

MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

<p>Call to Order: Director Coffey called to order a regular meeting of the Mount Vernon School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School, 1801 E. Blackburn Road, Mount Vernon, Washington.</p>	<p>Call to Order</p>
<p>Flag Salute: Director Coffey led the board and gallery in the flag salute.</p>	<p>Flag Salute</p>
<p>Roll Call of Members: Directory Coffey called for members present including Directors R. Coffey, L. Burkhart, T. Larrick, O. DeLeon, and L. Otos. Also present was Superintendent Bruner and student representative S. Meadows. Recording secretary was C. Ledin. Some staff members included Principals T. Newall, D. Riddle, R. Merrell, Assistant Principals J. Robertson-Landi, J. Gaona, Director D. Berard, Executive Director J. Swanson, Assistant Superintendent D. Anderson, and teachers A. Thogersen, D. VanZandt, B. Barber, and D. Willer.</p>	<p>Attendance</p>
<p>Set Regular and Consent Agenda: Director Coffey called to set the regular and consent agendas.</p>	<p>Set Agendas</p>
<p>Superintendent Bruner requested removal of topic 3 within item 1 of the consent agenda, staff travel request. He requested the addition of items 3 and 4 for travel requests within New Business section J.</p>	
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">As motioned by Director Burkhart, seconded by Director Otos and unanimously approved, they board set the regular and consent agendas as modified.</p>	<p>Motion</p>
<p>Review and Approval of Consent Agenda: Director Coffey called to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>Consent Agenda</p>
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">As motioned by Director Otos, seconded by Director Larrick and unanimously approved, the board approved the consent agenda to include the following items:</p>	<p>Motion</p>
<p style="padding-left: 40px;">Student & Staff Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVHS Students (6); FFA; 360 Leadership Conference; 02/19-02/21/16; Randle, WA • MVHS Students (7); Band & Choir; Washington Music Educators Association State Conference-All State Choirs; 02/12-02/14/16; Yakima, WA • Staff (2); L. Sadzewicz, A. Clancy; National Association of Professional Developments Schools; Washington, D.C.; 03/02-03/06/16 <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Agreements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Services Group/ESD 112; Architect and Engineer Selection Assistance; 01/06/16 – 02/29/16 • Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement; 11/01/15 continuing • State of Washington-Secretary of State Library Division; STEM books grant; 01/20/16-03/31/16 	

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- Student Clearinghouse; StudentTracker for High Schools; 01/20/16 continuing
- Personnel Report**
- Certificated employment, reassignment, retirement/resignation/ termination
 - Classified employment, reassignment/transfer/adjust, leave, retirement/resignation/termination, transportation department adjustments
 - Extra/co-curricular stipends and supplemental contracts
 - Unfilled certificated and classified positions

Public Suggestion and Comment: Director Coffey called for public comments; Dr. Dave Willer, teacher and representative for the Mount Vernon Education Association, thanked the board on behalf of the MVEA for the work they do on behalf of the teachers and students in the district.

Public
Comment

Board Member Comments: Director Coffey called for board member comments; Director Otos stated he appreciates the value of visiting the legislature during opening session week. He shared that student representatives S. Meadows and P. Kirkpatrick attended, were both well spoken, and represented their student body well.

Board
Comment

Superintendent's Report: Director Coffey called for information included in the superintendent's report.

Superinten-
dent report

School Board Recognition Month

Recognition
month

Washington Elementary Student Council: Superintendent Bruner welcomed Washington Elementary staff members E. Leonhardt and A. Anderson, along with two representatives of the student council, U. Craig and C. DeLeon. The students shared a poster for the board and thanked them for their work.

LaVenture Middle School student video: Superintendent Bruner introduced LaVenture Principal D. Riddle. Principal Riddle thanked the board for their work and time spent on behalf of the students, families, and staff in the district. He shared a video prepared for the board by students under the leadership of teacher Q. Pemberton.

Madison Elementary School: Superintendent Bruner shared a poster prepared by the 4th grade dual language class led by staff A. Chilcoat and P. Farren that thanked the board.

Superintendent Bruner shared a book with the board titled Essential School Board Book.

Meeting Host School: Jefferson Elementary

Meeting
Host

Superintendent Bruner introduced Principal T. Newall. After thanking the board for visiting the school, he introduced student council staff members Belinda Torseth and Karen Lewis-Hart, who accompanied student council student representatives J. Melindez, K. Glenn, and S. Garcia. Each student addressed the board. Principal Newall reviewed the E-Ticket program, commenting it is based on student behavioral actions. Twelve students were present and recognized by the board for their remarkable collection of e-tickets.

Principal Newall shared his appreciation for a very active parent group, noting they have a positive impact on the students, learning, and the staff. He shared that staff C. Bentz and S. Flaig provide academic support. There is reading support for after school program grades 3-5 and Paraeducator support for reading grades k-2. He noted J. Muir provides the English language instructional focus. He shared a video on the math Bridges program prepared by

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staff member A. Bishop. He introduced Jefferson staff present including M. Egbers, M. Flaig, R. Buchanan, B. Torseth, and K. Lewis Hart. He thanked the board for their support and time to visit his building and student families.

Finance Report

Superintendent Bruner stated he would present the finance report. The reference point is an average taken over ten years. He reviewed the 2015-16 expenditure summaries to date. He reviewed the impact fees collected; explaining they are generated by new home construction within the district boundaries. The fees have been mostly used to pay down the loan debt from the high school construction project of several years ago. They can, and have, been used to purchase portables. There has been approximately \$350,000 from the land sales account used on pre-bond planning.

Finance
Report

Math Program Update

Superintendent Bruner introduced Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, J. Swanson. Dr. Swanson introduced the math curriculum adoption team to present an update to the board on the progress of the recent math curriculum adoption. Staff J. Kuhlman, B. Barber, J. Gaona, and A. Thogersen reported the adoption process began in 2014. Once the curriculum was selected, adopted, and purchased, staff training began in 2015. J. Gaona said regarding the elementary Bridges program, one challenge is that it is new and requires staff to learn the curriculum to allow sharing it effectively with their students. His observation is the upper elementary grade instructors struggle a bit more than the younger grade instructors. Professional development training was given in August and November, with additional training scheduled for February and August. They are working toward in-house trainers as the learning progresses.

Math
program
information

J. Kuhlman noted the curriculum is four part including course 1 for 5-6th grade, course 2 for 7th grade, course 3 for 8th grade and course 4 is advanced for pre-algebra. The online professional development is comprehensive, and in-house training supplements the online programs. While the learning curve is steep, teachers have reported using the online training and that it is a good continuing resource. Many students also use the online features including tutorials, videos, and checklists.

A. Thogersen, math coach and high school math teacher, stated the initial staff training occurred in August, with a follow up training in November. The program includes online information. The teachers like the common language so all teachers are using the same materials.

J. Kuhlman stated the intervention program that accompanies the Bridges program has been used by some of the middle school teachers for students supported by special education programs. B. Barber noted the materials include current data, self-checks, and restructuring of lessons; all of which are very useful. They are waiting to hear from the publisher regarding AP Calculus books and are looking at materials put out by the college board to see if the pre-calculus books will work.

Dr. Swanson thanked the staff for their hard work on the curriculum adoption and continued professional development for staff to make the most of the curriculum.

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Old Business: Director Coffey called for information included in Old Business.	Old
<u>Impact Fee Waiver Request: 2nd Appearance</u> Superintendent Bruner stated the board heard a request for an impact fee waiver for a private residence on January 6, 2016 from Mr. & Mrs. B. Reed. They are building a single-family residence within the district attendance area and requesting a waiver of impact fees. Director Coffey stated that Mr. Reed made a good presentation to the board and set forth his reasoning and rationale for his request. While he understands the fees are expensive, the notion is that new homes bring some percentage of students and those students need school buildings. The board has only allowed exceptions that were by statute to be owned and lived in by residents age 55 and older. Mr. & Mrs. Reed have no guaranteed, such as a deed restriction, which would guarantee no future students that could impact the district.	Waiver
Upon motion by Director Otos, seconded by Director Larrick and unanimously approved, the board denied the request for impact fee waiver submitted by Mr. and Mrs. B. Reed for construction of a private residence.	Motion
New Business: Director Coffey called for information included in New Business.	New
<u>Policy 3246: Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force; 1st reading</u> Superintendent Bruner introduced Special and Support Services Director, J. Champagne. Ms. Champagne commented a similar policy was reviewed last year and specific to students with a 504 program or receiving special education services. The legislature wanted this to pertain to all students so this policy will cover guidelines and rules regarding restraint and isolation for all students. It defines what constitutes restraint and isolation and includes guidelines for required reporting. She noted there are few instances in the general student population. Any staff member who could be in a position to use restraint and/or isolation must receive training in an approved de-escalation program. The district uses the Right Response program and we train in-house annually to staff most likely to use excessive force such as security, administrators, coaches, teachers with special education or emotional or behavior disturbed students, and counselors.	Policy 3246
<u>Gifts to the District: \$5253.70</u> Superintendent Bruner stated there are two gifts offered to the district and he recommends board acceptance.	Gifts
Upon motion by Director Burkhart, seconded by Director Larrick and unanimously approved, the board graciously accepted the \$5,000 gift from the Mount Vernon Cheer Booster club and the \$253.70 gift from the Box Top for Education program at Centennial Elementary School.	Motion
Superintendent Bruner shared a travel request for 44 Mount Vernon High School wind ensemble students to participate in a student music learning exchange program with the University of British Columbia, requiring travel to British Columbia University on February 8, 2016.	Travel Request
Upon motion by Director Otos, seconded by Director Burkhart and unanimously approved, the board approved the travel request for the high school wind ensemble students on February 8, 2016.	Motion

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Superintendent Bruner shared a travel request for staff member L. Brower, Assistant Director at Northwest Career & Technical Academy to attend the Technology Centers that Work conference in Charleston, SC from February 1 through 5th, 2016.

Travel
Request

Upon motion by Director Larrick, seconded by Director Otos and unanimously approved, the board approved the travel request for staff member L. Brower to attend the conference in Charleston, SC from February 1-5, 2016.

Motion

School Board Student Representative Comments

Director Coffey called for student comments; S. Meadows stated he enjoyed the trip to the legislature in Olympia. He learned much and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

Student
comment

Public Suggestion and Comment

Director Coffey called for public comment; no one spoke.

Public
Comment

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Adjourn

Rob Coffey, Director
Board President

Carl Bruner, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board