



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, October 21, 2013**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 21, 2013. The meeting began at 6 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, Dorcas Wylder and Wayne Leonard. Assistant Superintendents Susana 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 Olson 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 October 7, 2013, as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A.J. Roberts, ASB Vice-President, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Both the varsity soccer and volleyball teams are currently in first place, sign-up for Fall Leadership Camp is approaching and the annual Fall Blood Drive is taking place on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students from both Mead and Mt. Spokane recently had the opportunity to take part in "Breaking Down the Walls," an interactive program that focuses on community building and the fall play "*The Laughing Stock*" starts November 14, 2013. Three members of the Mead High School ASB class accompanied Mr. Roberts.

Director O'Connor positively commented on the recent Spokesman Review article that featured a graph of area reading and writing test scores. Mead School District scores were head and shoulders above other school districts in the Spokane region.

Superintendent Rockefeller, referring to a recent Spokesman Review article on substitute teacher shortages in the Spokane area, asked his executive assistant, Jolene Andres, to explain why the reference in the article to Mead needing 250 substitute teachers on one day was misleading/inaccurate. The actual number of substitute teachers needed on the day in question was 70 due primarily to a Learning Services TPEP meeting.

Director Denholm positively commented on the letter received from the parents of a special needs student expressing their appreciation for the district employees who transport their child to and from school each day.

**IV. Continuing Business**

**A. Second Reading Policy 2410 Revision  
Graduation Requirements**

Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Dorcas Wylder presented for second reading a revision to Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements. The last time this policy was updated was January 26, 2009. One minor change was made to the proposed policy revision following the first reading to address wording redundancy.

In addition to meeting the minimum credit requirements for graduation as established by the school board, students must also pass a number of state assessments. The state assessments a student must take and pass is determined by their graduation year. Rather than including a

detailed listing of the state assessments one of the proposed policy revisions is a general statement about passing state assessments thereby allowing for changes in state assessment requirements, over time, without the need for a policy revision.

Other proposed policy revisions include removal of references to "Certificate of Academic Achievement" and "Certificate of Individual Achievement" and removal of the reference to review of courses and curriculum offerings by the curriculum frameworks committee.

WSSDA sample Policy 2410 was used as a template in preparing the policy revision. Many of the references included in the WSSDA sample policy, while not included in this policy revision, are included in Mead School District Procedure 2410.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the revision to Policy 2410 - Graduation Requirements - as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

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

### **B. Cenergistic Discussion**

Following up on the report presented at the October 7, 2013, board meeting from Ed Graff, Regional President of Cenergistic, an energy conservation firm, the board had a brief discussion on the merits of entering into a contract with Cenergistic to save money by becoming a more self-sufficient, energy-efficient organization. Mr. Graff was in attendance to answer questions. The board concluded they would schedule a work study session to discuss the matter further.

## **VI. Reports**

### **A. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items**

Superintendent Rockefeller indicated he has a table reserved for the upcoming pizza night/technology fundraiser scheduled at Riverpoint Academy for October 23, 2013, and invited board members to join him at the event. He additionally reminded that both Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School have football games at Albi on October 25<sup>th</sup> and that the board is invited to the tailgate party hosted by the Mt. Spokane Booster Club prior to their game.

## **VII. Executive Session**

At 6:35 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 7:15 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 7:15 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**