



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, May 6, 2013**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at Midway Elementary School. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, Hunt and Olson were present. Also attending were Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Deputy Superintendent Dan Butler and Executive Director Dorcas Wylder were 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 22, 2013, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Travis Widmer, 2013-14 ASB President, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. Mt. Spokane students recently earned an unprecedented four (three 1st place and one 2nd place) out of twenty-four Spokane Scholar scholarships and at DECA Nationals the team of Kelsey Frank and Teagan Brown finished 1st in the nation and 3rd in the world in the Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making category. AP testing is underway and Mt. Spokane HS and Mead HS will both take part in a dodge ball activity and Battle of the Bands.

FCCLA students from Mead High School (Desa Luce, James Peterson, Jake Vasilj, Brent Gruenke and Ryan Ewert) reported on their recent experience at the state FCCLA competition held in Wenatchee. At this event James Peterson (a 9th grader) was elected State Parliamentarian and the team of Jake Vasilj, Brent Gruenke and Ryan Ewert placed first for their Entrepreneur, Senior Project. All five students have qualified to compete at nationals in Nashville, Tennessee in July. The board congratulated these students and thanked them for all of their hard work.

Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer shared two pieces of good news: Langston Ward, a senior at Mead High School, is the 2013 National Poetry Out Loud Champion earning a \$20,000 cash award and Mountainside Middle School has been named the winner of a 2012 Washington State Achievement Award. This is the second consecutive year Mountainside has earned this award.

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle reported that he and Superintendent Rockefeller attended the grand opening of a solar project at Whitworth University's aquatic center. This venture will generate enough energy to power Whitworth's Stuart Hall. Mr. Wendle plans to explore the feasibility/cost of undertaking this type of project.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report - Midway

On behalf of the Midway community, principal Kevin Peterson welcomed all in attendance and introduced the following Midway staff: Marcia Peters (teacher), Jen Tobiason (teacher), Mike Danford (teacher), Beth Pfiffner (social worker) and Colleen Musa (social worker intern).

A focus at Midway is the improvement of student learning by reducing the impact of adverse childhood experiences and complex trauma. The entire staff, in partnership with WSU and funded by a Gates Grant, has, for the past several years, participated in complex trauma training. This type of social/emotional training and learning is particularly important as schools pick up the slack due to dwindling community resources available to help struggling kids.

Social worker Beth Pfiffner explained that 30% of all children experience complex trauma and reviewed data on how the brain is negatively impacted by trauma.

By way of illustration, Mr. Peterson showed a work sample of a Midway student on a “good day” and a day after CPS had visited the child’s home. The contrast in work samples was remarkable, graphically showing that problems at home cannot always be left at the school’s door. Research points to the fact that teachers make a very big difference for kids in trauma situations. Midway is intentional in its efforts to see students through a trauma sensitive lens.

Mr. Peterson went on to highlight the community service activities the school has taken part in, the writing tour that takes place each spring, and (with input from Marcia Peters) shared the school-wide math focus that kids know their math facts. With solid, memorized math facts students are able to more fully concentrate on math processes.

The board thanked Mr. Peterson and the Midway staff commenting on the alarming number of students who experience trauma. They wish the public at large had the opportunity to hear all the good things taking place in a public education setting like Midway.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Leaves for the Good of the District

After discussion, including talk of working with the teacher’s association on putting a cap on the number of leaves you can take before giving up a portion of your contract, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 school year “leaves for the good of the district” minus the two leaves from Evergreen Elementary staff, which were tabled until the May 20, 2013, regularly scheduled board meeting. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Summer Board Meetings

After discussion Director Hunt made a motion to set the July and August summer board meeting dates as follows: Monday, July 15, 2013 (2 p.m.) and Monday, August 19, 2013 (2 p.m.) at district office. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Student Travel Proposal – Mead High School
FCCLA Nationals**

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley presented a request from five qualifying members of Mead High School’s FCCLA and their advisor, Beth Gruenke, to attend FCCLA Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-11, 2013. One of the students is a state officer, another qualified as an alternate and the other three qualified as a team taking first place for their Entrepreneur, Senior Project at the state competition held in Wenatchee the week of April 8.

Director O’Connor made a motion to approve the travel request for qualifying Mead High School FCCLA members and their advisor to travel to Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-11, 2013. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Safety Committee Update

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley distributed a list of Safety Committee members and gave a brief update on what the committee has been working on to date. The committee is looking at what safety procedures can be standardized district-wide, as well as student training and staff training. The committee recently participated in safety drills at Northwood and an elementary school. They want to see safety, first hand, from the vantage point of an administrator and a student. The committee plans to present an in-depth report to the board in June.

B. Facilities Planning Committee Update

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle distributed a list of the ten community members who have volunteered to serve on the Facilities Planning Committee. The group has met two times. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at Shiloh Hills Elementary where they will hear from four of the eight elementary principals regarding their facility needs and tour the Shiloh campus. Mr. Wendle thanked the board for their directive to have the committee meet and provide recommendations one year earlier than in previous bond cycles. This extra time will, in his opinion, be extremely beneficial as the district prepares for the potential running of a capital facilities bond in 2015.

C. Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, on behalf of Superintendent Rockefeller, invited Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley to give a Prairie View boundary/enrollment study update. Mr. Hoadley, with assistance from Ned Wendle, shared a large map of the Prairie View attendance area with dots representing households with students attending the school. While the map illustrates current enrollment, future enrollment is hard to predict because of the large number of approved/platted vacant lots on Five Mile Prairie.

The district is currently busing 30 Prairie View kindergarten students to other elementary school/s. Prairie View has, in the past, always had room to absorb these bused students the following year. That will not be the case in 2013/14, as Prairie View does not have room for all of the first graders who live in their attendance boundary.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:40 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 8:10 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 8:10 p.m.

President

Secretary