



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, February 11, 2013**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2013. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at Brentwood Elementary School. Directors Denholm, O'Connor, and Hunt were present. Directors Farley and Olson were excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard and Ralph Thayer, and Executive Directors Dorcas Wylder and Jared Hoadley. Deputy Superintendent Dan Butler was excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the agenda as amended (New Business, Items B & C were changed from action to non-action). Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2013, as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Sam Stuart, Mt. Spokane HS ASB President, accompanied by next year's ASB President Travis Widmer, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane. The inaugural season of club lacrosse has started, both basketball teams have advanced to regional competition, and seven wrestlers and one gymnast have advanced to state level competition. Recent band performances qualified four groups for state. Mt. Spokane students will be visiting district elementary schools on February 28 to read books in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and the entire school, beginning March 4, will take part in "March Madness" where food and self-care items will be collected.

Director O'Connor attended the recent Riverpoint Academy Film Festival. She reported that the excitement and subject knowledge, combined with the use and understanding of technology, demonstrated by students was both fascinating and impressive.

Director O'Connor also positively commented on the Library Link newsletter written and published by district librarian Trish Henry.

In conclusion Director O'Connor referenced the February 8, 2013, Spokesman Review story on Mead High School senior basketball manager Aaliyah Johnson who, in the GSL championship game that took place on February 7, had the opportunity to play in her first basketball game since she was diagnosed with transverse myelitis four years ago. Director O'Connor praised the values and sportsmanship displayed by the Mead HS basketball coach and team stating it is an honor to be associated with them.

Director Denholm reported he was at the basketball game on February 7 where he was able to witness, first hand, Aaliyah taking the basketball floor on senior night. It was a very moving experience with many in attendance acknowledging the importance of the moment with a standing ovation.

The board welcomed the following young men who were in attendance to fulfill scouting requirements: Jaden Torres (Evergreen Elementary 6th grader), Dallen Abel (Northwood 8th grader) and Evan Abel (Brentwood Elementary 5th grader).

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Brentwood Elementary

On behalf of the Brentwood Elementary community principal Roger Pike welcomed all in attendance and introduced members of the Brentwood CLI. Brentwood is a place of caring where the joy of learning is celebrated.

To help struggling students Brentwood has several intervention programs in place including three tutoring programs. Teacher Sheri Hartwig shared more information about these successful programs including how students are transitioned in and out based on individual needs.

4th grade teacher Jessi Thompson spoke about reading and the importance of the new *Treasures* curriculum, which she has taught for two years. She especially appreciates the assessments that are part of the curriculum and the fact there are resources available to address areas of struggle.

Teacher and principal intern Trish Kannberg reported on a school-wide intervention plan started this year to target 3-4 struggling students in each class and develop an intentional plan to address areas of concerns. Each individual plan is reviewed and modified on a regular basis depending on what is working and what is not.

Another Brentwood CLI goal is to address the achievement gap between general ed and special ed students. Special Education teacher Jennifer Frase reported on how Brentwood is working to close this gap including how they are using iPads in the process.

In conclusion, social worker Kristin Swan, who is new to Brentwood this year, briefly reported on her role in the school which includes providing resources on bullying, conflict resolution and friendship skills.

The board thanked Mr. Pike and his staff. It is obvious they care about students. The board expressed their appreciation for the intervention focus at Brentwood.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 13-1 Safety Plan

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller presented Resolution 13-1 for board consideration. If approved this resolution will authorize the formation of an advisory Safety Planning Committee to develop a six-year Safety Plan based on a district-wide needs assessment. This resolution will be brought back to the board as an action item at the next board meeting.

C. Resolution 13-2 Capital Facilities Plan

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller presented Resolution 13-2 for board consideration. If approved this resolution will authorize the formation of an advisory Facilities Planning Committee to develop a six-year Capital Facilities Plan based on a district-wide needs assessment. This resolution will be brought back to the board as an action item at the next board meeting.

VII. Reports

A. Homemade Foods Taskforce Report

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley reported on the progress of the Homemade Foods Taskforce, which was formed at the board's direction following the September 24, 2012, board meeting. The taskforce has met with representatives from Spokane and Cheney Schools, as well as the Spokane County Health District. Before making a final report to the board, and to seek additional parent input, Mr. Hoadley plans to attend a PTO meeting at each of the district's elementary schools where he will solicit feedback on how things have gone this school year with the new district directive regarding homemade treats.

The board thanked Mr. Hoadley and indicated their support for his plan to attend PTO meetings.

B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller shared information on the number of new bills (nearly 100) being proposed in the current Washington State legislative session. At the next board meeting he will provide information on the number of education bills under consideration. The new bill cutoff date for this session is February 22.

VIII. Executive Session

At 6:50 p.m. Director Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately 20 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:10 p.m. Director Denholm returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

President

Secretary