

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2020
Little Mountain Elementary School

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 January 22, 2020. The meeting was held at Little Mountain Elementary School, 1514 S. LaVenture Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273. 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. Also in attendance was Superintendent Bruner and student representatives L. Cervantes and L. Covarrubias. Some others attending included J. Larson, A. Moe, S. Husband, E. Stroosma, D. Riddle, B. Cheney, C. Carlton, D. Berard, K. Wollan, P. Shanander, K. Morin, B. Johnson, A. Hunt, C. Beatty, M. Wolter, and B. Knauft.

Set Consent and Regular Agendas: Superintendent Bruner requested removal from section D.2. Agreements the Interagency Agreement with Skagit Valley College; Skagit Invest Program. This item will be relocated to section H.1. Old Business. Additionally, he requested the addition to Section I.3, New Business a request for travel. Last, he requested the addition of an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to review the performance of a public employee.

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

Review and Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Travel

- Students (15); Mount Vernon High School; Key Club; Pacific Northwest District Convention; Oregon Convention Center; Portland, OR; March 20-22, 2020

Agreements

- Interlocal Agreement; Conway School District; Child Specific 2019-20 school year

Minutes

- Regular Meetings of November 13, 2019, October 16, 2019, Work Study meetings of December 4, 2019, November 22, 2019, and November 13, 2019

Personnel Report

- Certificated: Employment; Out of Endorsement; Leave
- Classified: Employment; Reassignment/Transfer/Adjust; Leave; Retirement/Resignation/Termination; Transportation Adjustments
- 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 the high school for the Bulldog Lego set. She commented there is significant discussion surrounding the graduation venue. She appreciated people getting involved and sharing their opinions.
- Director Otos said he attended the debate competition recently. Students did a remarkable job and it was inspirational. He recognized Katie Fox, an assistant principal for the Anacortes School District who is interviewing board members as a step toward her superintendent credentials.
- Director Coffey sadly announced the passing of Allen Lowe, a former teacher at Mount Baker and Mount Vernon High School.
- Director Samora thanked Little Mountain for hosting the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

School Board Recognition: C. Bruner and staff: Superintendent Bruner recognized the school board for their hard work year round with appreciation gifts and acknowledgement from Mount Vernon High School, Centennial Elementary, and LaVenture Middle School.

Little Mountain Host School: S. Husband: Principal Susan Husband shared the theme for this year is to "Make your mark and see where it takes you". Staff presented 5th grade strategy groups and 3rd grade math strategies. Students travel to different rooms in their grade level to seek insight into the learning methods of the same materials. The teachers work as a team to ensure each student receives the direction and support needed to learn the presented information.

Finance Report: J. Larson: Executive Director-Finance, Jennifer Larson, presented information on the to-date information including expenditures, impact fee collections, and enrollment. She commented the SEBB program will show a significant increase in January, but this was budgeted. The amounts reflected in impact fees doesn't necessarily follow the construction patten, but when the fees are paid to us by the City. She said enrollment is not as high as hoped, reflecting a dip between December and January. It is typical that we will drop another 30 or so students before the end of the school year. The district has fewer students now that at the same time last year, with no additional or unexpected growth anticipated for this school year

Old Business

Revised Policy, #3211 Gender Inclusive Schools; 1st read: Superintendent Bruner said a transgender policy was passed two years ago. Staff at the high school worked with students to complete a policy that would reflect the board's goal and meet student needs. Since that time, the legislature passed a bill requiring the policy match the WSSDA template policy. This slight modification meets that requirement and updates the passage date to ensure compliance.

Interagency Agreement renewal; Skagit Valley College; Skagit Invest Program; Child Specific; 09/01/19 until terminated

Upon motion by Director Coffey, seconded and approved by four members with one abstention by Director Cailloux for conflict of interest, the child specific agency agreement for the Skagit Invest Program with Skagit Valley College was approved.

New Business

Mount Vernon High School Course Approvals 2020-21, 1st read (Dan Berard):

Dan Berard and Cesar Bernal, noting that all courses are aligned with OSPI standards, presented Information. Connections have been made with Skagit Valley College for dual language credit to address

pathways to graduation. There are many exciting Career & Technical Education offerings including classes in agriculture, agricultural science, plants, and landscaping. The courses are more focused and will provide opportunities for students to connect to the college and to earn technology certificates and internships. Intermediate classes in mariachi will be introduced.

Mount Baker and LaVenture Middle School; Course Addition 2020-21, 1st read (Dan Berard)

Dan Berard discussed the Heritage Spanish language class for the middle school level. This allows a parallel course for dual language students. It is also a potential pathway for students who have not previously been a part of the dual language program.

Staff travel request; Northwest Career & Technical Academy; The NCTA submitted a request for instructor Wes Friddell to attend the Universal Technical Institute Seminar; Maritime Program; 01/31/2020 – 02/02/2020.

Upon motion by Director Samora, seconded and unanimously approved, the travel request for instructor Wes Friddell to attend the UTI maritime institute in January 2020 was approved.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Student Comments:

- Student Cervantes enjoyed the presentation from Little Mountain staff.
- Student Covarrubias appreciates the idea of multiple math teachers to create additional student support. She is also excited about the new CTE courses.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Director Otos said that the board will adjourn to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (b); to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price and pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) to review the performance of a public employee. No board action will follow. The board adjourned to executive session at 7:33 p.m. for 25 minutes.

Reconvene Regular Session: The board reconvened regular business at 7:58 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Larry Otos
Larry Otos, Board, 2020

Larry Otos, Director
Board President

Carl Bruner
Carl Bruner, Board, 2020

Carl Bruner, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board