephanie Thomas, Director of Teaching & Learning presented information related to the proposed high school curriculum adoption for United States History and Contemporary World History. Proposed materials needed to be guaranteed and viable, as well as provide equitable access to instruction. There were many people on the adoption review committee. After looking at multiple text offerings, there were noticeable differences. Some offered a lens of struggle and not strength, some had platforms lacking in content, feedback was variable throughout the process. While all the materials were solid, some would be more suited to the students in the district. After the lengthy review, the committee recommends SAVVAS for adoption. It is aligned to the modern era, provides more in-depth materials, and offers leveled reading in Spanish and other languages, not just utilizing Google translate.

Director Cailloux questioned how much latitude the instructors have to bring in other sources or perspectives. They can do so and tend to collaborate in their professional learning communities. If they felt different viewpoints were needed, it would likely be in the same areas for all of the teachers, which would promote their learning communities.


The discussion was then on the proposed US History Curriculum adoption. It, too, provided a guaranteed and viable option, and equitable access to instruction. They reviewed several programs, and had participation by teachers, parents, and students during the pilot phase. SAVVAS was again recommended.

Director Ragusa commented with both curriculums from the same company, that should be helpful to staff and students. The consistency with the two classes will be useful.

No action was taken and the meeting adjourned at 5:55.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Board Secretary