

***MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320***  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

**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 September 2, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom call. Director Otos led the board and gallery in the flag salute.

**Roll Call of Members:** Members present included Directors Otos, Ragusa, Coffey, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Superintendent Vivanco was present. Also in attendance were many staff and public.

**Set Consent and Regular Agendas**

Superintendent Vivanco requested approval to add three items for board consideration and action.

- Addition in Letter H. Old Business, Number 2, 2020-21 Student Staff Calendar Revision, this is an action item.
- Addition in Letter I. New Business, Number 7, Partnership agreements for child care with Skagit Valley Family YMCA, Boys & Girls Club of Skagit County, and Children of the Valley; this is an action item.
- Addition of Letter L. Executive Session, Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. Duration expected is 15 minutes with no action to follow.

**Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, the board set the regular and consent agendas as amended.**

**Review and Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Minutes**

- August 5, 2020 Regular Meeting
- August 19, 2020 Regular Meeting

**Warrants**

- Warrant numbers 567679 through 567696 totaling \$36,260.45
- Warrant numbers 568027 through 568052 totaling \$1,314,179.23
- Warrant numbers 568053 through 568188 totaling \$2,848,968.18 and voids/cancellations totaling \$168.03

**Agreements**

- Memorandum of Understanding; College Success Foundation; Higher Education Readiness Opportunity and CSF Achievers Scholars Program; 09/01/20 to 08/31/21
- Memorandum of Understanding; Inspire Development Centers; Child Find services; 09/01/20 to 08/31/21
- Lease Agreement; Chinook Enterprises; 09/01/20 to 08/31/21
- Agreement; Washington Vocational Services; Adult Transition Program; 2020-21 School Year
- Interlocal Agreement; Skagit Preschool and Resource Center; Facilities; 08/01/20 to 08/31/21
- Agreement for Services; University of Washington; Center for Educational Leadership; Instructional Coaching; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

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#### **Personnel Report**

- Certificated: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination
- Classified: Employment; Summer Food Program; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination and Unfilled Certificated and Classified positions

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

#### **Board Member Comments:**

- Director Ragusa thanked parents for their patience and support. The first day of the year was difficult but still positive. She spoke with other district legislative representatives who said the legislative general assembly will be challenging this year but it will be done virtually. She said that some districts have board representatives who have served for 42 years or more.
- Director Samora thanked families for their efforts. She recently participated in a tour of the Fine Arts building at the high school and was pleased. It is a great place for staff and students.
- Director Otos said the board is still working to have a retreat regarding the 2020-21 school year, but it will wait until the county enters Phase 3 of the Governor's Safe Start program. Several topics will be included such as property, resource officers, goals, and objectives.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

First Day Report: I. Vivanco & B. Nutting: Superintendent Vivanco and Bill Nutting, Assistant Superintendent both agreed it was good to get the year started. Now it will require continual modifications, adjustments, and communications with families. There were some bumps, but mostly everything went well. Mr. Nutting shared these first days are very important to students and staff alike. Administrators visited all sites. The technology department received over 600 calls on this one day and appreciated that families were in good spirits.

- Director Ragusa inquired on who is responsible to reach out to families who were unable to log in; Mr. Nutting replied this will be a coordinated effort between the teachers and school staff. She also inquired how families can share their concerns; this is to go to the school staff first because they will be able to solve most concerns.
- Director Cailloux inquired on the attendance numbers today; Stephanie Thomas, Director of Assessments and Data said that anecdotally she heard it was strong. Numbers will be pulled and examined with efforts toward daily increases.
- Director Otos inquired what day is the first official count; Ms. Thomas said it is on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of classes and students need to have logged in by that time.

Mount Vernon High School Fine Arts Building Tour: I. Vivanco; Dr Vivanco shared that board members toured the Fine Arts building, noting it is very near completion. Only minor details remain and the building looks very practical and efficient.

Dr. Vivanco said that he will be attending a virtual Association of Latino Administrators & Superintendents (ALAS) conference for professional growth. They have arranged for free attendance for one board. The topic is equity leadership in action, when to strength and when to pivot. He is anxious to attend and share with the Board and team.

#### **Old Business**

**Policy #3424 - Opioid Reversal Medication, 2nd Read; B. Nutting**

Mr. Nutting said this mandated policy is presented for board approval. No changes have been made since the first review.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted policy #3424, Opioid Reversal Medication.**

**2020-21 Student Staff Calendar Modification**

Mr. Nutting noted this is a proposed correction to the 2020-21 Student Staff calendar. The last day of school is moved to June 15.

**Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted the revised 2020-21 Student Staff calendar.**

**New Business**

Basic Education Compliance: J. Ronngren

Mr. Ronngren, Human Resources Director, reviewed the requirements in the Basic Education report, noting the district meets all obligations. This is presented annually per the Revised Code of Washington. There are minimum numbers of school days required and minimum instructional hour offerings. With the current schedules including the synchronous and asynchronous schedule and the high school trimester schedule, the district remains above the minimum requirements. Typically, the process for determine compliance is somewhat routine. Due to the remote learning in place, it required close examination to ensure the district was where it should be. Mr. Ronngren also shared this is his first opportunity to report to the board and he feels very fortunate.

**Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved the Minimum Basic Ed Compliance report for 2020-2021 school year.**

PSE 1 Wage Reopener: B. Nutting

Mr. Nutting said the bargaining unit that represents paraeducators and bus monitors is heading into the third and final year of the existing bargaining agreement. This year required a wage reopener. After meeting with the unit leadership, and agreement was proposed and the unit voted to approve the wage improvements.

**Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the board agreed to the PSE 1 Wage improvement.**

**Resolution #01/20-21 Title IX: B. Nutting**

Mr. Nutting reported that the U.S. Department of Civil Rights released a rule regarding Title IX on August 9, 2020. The district has been waiting for a model policy to be prepared by WSSDA attorneys. As that has not happened to date, the District reached out to our attorney who drafted a resolution as a stop gap measure. It recognizes the required changes and acknowledges that we will update our policies. In addition to the resolution, the attorneys provided a lengthy memo that provides guidance for the district and Title IX officer in case complaints are filed before the updated policy is developed. The resolution maintains the preponderance of evidence of standards, rather than a clear and convincing standing. Director Cailloux said she has been following this closely.

**Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted Resolution 01/20-21 regarding Title IX rules.**

Resolution #02/20-21 Reduction in Transportation Programming: Mr. Nutting said that revenue for the transportation department is based on ridership counts, numbers of miles traveled, and destinations and numbers of schools served. With the remote model, these factors are significantly reduced. Based on those reductions, OSPI modifies funding. The expectation from OSPI is a 2/3 reduction in the transportation revenue. The district has been in communication with the Teamster Bargaining unit. When remote learning is no longer in use, we will need to have the services of the professional, highly qualified drivers that we are fortunate to have in our employ. The district has agreed to keep the drivers on furlough to help maintain their connection with the district. We will continue to support the district portion of benefit costs. Many drivers will be eligible for unemployment support.

While maintaining our portion of their benefits is a financial commitment on the part of the district, it is important to keeping that positive relationship. This event is through no fault of their own. They are professional, safety conscious, good drivers, and they have an important connection with students. Director Otos inquired about their eligibility to apply for unemployment benefits. Mr. Nutting said that the district has been helpful in terms of sharing information in the MOU and agreement, but careful to stay in our lane – the actual unemployment benefits are the purview of the Employment Security Department. Superintendent Vivanco said that through routine processing, the district has already been given some of the transportation funding. If it results in an overpayment, the state will recoup the funds. Director Cailloux inquired what is happening to the funds we don't receive from the state, where will it be used. Mr. Nutting said the governor has updated an executive order that allows more flexibility of funding and transportation dollars.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted Resolution #02/20-21 Reduction in Transportation Programming.**

Construction: B. Nutting

Resolution #03/20-21 Certify Completion of Constructability Review Report Old Main: Jeremy Woolley of Parametrix presented information on the review for Old Main, noting they attempted to make the documents clear and to forecast any potential errors.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board adopted Resolution #02/20-21 Reduction in Transportation Programming.**

Gifts to the District: Superintendent Vivanco shared that Mike and Patti Richter, former teachers, donated a hand carved Orca Whale, valued at \$260, to Harriet Rowley Elementary.

**Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, the board accepted the gift of the hand carved Orca Whale.**

Childcare Community Partnership Agreements: Boys & Girls Club, Skagit Valley Family YMCA, Children of the Valley; 08/25/2020 through 12/18/2020: Dan Berard, Categorical Funding, said these agreements will aid in providing childcare services to students during the Remote Plus Learning Model. His team has been working to identify specific numbers for each agency and location.

**Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, the board approved community partnership agreements with the Boys & Girls Club, Skagit Valley Family YMCA, and Children of the Valley for services from August 25, 2020 through December 18, 2020.**

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

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

**Adjourn to Executive Session** Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. At 7:15 p.m. the board adjourned to executive session for 15 minutes with no action to follow.


At 7:30 p.m., the regular meeting resumed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the board adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



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Larry Otos, Board President



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Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent  
Secretary to the Board