

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 01, 2021 6:00 PM

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, September 1, 2021 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 present included Directors Otos, Coffey, Ragusa, Samora. Director Cailloux was excused. Also present was Superintendent Vivanco, several staff members, and an interpreter.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Warrants

- Warrant numbers 572196 through 572348, totaling \$2,612,108.25 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$1,012.21
- Warrant numbers 572349 through 572362, totaling \$50,091.43
- Warrant numbers 572349 through 572390, totaling \$100,438.50
- Warrant numbers 572363 through 572386, totaling \$1,248,882.51
- Warrant numbers 572389 through 572539, totaling \$2,793,307.74 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$5,695.80
- Warrant numbers 572540 through 572541, totaling \$78.13 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$78.13

Minutes

- Regular meetings on August 4, 2021 and August 18
- Work Study meetings on August 4, 2021

Agreements

- Agreement; Washington Vocational Services; Resumes to Retention; Adult Transition Program; 09/01/21 through 06/30/22
- Interlocal cooperative Agreement; Northwest ESD Science Materials Center; 09/01/21 through 08/31/22

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Leave
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination
- Extra/Co-Curricular Stipends and Supplemental Contracts
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified Positions

Public Comments

Comments from the public read into the record include:

- D. Studley, thank you to the school board for their work in keeping a safe environment during a pandemic.
- R. Revoyr, thank you to the district for following the law to keep students first.
- M. McNulty, please wear masks.
- M. Brown Randles, thank you to the school board for service to students and families and keeping students safe.

Board Member Comments

Director Ragusa, thank you for the public comments. Thank you to staff and students for a great first day to the 2021-22 school year.

Director Samora, thank you for a great first day for the 2021-22 school year, there is a lot of work to be done and staff and students can do it.

Director Otos, thank you for helping the Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation have a successful golf tournament. The event raised \$30,000 that supports student and staff learning. Thank you also to the board for supporting the event by sponsoring a hole.

Director Coffey, When the pandemic first began, we were terrified and now the infection and spread rates are worse than ever. We had reduced rates to three or four per day; we are now at 50-55 per day. Health care workers are working as hard as ever, with the hospital seeing higher numbers of Covid patients in the last few weeks than during the whole epidemic. Most of the patients are not vaccinated. Masking, social distancing, and air flow are helpful; we need to do everything we can to reduce the spread. Recent reviews of the delta variant indicate the numbers may improve soon, but we need to stay diligent.

Superintendent's Report

Public Information Officer, Belle Vargas: Belle shared that she recently moved to the area from the Yakima Valley. She is excited to be here and work with the team on the many exciting stories and opportunities presented to our students and staff by the district.

Opening Day Report / Fall Reopening: Superintendent Vivanco

Superintendent Vivanco shared the welcome back to staff and kick off was successful, with a former student serving as the primary speaker. He shared that he and the administrative team visited all schools and support sites. There was lots of excitement, with some hesitation, but overall an incredible time to see kids in the hallway and the organized chaos. Other reports were shared including Director Larson, Director Wattawa, Director Thomas, Director Van Straten, Executive Director Carlton, Director Ronngren, and Director Brower. All collectively said it was good to have the students back in school.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business

Mount Vernon Education Association (MVEA) Agreement; J. Ronngren; Director Ronngren shared the MVEA bargained agreement. In his work with the team, he was reminded of the professional, caring teaching staff the district employs. The agreement represents a two year agreement, with bargaining elements related to dual language programming and support. There are also supports built in for student support services. While the process was sometimes challenging, thanks for the excellent staff and teachers, we were able to come to an agreement.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board ratified the Mount Vernon Education Association bargaining agreement as presented.

Student Fee Schedule 2021-22; J. Larson; Executive Director Larson said this fee schedule is a housekeeping item due annually that establishes student fees. The schedule reflects the changes that HB1660 requires including that students who qualify as low income will not be charged any fees connected to participation in extra curricular activities. Director Larson said they worked to ensure equality in the fees, noting the middle school fees are the same.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the 2021-22 Student Fee Schedule as presented.

Gift to the District: Superintendent Vivanco shared there were two gifts offered to the high school athletics department totaling \$1500.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the two monetary gifts as shown.

- **Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation; \$1000 to benefit the MVHS Athletics Department**
- **Les Schwab; \$500 to benefit the MVHS Athletics Department**

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Larry Otas, Director
Board President



Bill Nutting, Assistant Superintendent

