



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, November 4, 2013**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2013. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Colbert Elementary School. Directors Farley, O'Connor, Hunt and Olson were present. Director Denholm 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 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 October 21, 2013, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. 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. Both cross-country teams placed 3rd at regionals and advanced to state, the football team is the #2 3A seed from the GSL and the girls soccer team has qualified for regional competition. The fall blood drive had 75 student participants, approximately \$600 was raised for the Spokane Guilds' School and the Veteran's Day Assembly featured speaker will be Mt. Spokane counselor and army veteran Josh Cowart. A member of the Mt. Spokane Marching Band, Travis proudly shared that the recently completed season was the best in school history.

Director Farley, who has attended numerous marching band competitions as a parent, affirmed that Mt. Spokane's show this year was, in his opinion, their best show yet.

Superintendent Rockefeller positively commented on a recent letter received from Stanford University. Stanford's Teacher Tribute Initiative provides the opportunity for members of the incoming freshman class to acknowledge one former teacher or mentor who played a significant role in their intellectual, academic, social and personal development. Rylan Edlin (Stanford Class of 2017) chose Mead High School chemistry teacher Laura Gray to receive this honor. Director O'Connor shared that Mrs. Gray taught her children and is an excellent teacher.

Director Olson positively commented on the November 4, 2013, article in the Spokesman Review regarding Riverpoint Academy's Technology Endowment Fund. Director Farley added that online blog comments about the article were all positive.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report - Colbert Elementary

On behalf of the entire Colbert Elementary community principal Rob Haugen welcomed all in attendance stating it is an honor for Colbert to host a board meeting. Joining Mr. Haugen for the evening's presentation were teachers Kellie Jo Timberlake, Gina McGlocklin, Karen Christopher, Shelley Bussard and Trish Hendrick and parent PTO and CLI members Tammy Dillon, Trisha Savage and Becky Higgins.

The Colbert Learning Improvement Plan has four academic goals (one in reading, one in mathematics, one in writing and one in science), as well as an achievement gap goal, climate & safety goal, parent & community involvement goal and technology goal. Mr. Haugen, assisted by

the aforementioned teachers and parents, talked briefly about each of these goal areas. Areas highlighted were:

- Exploring more classroom-based interventions with a focus on prevention rather than waiting for achievement gaps to materialize.
- Reworking of specialist schedules so that grade level teams have the ability to meet together during the instructional day.
- Emphasizing the idea that writing is not the sole responsibility of fourth grade.
- Intentional focus on reading development because of the impact reading has on a child's success in all content areas.
- Developing a family/student handbook including student behavior expectations and a calendar of events.
- Sharing out responsibility across grade levels in preparing for the implementation of The Next Generation Science Standards.
- Taking advantage of digital communication to better connect with Colbert families.

The board thanked Mr. Haugen and his staff and expressed their appreciation for the great work they are doing.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following discussion on the Public Service Leave request, a question about whether there are staff members who leave their home school early to coach at another district school, and a brief review/discussion of procurement card expenses, Director Hunt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the Public Service Leave request tabled until the November 18, 2013, regularly scheduled board meeting. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 13-12

Re-Certification of Maintenance & Operation Excess Levy

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 13-12, Re-Certification of Maintenance & Operation Excess Levy, for board consideration. State law requires that school districts certify tax collection amounts by November 30th for the 2014 tax year. The maximum amount (levy lid) that can be certified is calculated annually each September by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-12, Re-Certification of Maintenance & Operation Excess Levy, as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Student Travel Proposal

Mead High School Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard, filling in for Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley, presented a request from the Mead High School Drama Department to travel to Ashland, Oregon, April 4-7, 2014, to attend the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. In addition to seeing four plays students will have the opportunity to participate in a pre-performance lecture/question and answer session with the director and actors from one of the plays. It is anticipated 10-15 students will take part in this activity along with Mead High School teachers Andrew Lewis and Karen Brathovde.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mead High School Drama Department trip to Ashland, Oregon, April 4-7, 2014, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Student Travel Proposal

Mt. Spokane DECA

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard, filling in for Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley, presented a request from the Mt. Spokane High School DECA

program to attend the 2014 DECA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, May 2-7, 2014. Students are still in the process of qualifying for this tournament so the exact number of those who will attend is yet to be determined. Qualifying DECA students from Mt. Spokane have annually attended this tournament for many years. Mt. Spokane DECA advisor David Whitehead will be the supervisor for this trip.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve qualifying Mt. Spokane High School DECA students to attend the 2014 DECA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, May 2-7, 2014, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Year End Financial Report

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented a brief year-end financial report for the 2012-2013 school year.

B. Financial Report for the month of September 2013

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

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller, responding to a question earlier in the meeting regarding the sophomore student at Riverpoint Academy (RA was designed to house high school juniors and seniors only), reported he will be looking into that as well as working through other questions that have come forward recently about Riverpoint Academy.

Board members were invited to attend the Facilities Planning Committee meeting taking place on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at District Office. The committee plans to present an interim report and would appreciate receiving feedback from the school board.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:25 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 40 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:05 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 8:05 p.m.

President

Secretary