



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, September 9, 2013**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013. The meeting began at 5:30 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 and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard. Assistant Superintendents Dorcas Wylder, Susanna Reyes and Ken Russell and Executive Director Jared Hoadley were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Executive Session

At 5:35 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing proposals made in negotiations.

At 6:30 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session.

III. Approval of Minutes

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 19, 2013, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Travis Widmer, 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 has had an amazing first five days of school with ASB/leadership students setting a tone of inclusion and having fun. Their #1 goal is to help all 9th grade and students new to Mt. Spokane feel safe. To help mitigate the impact of a broken air conditioning system he and his fellow ASB classmates have made afternoon deliveries of otter pops. The football team won their first game, marching band has high expectations for the upcoming marching band competition season, parents and students are adjusting to a new ingress/egress traffic pattern and the theme for the upcoming football game against Mead High School will be "Rescue the Bell."

Director Farley positively commented on the "Show & Shine" Car Show that took place in the Mt. Spokane parking lot on Saturday, September 7. Jared Hoadley, Executive Director of Student Services, organizes this event.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

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

Director Hunt made a motion to approve Consent Agenda B as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Olson abstained from the vote.

B. Contract/Bargaining Agreement – Mead Education Association

Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer reported that in August 2013 the Mead Education Association (MEA) and the Mead School District reached a tentative two-year contract

agreement for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years. The association has ratified the tentative agreement.

As compared to previous collective bargaining agreements, this tentative agreement includes revisions/additions in the areas of: job postings, TOSA positions, communication of district discipline policy, ELL students, special education meetings outside the regular work day, biannual meetings between school principals and nurses, flex days/annual leave days, professional funds, career stipends, combo support, first consideration, per diem days and learning improvement day.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the two-year contract agreement between the Mead Education Association and the Mead School District. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Contract/Bargaining Agreement -
Mead Extracurricular Employees Association**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer reported that the Mead Extracurricular Employees Association (MECA) and the Mead School District reached a tentative one-year contract agreement for the 2013-14 school year. The association has ratified the tentative agreement.

As compared to previous collective bargaining agreements, this tentative agreement has several clarifying language changes including new limitations to the number of seasons one person may coach in a school year, the addition of a "Coaches Code of Conduct & Contract Expectations" and the final reinstatement of concessions made by the association during the financial hardship of the past few years.

Following board comments and thanks to MECA on how cooperative they have been the past few years as the district has worked through financial challenges, Director Olson made a motion to approve the one-year contract agreement between the Mead Extracurricular Employees Association and the Mead School District. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. CTE Report

CTE Director Matt Miller provided an update on the CTE programs offered in the Mead School District highlighting the number of students enrolled in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) courses and the addition of the ProStart culinary program at the high school level this year.

At middle school every student is enrolled in a STEM science course and at the high school level 1531 students are enrolled in a CTE class which includes 758 students in biomed or engineering.

The ProStart culinary program consists of four semester courses taught over four years. For the 2013-14 school year there are 132 students enrolled in the program. Students who complete the ProStart program while in high school move to the front of the line for enrollment at SCC - there is a 1.5 year wait for students without this prerequisite.

B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reported on the new traffic pattern at Mt. Spokane High School and thanked Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley for organizing the "Show & Shine" car show held at Mt. Spokane on September 7. Work on the Midway sewer connection is scheduled for completion on September 10. Upcoming community events include the Cat Scramble golf tournament September 14, the Sunset Concert featuring the Mead High School Marching Band at Sky Prairie Park on September 14, the Mead vs Mt. Spokane volleyball match on September 26 and the "Battle of the Bell" football game on September 27.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

President

Secretary