

**MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Director Coffey called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 314 N. 9th Street, Mount Vernon, Washington.

Call to Order

Flag Salute: Director Coffey led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Flag Salute

Roll Call of Members: Director Coffey called for members presenting including Directors R. Coffey, L. Burkhart, T. Larrick, O. DeLeon, and L. Otos. Also present was Superintendent Bruner and student representative P. Kirkpatrick. Recording secretary was C. Ledin. Some staff members present included Principals R. Merrell, Assistant Principals A. Donahue, J. Robertson-Landi, Executive Director J. Swanson, Directors D. Berard, J. Champagne, Assistant Superintendent D. Anderson; Assistant Director S. Hawley; Supervisor J. Hinckle, staff member D. Van Zandt, and community members L. Anderson and B. Reed.

Roll Call

Set Regular and Consent Agenda: Director Coffey called to set the regular and consent agendas.

Set Agendas

Superintendent Bruner requested inclusion in Section F., Item 2, of a field trip revision for a previously approved student trip, noting modification in the number of attending students.

As motioned by Director Otos, seconded by Director Burkhart and unanimously approved, the board set the regular and consent agendas as modified.

Motion

Approve School Board Meeting Minutes: Director Coffey called to review and approve meeting minutes.

Minutes

As motioned by Director Larrick, seconded by Director Otos and unanimously approved, the board minutes for the regular meeting on December 16, 2015 and work-study sessions on December 9 and 16, 2015 were approved as presented.

Motion

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda: Director Coffey called review and approve the regular and consent agenda items.

*Approve
Consent Agenda*

As motioned by Director Burkhart, seconded by Director Larrick and unanimously approved, the board approved items included in the consent agenda including the following:

Motion

Vouchers and Warrants

- Warrant numbers 297164 through 297499, totaling \$909,625.57 and voids/cancellations totaling \$7.20
- Warrant numbers 297500 through 297591 in the amount of \$84,877.91
- Warrant numbers 297592 through 297650 totaling \$4,375,321.89
- Warrant numbers 297651 through 297851 totaling \$418,044.50 and voids/cancellations totaling \$515.98

Student & Staff Travel

- Students (95); Centennial Elementary 5th grade; Mountain School; North Cascades Institute; Diablo Lake, WA; 04/18/16 – 04/22/16
- Students (9); Mount Vernon High School Boys' Wrestling Team; wrestling tournament; Bremerton, WA; 01/08/16 – 01/09/16
- Students (28); Mount Vernon High School Boys' and Girls' Wrestling Teams; wrestling tournament; Spokane, WA; 01/23/16 – 01/25/16
- Revision: Students (12) Mount Vernon High School Debate team; University of Puget Sound Debate Tournament; University of Puget Sound; Tacoma; WA; 01/07/16 – 01/09/16
- Staff (2); M. Espinoza, G. Chilcoat; LEAP Conference 2016; Tacoma, WA; 02/04/16 – 02/05/16

Agreements

- Contract for Services Above and Beyond Learning: Supplemental Education Services; 01/15/16 – 06/24/16
- Contract for Services Academic Link Outreach: Supplemental Education Services; 01/15/16 – 06/24/16
- Contract for Services Advance Tutoring Services: Supplemental Education Services; 01/15/16 – 06/24/16
- Contract for Services Sylvan Learning of Bellingham: Supplemental Education Services; 01/15/16 – 06/24/16

Personnel Report

- Certificated employment, reassignment, 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 Suggestion and Comment: Director Coffey invited public comment; no one spoke.

Public Comment

Board Member Comments: Director Coffey invited board member comments; he welcomed new board member Olivia DeLeon.

Board Comment

Superintendent's Report: Director Coffey called for items included in the superintendent's report.

Superintendent Report

School Board Recognition Month: Superintendent Bruner commented this is an opportunity to express our appreciation to the board for ongoing service on behalf of the students and staff. We appreciate the many events you attend, morning meetings, meetings called hastily to deal with unplanned issues, and a variety of obligations. The thought and effort you have devoted to the bond process is greatly appreciated. The Superintendent gave the board a book, The Full Report, School Performance in Context. He read the Governor's proclamation on school boards as follows:

School Board Month

WHEREAS, the mission of Washington's public school system is to assure that all students achieve at high levels and possess the knowledge and skills to be responsible citizens and enjoy productive and satisfying lives; and

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington's 295 locally elected school boards and nine elected educational service district boards are the core of the public education governance system in our state; and

WHEREAS, the districts and regions they lead serve more than one million students, have a combined annual budget of nearly \$11 billion and employ 160,000 people; and

WHEREAS, school directors play a crucial role in promoting student learning and achievement by creating a vision, establishing policies and budgets, and setting clear standards of accountability for all involved; and

WHEREAS, school directors are directly accountable to the citizens in their districts and regions, serving as a vital link between members of the community and their schools; and

WHEREAS, school directors and educational service districts provide a passionate voice of advocacy for public schools and the welfare of school children; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize school directors as outstanding volunteers and champions for public education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 2016 as

School Board Recognition Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Diversity Award

Washington State School Directors' Association presentation: Superintendent Bruner introduced Jon Gores, bond financial consultant with D.A. Davidson. Mr. Gores said he is in attendance as the Chair of the Washington State School Directors' Association Foundation. The foundation has awarded the Mount Vernon School District with the annual diversity award on behalf of their recognition of diversity of staff, students, and community.

