



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

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, O'Connor, Hunt and Olson were present. Director Farley was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard. Executive Director Jared Hoadley and Assistant Superintendents Dorcas Wylder, Susana Reyes and Ken Russell were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Olson 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 March 10, 2014, 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. Spring sports are in full swing with many athletic teams recently traveling out of town for meets/events, 150 students and staff are at Chewelah Peak for Spring Leadership Camp, and the ASB class is busy planning for the spring Talent Show and Coffee House.

For the winter athletic/activities season two Mead High School teams (cheer and drama) earned the distinction of WIAA Academic State Champions in the 4A category. Members from both groups, along with their advisors Tonya Axworthy (cheer) and Andrew Lewis (drama), were in attendance. Director Denholm had the privilege of presenting each student in attendance with a medal and badge commemorating this outstanding academic achievement. The board congratulated students and advisors positively commenting on the fact that selection criterion for Mead HS cheerleaders is 25% academics/grades, 25% attendance and 50% cheer ability.

Superintendent Rockefeller positively commented on the Mead High School spring play, "The Servant of Two Masters," that he and his wife Pera had the good fortune to attend.

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Assistant Superintendent of Human Services Ralph Thayer recommended the board deny the two requests for leave without pay and the one request for medical leave without pay. Recommending that two of the three leave without pay individuals have the opportunity to resubmitted their requests with appropriate documentation, Director Hunt made a motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. Prior to seconding the motion, Director Olson positively commented on the longevity of the three Mead High School teachers who were resigning .2 FTE of their full time contracts. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Contract/Bargaining Agreement -
District Administration Office Employees Association**

Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer presented the District Administration Office Employees Association collective bargaining agreement for board consideration. In February 2014, the

association and district reached a tentative three-year agreement (September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2016). The association has ratified the tentative agreement.

Compared to previous collective bargaining agreements, the new tentative agreement includes minor language updates/changes. The new agreement also calls for the association to move onto the Mead School District Non-Represented Classified Salary Schedule.

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the three-year contract agreement between District Administration Office Employees and the Mead School District, as presented. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of February 2014

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

B. Technology/CTE Report

Technology Services/CTE Director Matt Miller reviewed the many systems and services that fall under the technology umbrella. The Mead School District Technology Department's system responsibilities include: data/network, wireless, phone, email, copying/printing, staff database, student database and lunch database, to name a few.

A recent focus of the department has been working to maximize annual e-rate program savings. Mr. Miller shared costs associated with a variety of e-rate systems/services and the total program savings that have been realized (nearly \$293,000).

Implemented technology upgrades for 2012-13 and the current school year were reviewed, and planned upgrades for 2014-15 were described. Since August, technology technicians have deployed more than 3,000 devices. It is estimated each technician spends 50% of their day on work orders and 50% of their day on project implementation.

Upcoming technology enhancements include signing with a new company to host the district's website, implementation of all digital copy center orders and replacing the expiring XP operating system on all district computers.

District-wide there are currently 41 CTE staff members teaching 2910 students. Around the state Mead is considered a model in CTE and STEM education. Mr. Miller highlighted the district's biomed, engineering and ProStart programs, as well as the annual district STEM Night and the work of 7th and 8th grade science teachers. With the advent of Core 24 the district will ramp up its work on the cross-accreditation of CTE classes.

The board thanked Mr. Miller for his informative presentation.

C. Asset Preservation Report

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle presented the district's annual Asset Preservation Evaluation/Report. This report complies with all requirements of the Asset Preservation Program per WAC 392-347-023. District buildings included in the Asset Preservation Program are Mt. Spokane High School, Mountainside Middle School and Prairie View Elementary School. As part of this report Mr. Wendle distributed a copy of the district's Asset Preservation Summary Report that will be filed with the State of Washington.

D. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller, commenting on the number of Mead High School students in attendance (cheerleaders and drama students), indicated he has encouraged both high schools to not only have their ASB presidents communicate school happenings with the board, but also to have students receiving special recognition personally come to board meetings to share their accomplishments.

VII. Executive Session

At 6:50 p.m. Director Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately 20 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:10 p.m. Director Denholm returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

President

Secretary