



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor and Olson were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, Susanna Reyes and Ken Russell and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendent Dorcas Wylder was excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. (Continuing Business, second reading of a revision to Policy & Procedure 1110 was removed.) Director O'Connor 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 May 12, 2014, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley briefly explained the School Resource Officer Program and the district's partnership with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. The Mead School District is fortunate to have two resource officers, Chris Young and Jeff Rogers, who work hand-in-hand with school administrators helping to make Mead Schools safe. Deputies Young and Rogers introduced Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich. The board expressed their appreciation to Sheriff Knezovich for his support of the School Resource Officer Program and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Mead High School teacher Lee Chambers introduced three of his Entrepreneurship students - Keely Liles (10th), Charlie Powell (11th) and Preston Smith (10th) - who shared their experiences competing at the Inland NW Business Plan Competition. Last year Keely took home first place and this year Charlie and Preston placed third for their venture, Splotch Comics. All three students were very complimentary of Mr. Chambers and the Entrepreneurship class at Mead High School. In conclusion, Mr. Chambers shared how very proud he is of these students and their accomplishments. Students from Mead High School and Riverpoint Academy, over the past few years, have won an impressive \$21,000 in prize money at regional business plan competitions.

ASB President River Baker, accompanied by several students from the ASB class, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Tennis is sending three athletes to state, the boys track team placed first at regionals and Mead's Unified Soccer team qualified for the state competition. Both Senior Presentations and Student Led Conferences just concluded and graduation for seniors will take place on June 6th at GU's McCarthy Athletic Center.

Superintendent Rockefeller introduced invited guest Mountainside Middle School science teacher Shannon Stiles. In October of this year Ms. Stiles submitted a lesson plan on how cells work to the education division of TED Videos. They loved her concept and, in collaboration with an animator and writer, helped her create *Cell vs Virus: A Battle for Health*. This 4-minute video, that went public on April 17, 2014, was played for the board.

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Participation Fees (2014-2015)

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley presented a draft 2014-2015 Participation Fee Plan to the board for their consideration. For the past four school years the board has approved participation fees for elementary, middle and high school students who take part in extra-curricular athletics. No plan changes or fee increases were proposed for 2014-2015. Participation fees generate approximately \$100,000 annually.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Participation Fee Plan as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 14-3 WIAA Enrollment 2014-2015

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley presented Resolution 14-3, WIAA Enrollment for 2014-2015, for board consideration. The Mead School District has been a participating member of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) for many years. Only sanctioned WIAA sports are offered in our secondary schools. This annual resolution confirms the district's participation and support for the rules and regulations of the WIAA.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve Resolution 14-3, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. First Reading Policy 3131 Revision - Assignments to Schools

Executive Director of Student Services Jared Hoadley presented, for first reading consideration, a revision to Policy 3131 - Assignments to Schools. The last time this policy was updated was November 20, 2006.

The proposed change to Policy 3131 involves removing the last paragraph that provides an exception for M.E.A.D., M.E.P.P. (Five Mile Prairie School) and the district's Transitions Program. Mr. Hoadley explained the many benefits of having all of our schools follow the same procedures when it comes to transferring from one district school to another.

There were no changes recommended to the presented policy revision.

This was the first reading of a policy revision. No action was requested.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of April 2014

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

B. Behavior Intervention Work Group Report

Assistant Superintendent (Special Services) Susanna Reyes reported on the work of the Behavior Intervention Work Group. This group, comprised of 20-25 individuals, met several times this spring to assess district needs relative to students and behavior intervention. Dr. Reyes shared the collected data, group conclusions and four proposals for consideration. Of particular note was the fact that of the 93 students identified district-wide as needing behavior intervention only 50 are special education students. Following discussion the board thanks Dr. Reyes and the Behavior Intervention Work Group for their thorough study of this issue.

C. Student Services Report

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley, after introducing Kelly Schultz (Student Services Coordinator), presented a brief student services and activities overview for the 2013-2014 school year. Of particular note was the work Mr. Hoadley has lead regarding school safety, the success of the district's Truancy Board and the steady decline in student suspensions/expulsions. Mr. Hoadley distributed information put together by school nurses highlighting their work from the 2013-2014

school year. In conclusion, Mr. Hoadley spoke about the OSPI grant (\$314,447) the Mead School District recently received to enhance response time of emergency responders in a crisis situation.

D. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reminded that the last day of school is June 12 and that this year there will be five commencement exercises starting Thursday, May 29, with the Five Mile Prairie (MEPP) graduation and ending on Saturday, June 7, with the Riverpoint Academy graduation. Principals and district office administration have been very busy finishing up TPEP evaluations, which he reported involve a considerable amount of time and training. While good reflection and conversations take place in the TPEP process it does leave less time for other things. The initial round of interviews for the Brentwood principal position have taken place and two finalists have been identified. In conclusion, Superintendent Rockefeller reported on the number of retiring teachers and the fact that in Spokane alone they plan to hire 110 new elementary school teachers for next year.

VII. Closed Session

At 7:30 p.m. Director Farley called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing a Step 4 Seniority Bypass Grievance.

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