*Transportation
Department*

Report on Transportation Operations: Superintendent Bruner introduced Jim Hinckle, transportation supervisor. Mr. Hinckle shared with the board that we are in a cooperative arrangement with Conway School District to provide transportation services. He shared the transportation department travels 528,324 miles per year and has had a perfect Washington State Patrol inspection for the past five years. The buses use bio-diesel and a no idle zone is enforced. The efficiency rating has improved from 74% to above 90% in the past three years. The department goal is to maintain a safe and reliable service pattern. Every driver completes a 15-minute pre-trip in the morning to ensure everything works properly and a post trip check. They transport children in the McKinney-Vento program from Bellingham, Marysville, Everett, and the Skagit County districts. They work with the local districts to share the transportation needs of those students. He noted the drivers observe students in situations that are different from the rest of the school staff and can be the first to detect an unsafe home environment or student injured.

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*Legislative
Meeting*

Drivers are also a reporting system for traffic violations. Director Coffey thanked Mr. Hinckle and his staff for all they do to transport children safely.

Meetings with Legislators: Superintendent Bruner commented Directors Otos and Burkhardt would be attending the one-day visit to Olympia to meet with legislators. The annual WSSDA legislative conference will provide a second opportunity.

Old Business: Director Coffey called for items included in Old Business.

Old Business

Mount Vernon High School Course Proposals: 2nd Reading: Superintendent Bruner stated this is the second reading of the recommended high school course proposal adjustments.

*MVHS Course
Proposals*

Upon motion by Director Otos, second by Director Larrick and unanimously approved, the board adopted the 2016-17 recommended high school course proposal adjustments.

Motion

New Business: Director Coffey called for items included in New Business.

New Business

Impact Fee Waiver Request: 1st Appearance: Superintendent Bruner introduced Mr. Brien Reed, community member and employee to present his request for an impact fee waiver. Mr. Reed said he and his wife have an upcoming residential project and are requesting waiver of the impact fees. He appreciates the board time to hear his request. They recently purchased property south of Mount Vernon. As part of the permit process, a fee of approximately \$7000 is required for impact fees. He shared that due to the sensitive nature of his job, he and his wife chose to enroll their children in the Conway School District, away from where he works. His children will not impact the Mount Vernon School District because they do not attend school in the district. He understands that waivers are given for age-restricted developments due to no impact and he feels he should be given the same consideration for the same reason. The board stated that if he sold his house, there was no guarantee the next buyer would not have children. The board thanked Mr. Reed for his request and said they would deliberate his request.

*Impact Fee
Request*

Resolution No. 03/15-16 Adopting a Study & Survey and Certifying an Inventory of Unused or Underutilized School Facilities in Neighboring Districts: Superintendent Bruner commented there is a state construction assistance process that requires districts to complete a detailed study & survey. HKP Architects managing that survey. One element is a requirement whereby we contact neighboring districts and ask if they have available space for our students. We've done that and now must certify the results to include in the larger document.

*Resolution re:
underutilized
facilities*

Upon motion by Director Otos, seconded by Director Larrick and unanimously approved, the board adopts Resolution No. 03/15-16 Adopting a Study & Survey and Certifying an Inventory of Unused or Underutilized School Facilities in Neighboring Districts.

Motion

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for collection and distribution of impact fees: Superintendent Bruner stated that when the capital facilities plan is redone, the plan provides the mechanism by which impact fees are calculated. To get those fees collected, they are incorporated by the City of Mount Vernon into the comp plan amendment as part of the growth management act. We also have the county approve our plan so they can collect for homes outside of the city limits but still within the district boundaries. The county has been working with our attorney,

*Agreement for
impact fees*

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Denise Stiffarm, negotiating language since some of the rules have changed. County has acted to incorporate this into their amendments.

Upon motion by Director Otos, seconded by Director Burkhart and unanimously carried, the board approved the interlocal cooperative agreement for collection and distribution of impact fees.

Motion

School Board Student Representative Comments: Director Coffey called for student comments; P. Kirkpatrick said she is very pleased about the diversity award. She also said she did not realize how large the transportation department is.

*Student
Comment*

Public Suggestion and Comment: Director Coffey called for public comment; no one spoke.

Public Comment

Adjournment: Director Coffey noted there was no further business to bring before the board and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Adjourn

Rob Coffey, Director
Board President

Carl Bruner, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board