



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, April 22, 2013**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, Hunt and Olson were present. 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 Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Director Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 8, 2013, as corrected (Freedom of Religion in Section VII.A. was corrected to read Freedom from Religion). Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools**

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller introduced Dr. Susana Reyes who will be joining the Mead School District beginning July 1, 2013, as Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs. Dr. Reyes has served as Assistant Superintendent in the Pullman School District since 2006 providing leadership and oversight for all state and federal programs including Special Education, Title I/LAP, Title II, Title III, ELL and Highly Capable. Superintendent Rockefeller shared that Dr. Reyes has an outstanding reputation in the region as evidenced by her recent appointment by Governor Jay Inslee to serve on the state Student Achievement Council.

Dr. Reyes thanked the board for this opportunity. She is looking forward to bringing her experience and leadership to the Mead School District.

Eric Bjerkestrand, 2013-14 ASB President, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. The annual talent show takes place April 24 and April 25, the selection of next year's ASB class has concluded, the senior Mother-Daughter Tea is May 8 and Advanced Placement testing begins in a couple of weeks. This was Eric's last board meeting representing Mead High School - 2013-14 ASB President Max Alley will, going forward, take over this responsibility.

On September 24, 2012, the board approved a Student Travel Proposal (New York Marketing Experience) from Mt. Spokane DECA/marketing teacher Dave Whitehead. The trip was scheduled for Spring Break 2013 and at the time of approval the board asked Mr. Whitehead to report on the experience upon their return.

To that end, Mr. Whitehead and five Mt. Spokane students gave a brief report on the trip including their tour of Macy's, a stop at the United Nations, and visiting Sports Illustrated, a local hat shop, Rockefeller Plaza/NBC Studios, the American Finance Museum, Brooks Brothers, Essie Magazine and the 9/11 Memorial. Students additionally had the opportunity to watch the Broadway show *Cinderella*, which, coincidentally, included a cast member from Spokane. They also visited with two former Mt. Spokane students who now live and go to school in New York City. In conclusion Mr. Whitehead expressed his thanks to the board for their support of this learning experience.

Mt. Spokane High School students Preston Thomas (10<sup>th</sup> grade) and Amber Nelson (9<sup>th</sup> grade) presented a petition, signed by 117 students, in support of choir and, in particular, the choir program at Mountainside Middle School. Students explained they had been told the number of

choir offerings was going to be reduced at Mountainside Middle School. This concerns them because fewer middle school students taking choir has the potential to impact the number of future high school choir students. Both students shared that music and choir are very important to them.

Director Denholm thanked Preston and Amber for bringing their concern to the board and indicated the board would look into the matter.

Director Olson positively reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> grade “Math is Cool” competition he attended at Mt. Spokane High School on April 19. 103 teams (427 students) from 27 local elementary schools took part in the competition including teams from Brentwood, Colbert, Farwell, Meadowridge, Midway and Prairie View. Midway had the winning team! Director Olson additionally noted that the coaches for Midway volunteer their time.

On a separate note, Director Olson reported that KREM 2, that evening, had aired a story featuring students in Mr. Cong’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Midway and items they invented/sold as part of an invention/entrepreneur project.

Director O’Connor reported on Dr. Leroy Hood’s (President, The Institute for Systems Biology) presentation to Riverpoint Academy students earlier in the day. The presentation was very inspiring with students asking lots of questions. Director O’Connor additionally had the opportunity to attend Art4Eye at Mead High School on April 20 and reported the student artwork on display was very good.

Superintendent Rockefeller shared that Directors Farley, Hunt and Denholm were honored at a luncheon on April 19 by NEWASA for their many years of service to the Mead School District and Mead community.

#### **IV. Continuing Business - none**

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Consent Agendas**

The board engaged in a discussion regarding the “leave without pay” request from the employee who, over the past few years, has taken several hours of unauthorized “leave without pay.” “Leave without pay” requests are, in general, an ongoing board concern.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, on the condition Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer counsel the employee referenced above regarding his unauthorized use of “leave without pay.” Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Resolution 13-5**

##### **2012-2013 Capital Projects Budget Extension Adoption**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 13-5, 2012-2013 Capital Projects Budget Extension Adoption, for board consideration. State law requires that fiscal year budgets be adopted by August 31. An extension, or increase, to the appropriation level also requires board approval. Adopting this budget extension increases the appropriation level, or spending limits, of the Capital Projects Fund by \$335,000. This increase is necessary to cover the cost of sewer hookup at Northwood, Farwell and Midway and roof repairs at Northwood and District Office.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-5, extending the Capital Projects budget for the 2012/2013 school year, as presented. Director O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **C. Resolution 13-6**

##### **Financing Software Conversion**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 13-6, Financing Software Conversion, for board consideration. The district is in the process of converting to a simpler software program for fiscal services. The cost of the conversion is

significant if funded in a single fiscal year. In order to spread this cost out it is recommended the conversion be financed over a five-year period.

After discussion Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-6, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Reschedule June 24, 2013 Board Meeting**

Superintendent Rockefeller requested the board reschedule the June 24, 2013 board meeting because of a scheduling conflict.

After discussion Director Olson made a motion to reschedule the June 24, 2013 board meeting to June 25, 2013 at 2 p.m. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Reports**

**A. Financial Report for the Month of March 2013**

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of March 2013.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rockefeller reported that work continues on the Prairie View boundary/enrollment study. He anticipates a map showing current Prairie View student enrollment, as well as potential solutions, will be ready for presentation to the board in the very near future.

**VII. Closed Session**

**A. Employee Step 3 Grievance Hearing**

At 7:15 p.m. Director Farley called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing a Step 3 employee grievance.

At 8:10 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session.

**VIII. Executive Session**

At 8:10 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:40 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

**IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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President

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Secretary