

WORK STUDY MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 5:15 p.m.

Madison Elementary School 907 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon, WA and Zoom

The Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon School District, Skagit County, Washington called to order a work study meeting at 5:15 p.m. at Madison Elementary School, 907 E. Fir Street, Mount Vernon, WA and via zoom.

In attendance was Director Otos, Director Ragusa, Director Cailloux, Director Samora, and Director Coffey. A quorum was present. Also present, Superintendent Vivanco, several staff members, and an interpreter.

Transportation Department Supervisor, Kelly Johnson, presented a report on the department. She reviewed with the board a general department overview, staffing and routing goals, updated fleet and purchase information, a financial review, and the role technology plays in safely transporting students.

She noted there are currently 84 employees with 7 more soon to be hired. There are 45 bus routes and 57 buses, some of which are propane. The average miles traveled per year to transport students typically ranges around 725,500. During the two years of Covid and reduced transportation needs, numbers dropped to between 350,000 to 444,000. Those numbers are expected to increase now that schools are fully open.

Staff is continually trained on de-escalation, trauma informed care, building positive relationships, and increasing customer service. Supervisor Johnson noted it is through the hard work and training of staff that 100% of the fleet pass the annual Washington State Patrol inspection and have done so for many years.

No action was taken and meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Varry Otos, Board President

Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent