

***MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320***  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom Call**

**Call to Order and Flag Salute:** Director Otos called to order at 6:13 PM on April 15, 2020, a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors. The meeting was held by Zoom call. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

**Roll Call of Members:** Present were Directors Otos, Ragusa, Coffey, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Also in attendance was Superintendent Bruner. Some staff members in attendance included A. Moe, C. Carlton, K. Wollan, P. Donaldson, T. Papendorf, B. Nutting, C. Johnson, I. Vivanco, and community members T. Theisen, M. Hernandez, and M. Salazar.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas:** Superintendent Bruner requested addition of an action item as letter M to follow the executive session. Item H.1., Equity Policy first read will be removed for consideration at a May meeting.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the consent and regular agendas were approved as modified**

**Review and Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

- Regular Meetings: March 2, 3, 4, 5, and 18, 2020
- Work Study Meeting: March 4, 2020

**Agreements**

- Northwest ESD Skagit Discovery; 2020-2021; child specific
- Northwest ESD Whatcom Discovery; 2020-2021; child specific
- Northwest ESD; NW Regional Learning Center; 2020-2021; child specific

**Personnel Report**

- Certificated: Employment; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/Termination
- Classified: Leave
- Unfilled Classified position

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Board Member Comments:**

- Director Otos: shared that with the Stay Home order he is missing his personal interactions with the board.
- Director Coffey: Shared that he appreciates the quality of the draft Racial Equity policy. It is a remarkable document.
- Director Samora: Thanked staff for the good work happening all around the district. She has seen some of the food deliveries and it is amazing.

**Superintendent's Report**

Update on District Closure: Superintendent Bruner shared information including:

- The district has served over 20,000 meals a week for breakfast and lunch
- There are 14 sites available for families to pick up lunches, including three bus routes that deliver, in some cases, door-to-door.
- Childcare is being provided at three sites to a total of approximately 25 children.
- Teaching & Learning and Technology have spent significant time ensuring internet access for students. There have been 50 hot spots installed. The high school was prioritized, followed by the middle schools and then the elementary schools. Additional hot spots have been ordered to put on buses to allow a broad range of internet availability. There have been over 2500 Chromebooks checked out with more daily.
- Some families are receiving paper packets of school work. This is particularly helpful to families that have multiple children in multiple grades or schools.
- OSPI is working on guidance about grading for high school students. This could impact their admission to colleges and universities.
- District had thought there would be time for staff professional development, but principals have indicated staff is very busy with no time for professional development. Frank Atkinson, Teaching & Learning, is meeting with teacher teams to align curriculum and identify standards, which is a form of professional development.

#### Old Business

Equity Policy #1801, first read: Superintendent Bruner noted this will be moved to May 6 for a first read to allow the committee to share the document and gain additional insight. Director Samora is interested what feedback will be received.

**Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the first read of the Racial Equity Policy #1801 will be moved to May 6, 2020.**

Asset Preservation Program, Resolution #24/19-20: Tom Theisen presented information on the Asset Preservation Program, noting this is a requirement by OSPI for buildings constructed after 1995. Tom visited five schools and Chris Johnson visited two. The only score that changed since last year's visit was Mount Baker Middle School, who had a slight reduction due to exterior finish issues. Director Ragusa wondered if repairs can be done while students are not in the buildings. Mr. Johnson said that some can be done, while others would only occur during a major remodel. Mr. Theisen has updated the required ICOS with the new data.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the Asset Preservation Program report and ICOS information.**

#### New Business

Recognitions-Resolution #23/19-20: Superintendent Bruner presented to the board Resolution #23/19-20 in recognition of Administrative Professionals Day, School Volunteer Recognition week, and Assistant Principal's Week. He noted these groups demonstrate the importance of role modeling for students and they provide support and a caring community for students.

**Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted resolution #23/19-20 to recognize district administrative professionals and assistant principals, and school volunteers.**

**Request to Surplus; Bus and Van:** Superintendent Bruner noted the request from Kelly Johnson, Supervisor of Transportation, to surplus two vehicles. She said they are no longer of use to the district and the cost to maintain them outweighs their benefit.

**Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the surplus of the bus and van with VIN#s 4DRBUAFN15B988516 (bus) and #1GNDV23W18D200721 (van).**

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Student Comments:** There were no student comments.

**Executive Session:** Adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) regarding potential litigation. Potential action could follow. Executive session will last for 30 minutes. The board adjourned at 6:45 PM to executive session.

**Resume Regular Session:** Director Otos called the board back to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted a settlement agreement regarding special education services.**

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Larry Otos  
Larry Otos (May 12, 2020)

Larry Otos, President  
Mount Vernon School Board

Carl Bruner  
Carl Bruner (May 13, 2020)

Carl Bruner, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board