



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 28, 2014**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor and Hunt were present. Director Olson was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, Dorcas Wylder, Ken Russell and Susana Reyes, and Executive Director Jared Hoadley.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda as amended (Closed Session, MCPEA Grievance Hearing was removed). Director Hunt 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 January 13, 2014, as presented and the minutes of the January 17, 2014, Board Retreat as amended (Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell did not attend the retreat). Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Proclamation – Board of Directors Recognition

January is “School Board Recognition Month” in the state of Washington. To acknowledge and thank the Mead School District Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to district students, staff and community, Superintendent Tom Rockefeller read a School Board Recognition Proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee. The Mead District is very fortunate to have school board members, with a combined 84 years of service, who are outstanding volunteers and champions for public education.

Both the Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School ASB officers and their advisors, Nancy Butz and Randy Mickelsen, were in attendance to express their appreciation to the school board. Board members were presented with a “Thank You” card and homemade cookies.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Mountainside Middle School students Joey Woodland, Zane Smith and Ben Vertullo were in attendance to satisfy requirements associated with earning their Boy Scout Citizenship & Community merit badge.

Both Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School recently elected ASB officers for the 2014-15 school year. New officers (listed below) were introduced by outgoing officers.

Mead High School:

President – River Baker
Vice President – Hannah Absalonson
Secretary – Alyssa Jennings
Treasurer – Holly Anderson
Public Relations – Blake Herrod
Sergeant of Arms – Benton Tullis

Mt. Spokane High School:

President – Jacob Lionello
Vice President – Jin Kim
Secretary – Celina Coffey
Treasurer – Betsy Todaro
Public Relations – Matt Mehring

Director O'Connor positively commented on the Riverpoint Academy Exhibition Evening she attended on January 23, 2014.

V. Council for Learning Improvement Annual Reports

Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Dorcas Wylder reviewed the Council for Learning Improvement Reports prepared annually by each school. She thanked schools for the time and effort they put forth in developing these action plans, which serve as working documents for each school throughout the year. Of particular note in this year's plans is the importance of current, relevant student learning data. Access to better data translates to more meaningful learning improvement goals. These annual reports are a requirement of Board Policy 4010.

The board thanked Ms. Wylder and each school for the work that goes into these annual reports.

VI. Continuing Business - None

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Hunt expressed his appreciation for the "leave without pay" request letter that asked for the leave to be approved before airline tickets for the proposed trip are purchased.

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

B. Superintendent Contract Extension

Following comments from each board member publicly affirming the outstanding job Superintendent Dr. Tom Rockefeller has done in leading the Mead School District for the past eight years, Director Denholm made a motion to extend Superintendent Rockefeller's contract to June 30, 2017. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

"It is important to note this contract extension, at Dr. Rockefeller's personal request, includes no increase in pay," stated Board President Farley, "and is further evidence of his high level of integrity, commitment and service to the Mead School District."

C. First Reading Policy & Procedure 3247 Adoption Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans

Assistant Superintendent of Special Services Susana Reyes presented Policy & Procedure 3247 - Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans - for first reading consideration. If adopted this would be a new policy and a new procedure for the Mead School District.

Effective July 29, 2013, through ESSB 1688, the Washington State Legislature added new sections to RCW28A.155 and RCW28A.600 requiring the reporting of isolation and restraint incidents of students with IEPs and Section 504 plans. The new law requires school employees to inform the school principal or designee as soon as possible following an incident of isolation or restraint of an IEP or Section 504 student, submit a written report and to notify the student's parent/guardian of the incident.

Discussion included the number of current IEP/Section 504 students with active intervention plans, existing Right Response training for staff that focuses on de-escalation, and the reference in the proposed procedure to "pepper spray, tasers or batons." Prior to bringing the policy/procedure back for a second reading Dr. Reyes will check the exact wording of the RCW regarding pepper spray, tasers or batons.

This was the first reading of a policy/procedure adoption. No action was requested.

D. Contract/Bargaining Agreements Mead Combined Trades Association & Mead Classified Public Employees Association

Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer reported that in November of 2013, both the Mead Combined Trades Association (MCTA) and Mead Classified Public Employees Association (MCPEA) and the Mead School District reached a tentative one-year contract agreement for the 2013-2014 school year. Both associations have ratified their tentative agreement. Mr. Thayer additionally provided a brief overview of the agreed upon changes to each contract.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the one-year contract agreement between the Mead Combined Trades Association and the Mead School District as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the one-year contract agreement between the Mead Classified Public Employees Association and the Mead School District as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of December 2013

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

B. Learning Services Report

In her Learning Services Report, Assistant Superintendent Dorcas Wylder explained the primary purpose of the department is to increase student achievement by supporting and improving high quality learning opportunities for Mead School District students, with a secondary purpose being to ensure that the district complies with state and federal mandates, rules and regulations.

Within those two broad areas of concentration, the work of the Learning Services Department falls into four general categories: Programs, Curriculum and Instruction Implementation, Assessment and Compliance. Ms. Wylder distributed a table illustrating the many areas, tasks and student assessments that fall under each category highlighting the new PEP Grant, the district's ELL program that services 296 students speaking 13 different languages, LAP funding/program, upcoming state-mandated changes to highly capable programs, TPEP and the new Common Core State Standards/Smarter Balanced assessments.

Regarding the new Smarter Balanced assessments, Ms. Wylder reported that there has been, and will continue to be, many forms of parent communication about the new tests. She also explained the expected impact on overall student scores with the introduction of this new assessment tool.

The board thanked Ms. Wylder for her informative presentation.

C. Athletic Policy Report/Discussion

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley distributed a packet of materials for board review regarding potential changes to the district's Athletic Policy and Procedures Packet for the 2014-2015 school year. Discussion items of note included social media, non-school sponsored activities/athletics and the award of a school letter, and a streamlined authorization form for alternative travel to and from school sponsored away events/contests.

Executive Director Hoadley requested that board members, after they have had the opportunity to thoroughly review presented items, email him with comments, suggestions and/or concerns.

Director Denholm recommended a board work-study session to provide the opportunity for further discussion and input.

D. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rockefeller briefly reported on his recent trips to Olympia - the first with Greater Spokane Incorporated and the second with Directors O'Connor and Denholm for the WSSDA Legislative Conference. There are approximately 1,200 new bills being brought forward this legislative session plus several left over from the last session. This number includes 300 education bills.

Directors Denholm and O'Connor also commented on the legislative conference remarking on the financial consequences to school districts because of the many state education mandates.

IX. Executive Session

At 7:25 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 35 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8 p.m.

President

Secretary