



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, April 14, 2014**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Mountainside Middle School. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor and Olson were present. 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 O'Connor made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Closed Session Grievance Hearing was postponed to a later date). Director Denholm 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 24, 2014, and Board Retreat of March 26, 2014, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Travis Widmer, accompanied by next year's ASB President Jacob Lionello, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. The first Unified Sports soccer event, featuring DLC student teams from both Mt. Spokane HS and Mead HS, took place prior to Spring Break and was a tremendous success, the musical *Les Miserables* just completed a very successful seven day run (Travis played the part of Jean Valjean), and the Mt. Spokane WDFY (Washington Drug-Free Youth) program has tested 320 students so far this year with one more testing session scheduled. That means more than 20% of the student population at Mt. Spokane High School has made a commitment to be drug free. Director O'Connor positively commented on how well the Mt. Spokane Jazz Band performed at Jazz NW.

Dylan Ju (senior) and Anastasia Gillio (junior) each gave a brief report on happenings at Riverpoint Academy. Seniors are planning the school's first prom, collaborating with Whitworth University (bioengineering) and WSU (microbial fuel cells), and making final decisions on where they will attend school next year. The junior class is focused on exploring ways to include next year's incoming eleventh graders into the leadership of the school and upcoming college visits to EWU, WSU, CWU and the University of Washington.

Director Farley, commenting on the April 1, 2014, resignation of District 5 Mead School Board Director Tom Hunt (Mr. Hunt and his wife Therese were in attendance), stated, "this will be a giant hole to fill." The Hunts, residents of the Mead School District since 1991, just sold their home and have moved out of the district, which is the reason for Director Hunt's resignation.

Each board member expressed sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Hunt for his 18 years of service on the Mead School District Board of Directors and related a specific way in which he has been an asset to them personally and the Mead School District community in general. It was the consensus of the group that the Mead School District has benefited greatly from Mr. Hunt's unwavering commitment to what is best for students. Mr. Hunt thanked the board for their gracious comments and expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve the Mead community.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report - Mountainside Middle School

On behalf of the Mountainside Middle School community principal Craig Busch welcomed all in attendance and introduced assistant principal Deb Freeman and CLI members/teachers Shawn

Schuler (English), Mike Murray (math), Dave Neale (science/electives), Richard Plumbo (social studies) and Ashley Slocum (counselor). Mr. Busch reported this year at Mountainside is one of the "best ever" –discipline issues are way down and students are unbelievably wonderful. A big focus at Mountainside this year is, "How do we support students that are failing?" One way is through the use of student access time. At Mountainside this is a block of time between 2nd and 3rd periods where students are able to get help and/or make-up tests and assignments.

Teachers shared department goals for the 2013-2014 school year and explained steps they are taking to reach those goals. Common themes were the new Common Core State Standards and the changes in state testing. Each department is working hard to adapt/enhance instruction so that student learning is positively impacted. Of particular note was the "land grab" assignment that involves collaboration between the social studies and science departments, and the intentional focus of the social studies department to help ELL and special education students be more successful in social studies classes.

Following Dave Neale's presentation on STEM electives (Robotics and Design/Modeling), Director Farley inquired about student schedule flexibility and asked if all interested students are able to fit a STEM elective in their class schedule? There was discussion about the possibility of zero-hour STEM offerings.

Director Denholm talked about his desire to learn more about Common Core and the new 1080 hours legislation. He suggested a Board Retreat on those subjects.

Director Farley asked Mr. Busch about having middle school students for three years (6th - 8th grades) versus the current two years model (7th & 8th grades). Citing the additional year to build relationships with students and parents, Mr. Busch indicated his overall support for a three years model. Mr. Busch believes students would feel more school pride/ownership if they attended three years instead of two.

In conclusion, Mr. Busch stated the Mountainside staff "loves what they do" and thanked the board for their time.

Jerry Lahde, Mountainside custodian, shared some general concerns he has regarding the Mountainside facility.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

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

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve Consent Agenda B, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Olson abstained from the vote.

B. Resignation of Director Tom Hunt

Director O'Connor made a motion to accept the resignation, effective April 1, 2014, of District 5 Director Tom Hunt. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Employee Termination

Prior to this meeting Board Members were given relevant information regarding the recommended termination of a classified Mead School District child/nutrition services employee.

Assistant Superintendent Thayer brought the aforementioned termination before the board for their approval.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the termination of the classified Mead School District child/nutrition employee. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller had nothing to report.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 45 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:30 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 8:30 p.m.

President

Secretary