



Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, February 24, 2014

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 24, 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 and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard and Susana Reyes. Assistant Superintendents Dorcas Wylder 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 Denholm 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 February 10, 2014, as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Max Alley, accompanied by next year's ASB president River Baker, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Winter sports highlights included the gymnastics team placing first at Districts and first at Regionals and eight wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament. Spring sports start March 3. Spring Leadership Camp takes place March 23-25, the spring play, *Servant of Two Masters*, begins its six-day run February 28, the Mead HS Jazz Choir is one of only eight high school choirs in the nation to qualify to take part in the upcoming Monterey Jazz Festival (March 28-30), the dance team placed first at a recent competition held at Shadle Park High School and the Incoming 9th Grade Parent/Student Night is scheduled for March 11. In conclusion, Mr. Alley reported on the news conference held by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell at Mead High School on February 21 to celebrate the new \$10 million Pulse School Pilot - a provision sponsored by Senator Cantwell as part of the recently enacted U.S. Farm Bill.

Riverpoint Academy Principal Danette Driscoll reported on two recent awards. The first is from Apple Computers who selected Riverpoint Academy as an *Apple Distinguished School*. This designation recognizes programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership and educational excellence. The second is from The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. The foundation recognized Riverpoint Academy teacher Regan Drew (who was in attendance) as an *Allen Distinguished Educator*. Ms. Drew is one of only seven educators from California, Oregon and Washington to earn this designation.

Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn was in attendance and announced Mead School District's Riverpoint Academy is a STEM Lighthouse School - one of only seven schools in the state to earn this award. Superintendent Dorn presented the Riverpoint Academy staff (all were in attendance plus two students) with a plaque and banner and explained the award includes an \$18,000 grant. Following the presentation student Adam Parish, teacher Regan Drew, Mead School District STEM Director Dan Butler and Board President Ron Farley each briefly commented on the Riverpoint Academy program.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Third Reading Policy & Procedure 3247 Adoption

Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans

Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs Susana Reyes presented Policy & Procedure 3247 - Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans - for third reading consideration.

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 notify the student's parent/guardian of the incident.

There were no changes recommended at the second reading.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Policy & Procedure 3247, Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans, as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of January 2014

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of January 2014.

B. Facilities Planning Committee Final Report

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle reported that the Facilities Planning Committee has completed its work. On February 25, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized the development of a six-year Capital Facilities Plan based on a district-wide needs assessment. The Capital Facilities Plan was to describe the District's needs from 2015 to 2021 and recommend solutions for those needs. The Board also authorized the convening of an advisory Facilities Planning Committee with selected membership to equitably represent the interests of the District.

The ten-member committee began meeting in late April 2013 and held 17 meetings through December 2013. Mr. Wendle thanked the following Mead patrons (several were in attendance) who generously volunteered their time and talents to serve as committee members: Sami Absalonson, Gary Drumheller (committee chair), Dan Eagle, Candace Mumm, Sonia O'Connor, Craig Penfield (committee vice-chair), Rusty Prichard, Bob Sleeth, Al Swanson and Bobby Tobiason.

Vice-Chair Craig Penfield presented the committee's final recommendations, which included the following major categories/project types:

- **Major School Projects** - Modernize Shiloh Hills and Midway Elementary Schools; Replace Northwood Middle School
- **District Wide Security** - Single Point Entry, Lock Down Features, Surveillance
- **District Wide Accessibility Improvements** - Handicapped Accessibility Improvements and Handicapped Valves, Sinks and Toilets
- **Site/Traffic Improvements** - Asphalt Replacement at Brentwood, Colbert and Evergreen
- **Minor School Projects** (New Carpet) - Brentwood, Evergreen, Farwell and Meadow Ridge
- **Track Replacement** - Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School
- **Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Upgrades** - Colbert, Farwell, M.E.A.D., Mt. Spokane and District Office
- **Mechanical Systems Controls Upgrades** - Evergreen, Farwell, Meadow Ridge, M.E.A.D. and Mt. Spokane
- **Roof Replacement** - Brentwood, Evergreen, Colbert and Meadow Ridge

- **Technology for 21st Century Learning**
- **District Wide Property Acquisition/Expansions**

Mr. Penfield went on to explain the three major school projects (modernization of Shiloh Hills and Midway and replacement of Northwood) qualify for state “match” monies in the amount of \$33.9 million. With a proposed bond amount of \$69.4 million this means the state would contribute \$1 for every \$2 contributed locally. In conclusion, Mr. Penfield shared proposed bond tax rate information and graphs illustrating the Mead School District 10-year bond tax rate history and a comparison of regional school district bond tax rates.

Following a brief questions and answer time that included reference to the idea of a Mead School District stadium/sports complex, the board expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Penfield and the other members of the Facilities Planning Committee for their time and work. Superintendent Rockefeller recommended the board schedule a retreat in the next 2-3 weeks to discuss the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Committee in more detail.

C. Special Services Report

In her report Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs Dr. Susana Reyes shared the goal/purpose of the Mead School District Special Services Department is to provide appropriate special education services to eligible students while ensuring compliance with state and federal mandates, rules and regulations.

The Mead School District Special Services Department serves 1,200 students – this is nearly identical to the number of students serviced last year at this time. There are 263 staff members in the department (one Director, one Interim Assistant Director, nine Education Specialists, eight School Psychologists, six OT/PTs, 59 Teachers, five Interpreters, 12 SLPs, three Administrative Assistants and 159 Para Educators).

The department’s performance across 20 indicators is evaluated each year by OSPI. For the 2012-13 school year the OSPI evaluation resulted in the department meeting all requirements with a Level 1 (highest) determination.

A primary focus for Dr. Reyes this year has been facilitating the Behavior Intervention Work Group. Group membership includes an appropriately diverse cross-section of district personnel. The primary purpose of the work group is to study and develop a plan(s) to address behavior intervention needs across the district. Dr. Reyes will report to the board on the group’s conclusions/recommendations in the near future.

In conclusion, Dr. Reyes summarized the professional development opportunities provided for district special education staff.

Following a few follow-up questions the board thanked Dr. Reyes for her informative report.

D. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rockefeller shared a publication from D.A. Davidson summarizing February 2013 state election results, which included many school district bond measures. He also distributed survey information from Piper Jaffray rank ordering voter support on a variety of school district needs such as modernization of school facilities and school safety improvements.

VII. Closed Session

A. Appeal to the Board

At 7 p.m. Director Farley called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing an Appeal to the Board. Director Hunt recused himself from the appeal hearing.

At 8:10 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session

VIII. Executive Session

At 8:10 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 8:40 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 8:40 p.m.

President

Secretary