



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, September 23, 2013**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 23, 2013. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, O'Connor, Hunt and Olson were present. Director Farley was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard. Assistant Superintendents Dorcas Wylder, Susana Reyes and Ken Russell and Executive Director Jared Hoadley were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Olson 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 September 9, 2013, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Max Alley, ASB President, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. September 23-27 is Homecoming Week and includes the "Cat Fight" volleyball match on Thursday, September 26, the "Battle of the Bell" football game on Friday, September 27 and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 28. Other activities/events of note included the introduction of slow pitch softball for girls this fall and the upcoming fall blood drive (October 22). "Breaking Down the Walls", an interactive program that focuses on community building, is also scheduled for early October.

Director Olson positively commented on the WSSDA Legislative Conference he and Director Denholm recently attended in Seattle. There were 130 people in attendance representing 84 school districts.

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

A discussion was initiated by Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer regarding "leave without pay requests." Steady progress was made last year in limiting these requests. Mr. Thayer asked the board for direction on how to proceed this year. Should he continue with last year's strategy of communicating on a case-by-case basis or should communication include all staff? Discussion ensued. The board asked Mr. Thayer to prepare, for their review, a written notice to all staff/union presidents regarding future leave without pay requests.

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

B. Student Travel Proposal - Mead High School Jazz Choir

Standing in for Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley, Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer presented for board consideration a travel proposal from the Mead High School Jazz Choir to travel to Monterey, California, March 26-31, 2014, to participate in the Monterey Jazz Festival.

Jazz choir students and their advisor Mead High School choir teacher Mike Saccomanno will participate. Additionally there will be a minimum of one adult chaperone for every 12 students, and at least one chaperone will be female. In addition to performance opportunities students will

engage in experiences that relate across the curriculum in the fields of literature, history, art, communication and engineering.

The estimated cost of the trip is \$778.24 per student and the student/parent contribution is \$0-\$740 depending on fundraising participation. Students will miss four days of school.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the Mead High School Jazz Choir trip to Monterey, California, March 26-31, 2014, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of August 2013

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

B. Safety Committee Report

Standing in for MSD Safety Task Force Chair and Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley, Facilities Director Ned Wendle, who is also a member of the Safety Task Force, explained the Safety Task Force was formed at the board's direction following the Sandy Hook incident last fall. The task force initially focused on the "bricks and mortar" of enhancing school safety but, over the course of time, the top priority the group was identified to be training for students and staff on what to do while waiting for first responders in a lock down situation.

Mr. Wendle introduced fellow Safety Task Force member Tim Walters, Chief of Police for Eastern Washington University, and Gary Gosling his Assistant Chief. These two law enforcement officers produced a training video "Shots Fired on Campus" in 2008, following the Virginia Tech incident that is currently used by 1000 universities.

As a result of the need for student and staff training as identified by the Mead School District Safety Task Force they have now produced a second training video "Pivotal Moments." This video provides training for the in-between waiting time from when the 911 call is made and first responder help arrives. Production on the video started in June, is 16 minutes in length and is most appropriate for K-8th grade students. "Pivotal Moments" was then played.

The board expressed their appreciation for the work of the Safety Task Force and thanked Tim Walters and Gary Gosling for their work on "Pivotal Moments."

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reviewed the upcoming volleyball match at Mt. Spokane and the "Battle of the Bell" football game. He additionally asked for one-two board members to join him, and the CV superintendent and two of their board members, for breakfast to discuss future bonds.

VII. Executive Session

At 7 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 7:20 p.m. Director Denholm returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

President

Secretary