



Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, January 13, 2014

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Mead High School. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, Hunt and Olson were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard and Dorcas Wylder. Executive Director Jared Hoadley and Assistant Superintendents Susana Reyes and Ken Russell 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. Approval of Minutes

Director Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2013, and Special Board Meeting of December 16, 2013, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Max Alley presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. In addition to Max, three other students from the Mead High School ASB class were in attendance. Mead hosts the annual *Catmania* basketball game versus Mt. Spokane High School on January 31st - the girls tip off at 5:30 p.m. followed by the boys at 7 p.m. Following a school-wide competition, Emma Vasilj will represent Mead HS at the upcoming regional *Poetry Outloud* competition, finals week for first semester is January 20-24, and a new event sponsored by the ASB class, the *Thrift Shop Dance*, takes place February 1st.

Several young Boy Scouts from Northwood Middle School were in attendance to satisfy requirements associated with earning a Citizenship & Community merit badge.

Director Denholm positively commented on the 2014 Spokane Recycles Calendar that features the artwork of four Mead School District students including the calendar cover by Brentwood 5th grader Camryn Magers.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report - Mead High School

On behalf of the entire Mead High School community principal Mark St.Clair welcomed all in attendance and introduced assistant principals Doug Edmonson and Rick Pelkie and athletic director John Barrington.

Mr. St. Clair explained that Mead High School sees strong relationships as foundational to its work and is focused on educating the mind, heart and spirit of each child.

The Mead High School Learning Improvement Plan includes the following seven goal areas:

- **Academic Goal #1** - Increase the percentage of students who demonstrate proficiency on state and national assessments.
- **Academic Goal #2** - Decrease the percentage of freshmen and sophomore students with failing grades.
- **Academic Goal #3** - Increase the readiness of students for college and career choices after high school.
- **Achievement Gap Goal** - Increase the percentage of special education students meeting standard.

- **Climate and Safety Goal** – Improve school safety measures and procedures.
- **Parent/Community Goal** – Increase the interaction and communication with parents and community.
- **Technology Goal** – Increase the use of on-line resources for effective student learning.

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

V. Oath of Office

Superintendent Rockefeller administered the oath of office to re-elected board members Maureen O'Connor and Tom Hunt.

VI. Annual Re-Organization of the Board of Directors

Director Farley called for nominations for the position of President of the Board. Director O'Connor made a motion to nominate Director Farley to continue in his role as President of the Board for another year. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Farley called for nominations for the position of Vice-President of the Board. Director O'Connor made a motion to nominate Director Denholm to continue in his role as Vice-President of the Board for another year. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Continuing Business - None

VIII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Regarding “leave without pay” requests there was discussion about sending staff a reminder letter about this type of leave in the near term and then follow up with a formal letter from Human Services by the end of this school year.

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

B. Student Travel Proposal – Mead High School Essentially Ellington

Standing in for Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley, Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration a travel proposal from the Mead High School Jazz Band to travel to New York, New York, May 6-12, 2014, to participate in the Essentially Ellington Jazz Festival. The request was made in advance so that if the Mead Jazz Band is selected to participate in the festival trip approval will have been granted pending submission of a final itinerary.

Jazz band students and their advisor, Mead High School band teacher Terry Lack, will participate along with parent chaperones. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,546 per student. It is estimated fundraising participation could generate between 30% and 50% of the total cost. Students will miss 4-5 days of school.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mead High School Jazz Band trip to New York, New York, May 6-12, 2014, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 14-1 – Budget Extension Capital Projects Fund

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 14-1, Budget Extension Capital Projects Fund, for board consideration. State law requires that fiscal year budgets be adopted by August 31st. Extensions (increases) to the appropriation level also require board approval. Adoption of this budget extension will increase the appropriation level for the Capital Projects Fund by \$410,000. This is necessary due to over estimating the projects that would be completed last summer and the addition of new projects.

Director Hunt made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-1, Budget Extension Capital Projects Fund, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 14-2 – Transfer of Funds – General Fund to Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Vehicle Fund

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 14-2, Transfer of Funds - General Fund to Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Vehicle Fund, for board consideration. The Mead School District has several capital projects that need to be completed. Funds currently available in the capital projects fund are insufficient to cover the cost of said projects and therefore a transfer of funds (\$375,000) from the general fund to the capital projects fund is requested.

Additionally, the district would like to purchase more school buses. Funds currently available in the transportation vehicle fund are insufficient to cover the total cost of said purchases and therefore a transfer of funds (\$125,000) from the general fund to the transportation vehicle fund is requested.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-2, Transfer of Funds - General Fund to Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Vehicle Fund, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. K-12 Health and Fitness Curriculum Adoption

Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Dorcas Wylder presented the adoption of the “Five for Life” curriculum for grades K-12 for board consideration. The “Five for Life” materials would be used as the core resource materials for Health and Fitness in the Mead School District. The curriculum includes activities and resources that introduce and reinforce concepts within game settings, daily warm-ups and station work, thereby allowing teachers to maximize movement or active time while still maintaining focus on critical content and concepts.

The district-wide Teacher Leadership Team recommended the “Five for Life” curriculum (K-12) to the Instructional Materials Review Committee. The new curriculum will be paid for out of PEP Grant funds.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt the “Five for Life” curriculum for grades K-12, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of November 2013

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

B. Superintendent’s Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller indicated he would be reporting on bond and levy strategy at the next board meeting.

X. Executive Session

At 6:50 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 7:30 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

President

Secretary