

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 16, 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 16, 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, and Cailloux. Director Samora was absent. A quorum was present. Superintendent Vivanco was present as were student representatives Rochelle, Conde-Martinez, and Grechishkin. Also in attendance were many staff and public.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Agreements

- Master Services Agreement; Language Line Services, Inc.; term until cancelled; interpretation services

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Out of Endorsement; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/ Termination
- Classified: Employment; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/Termination
- Extra/Co-Curricular Stipends and Supplemental Contracts
- Unfilled Certificated and Classified positions

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Board Member Comments:

- Director Ragusa thanked students for their continued efforts to adapt to the new remote learning program.
- Director Otos said that many suggestions have been received by parents and they are all being reviewed.

Oath of Office Student Board Representatives: I. Vivanco

Superintendent Vivanco presented the Oath of Office for the 2020-21 student representatives. Seniors Chase Rochelle, Brian Conde-Martinez, and Alexa Grechishkin swore to "...uphold the Constitution of the United States..." and to "...faithfully discharge the duties of the Student Representative Director." Their service on the school board will continue through the 2020-21 school year.

Superintendent's Report

School and Community Visits: I. Vivanco: Superintendent Vivanco shared information from his visits to Mount Baker Middle School and his visit with Nutrition Services staff.

Curriculum Report: Stephanie Thomas, Director for Assessment & Data Systems, shared information on the reading program and science curriculum work at the elementary level, the implementation of a new 6-8 science curriculum following a successful pilot in 2019-20, the pilot of math curriculum for grade 8, and a novel pilot for AP Literature. Additionally, Stephanie discussed the Since Time Immemorial phased implementation K-12.

New Employee Report: Jon Ronngren, Human Resources Director, presented information on the new staff hired for 2020-21. This district hired 36 new certificated staff, including 5 district alum.

Old Business – There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution #04/20-21 Policy 1321R District Reopening & Suspension of Policy: Superintendent Vivanco reported that this resolution was sent to us by WSSDA and is required to ensure policies are in place or suspended as needed during the Remote Plus Learning Model that will allow the district to operate effectively. It was vetted by their attorneys and suggested by OSPI,

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #04/20-21 Policy 1321R District Reopening & Suspension of Policy was adopted.

Construction: B. Nutting

Resolution #05/20-21 Old Main Certifying 5 Year Continued Use and 30 Year Extension of the Life of the Building: Jeremy Woolley, Parametrix, shared the background for the resolution regarding Old Main and certifying building life expectancy. This is required by the state as part of the D-Form process.

Upon motion by Director Ragusa, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #05/20-21 Old Main Certifying 5 Year Continued Use and 30 Year Extension of the Life of the Building was adopted.

Resolution #06/20-21 Old Main Modernization, New in Lieu, and Addition: Jeremy Woolley explained this resolution is also required by the state as part of the D-Form process.

Upon motion by Director Cailloux, seconded and unanimously approved, Resolution #06/20-21 Old Main Modernization, New in Lieu, and Addition was adopted.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Student Comments:

Director Coffey requested the student representatives share some thoughts regarding schooling during the COVID era.

- Alexa said that she appreciates what the teachers are doing. It can be easy for students to criticize their work, but overall, the adaption has gone smoothly. It is easier to concentrate in person, but remote learning does provide more flexibility.
- Chase said that he is primarily focusing on common applications to colleges. He said it is sad to not have campus visits. He is grateful the teachers are so helpful with this process.

- Brian said the transition has been going well. Teachers are putting forward good work and keeping students engaged. He likes the asynchronous time.

Director Cailloux asked the students to explain their thoughts on college.

- Alexa said, like Chase, it is hard not to have college visits. There are many online tours, but it is difficult to get a feel for the school – hard not to see colleges. Many offer online tours but hard to get feel if not there in person. Was able to look at physical campus. Don't like no person to person interviews. Online tours would not have been available before so now I can learn about schools on the east coast.
- Brian said he agreed that he will miss on site tours. Schools are releasing many resources that have made it more equitable. I would not have been able to visit schools on the east coast or larger schools. Now that the information online, it has allowed me to expand my search and possible opportunities.
- Chase also noticed an increase in the number of schools reaching out to potential students. It is a learning experience for all of us.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Larry Otos, Director
Board President



Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board