

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:00 PM

Call to Order and Flag Salute: Director Otos called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. on August 4, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom call and in person at Madison Elementary School. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

Roll Call of Members: Members present included Directors Otos, Ragusa, Samora, Cailloux, and Coffey. A quorum was present. Assistant Superintendent Nutting was present on behalf of Superintendent Vivanco. Also, in attendance were several staff members

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, items in the consent agenda were approved as follows:

Warrants

- Warrant Numbers 571923 through 572045, totaling \$1,601,971.71 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$1,313.80
- Warrant numbers 572046 through 572066 in the amount of \$42,480.98
- Warrant numbers 572067 through 572089, totaling \$1,613.185.47
- Warrant numbers 572090 through 572192, totaling \$1,900,251.08 and voids/cancellations, totaling \$3,125.35
- Warrant numbers 572193 through 572195, totaling \$45,617.62

Minutes

- Regular meetings on July 14, 2021 and July 21, 2021
- Work Study Meeting on July 20, 2021

Agreements

- Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; Sedro-Woolley School District; Bakery/Bread produce; 09/01/21 – 08/30/26
- Contract; Northwest ESD 189; Student Assistance Professional; 09/01/21 – 08/31/22

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Reassignment/Transfer; Retirement/Resignation/Termination
- Classified: Employment; Retirement/ Resignation/Termination
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified Positions

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Board Member Comments

- Director Otos thanked the board for contributing to the Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation Green & White Open through the sponsorship of a hole. He was pleased to report the number of teams is full and there is always room for additional sponsorships. Dr. Otos also commented on the successful board retreat.

- Director Cailloux appreciated the construction update provided during the work study session. She said it is exciting to see the work progressing and feels like the district is being good stewards and keeping bond promises.

Superintendent's Report

Fall Reopening Plans

Assistant Superintendent Nutting said he is pleased to announce the hiring of Melissa Van Straten as Director in Teaching & Learning.

He said related to the reopening, there were several items including an announcement from Governor Inslee stating that all schools will open in person. The district has been working toward that all summer and intend to open on September 1. Additionally, the Governor is extending the masking requirements, with the Department of Health updating their requirements to match. Many of the mitigation measures already in place will remain including face covers, physical distancing, cleaning, and staying home when sick. They are also encouraging vaccinations for all that are eligible. He clarified the social distancing required by the DOH and directly quoted is "3' to the degree possible and reasonable." The physical distancing requirement should not prevent the return to full time instruction. Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal, said that any district that does not offer a full time experience will be in violation of law will have their federal and state funds halted. The district plans to comply with all expectations and with Labor & Industries requirements regarding employee vaccination status. There is clarify of guidance from the Governor, Department of Health, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Labor and Industries that sets the state for the return to school.

Mr. Nutting said the planning for the Learning Recovery Plan is underway with participation of staff including representatives from Teaching & Learning, Student Services, and the Equity & Inclusion Department.

He shared that Lincoln Elementary School is ready to move forward as the location for the High School South Campus. Chris Oliver will serve as the onsite administrator. Director Ragusa thanked him for the letter to the neighborhood resident. He said there will also be a follow up communication directly from Assistant Principal Oliver giving neighborhood residents a point of contact at the school.

Director Cailloux said she would like a report on the social-emotional elements of the Learning Recovery Plan. Bill Cheney, Director, Student Support Services said there is a multi-faceted approach. That is a large domain and planning will occur from many different approaches including extracurricular activities before and after school including clubs and sports, as well as socialization and reengagement opportunities with peers. Additional counselors and universal screening are intentional and allow the support to individual students.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business

Construction: Mount Vernon High School: Old Main Prime Contract Change Order #005

Mr. Nutting shared this was reviewed at the work study session. This was an alternate plan that as reviewed a few months and bid at that time. As the project continued, it made sense to consider this. Once a bulk of early construction was completed, it put the district in the place to consider and now recommend the changes. Director Otos said this will be a nice adjustment and since it faces the street

side, it presents a positive public image. Director Coffey inquired details on the fencing changes between the new administration building and old main. The fencing will extend from New Main to the Lawrence Street entrance, then connect to the existing fence. Dr. Wattawa, principal at Mount Vernon High School, said they are very excited about this change. The campus has been so open that it has been difficult to maintain appropriate security.

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, Old Main Prime Contract change Order #005 was approved.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Bill Nutting, Assistant Superintendent

