



Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, June 9, 2014

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 9, 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 and Ken Russell and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendent Susana Reyes was excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Regular Board Meeting of May 27, 2014 and Special Board Meeting of June 2, 2014, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer introduced Justin Valentine who is the recommended candidate to be the new principal at Brentwood Elementary School. This past year Mr. Valentine was a Principal Assistant in the Mead School District splitting his time between Prairie View and Evergreen. For ten years prior to that he taught at Shiloh Hills. Mr. Valentine thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the Brentwood community as their new principal and introduced his wife Andrea and sons Connor and Logan.

Retiree Recognition - Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer read the names of the 25 employees retiring this year and presented each in attendance with a Certificate of Appreciation. Board members extended congratulations, thanks and best wishes to the following men and women who represent a combined 572 years of service to the Mead School District:

William Asan (Bus Driver, 9 years), **Mark Bowman** (Social Studies Teacher, Mead HS, 34 years), **Jim Brown** (English/Drama Teacher, Mt. Spokane HS, 34 years), **Joanne Brown** (Physical Therapist, 23 years), **Patricia Buck** (School Nurse, 10 years), **Barbara Cunningham** (Social Studies Teacher, Mountainside, 13 years), **Mike Cunningham** (Special Education Teacher, Mt. Spokane HS, 25 years), **Michael Hare** (Physical Education Teacher, Mountainside, 39 years), **Fleeta Holcolm** (1st Grade Teacher, Midway, 25 years), **John Hook** (Director Secondary Education, 12 years), **Maggie Hughes-Smith** (2nd Grade Teacher, Colbert, 27 years), **Teresa Incontro** (Special Education Teacher, Mountainside, 11 years), **Ellen Krehbiel** (Music Specialist/Teacher, Brentwood, 24.5 years), **Wayne Mackey** (Bus Driver, 26 years), **Robert McKinnis** (Bus Driver, 8 years), **Doug Peters** (Physical Education Teacher, Mountainside, 35 years), **Roger Pike** (Principal, Brentwood, 35 years), **Karen Schiffner** (1st Grade Teacher, Shiloh Hills, 31 years), **John Scott** (Assistant Director Transportation, 21 years), **Linnea Shaw** (Kindergarten Teacher, Prairie View, 19 years), **David Strand** (Art Teacher, Mt. Spokane HS, 34 years), **Jann Swenson** (Administrative Assistant, ELL/Special Programs, 11 years), **Steve Ann Thornsberry** (5th Grade Teacher, Evergreen, 31 years), **Micki Wittwer** (Nursing Support Para Ed, 20.5 years) and **Dorcas Wylder** (Assistant Superintendent Learning Services, 14 years)

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley introduced Dave Barnes (Northwood Athletic Director) and Greg Hare (Mountainside Athletic Director) who introduced Jim Jenson and Mike Hare and presented them with Lifetime GSL Achievement Awards. Mr. Jenson retired from teaching at Northwood seven years ago but has continued coaching for the Mead School District since that time. According to Dave Barnes, after retirement Jim started with one sport season . . .

then he was convinced to add another and then another. Grand total, Jim has been coaching kids for 44 years. Mike Hare, retiring this year after 39 years with the Mead School District, has coached at the middle school level for all of those years. Mr. Jenson and Mr. Hare are the only two individuals to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award for the 2013-14 school year. The board expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Jenson and Mr. Hare for their many years of service and dedication to Mead School District students.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Second Reading Policy 3131 Revision – Assignments to Schools

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley presented, for second 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 Mead Schools follow the same procedures when it comes to transferring from one district school to another.

No changes were recommended at the first reading.

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the revision to Policy 3131, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Yearbook Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration the award of the 2014-2015 yearbook contract, with a four year renewal option, to Herff-Jones for Mead High School, Mt. Spokane High School, Mountainside Middle School and Northwood Middle School. A committee developed the Request for Proposal, reviewed bid documents and made the final selection/recommendation for the district's yearbook contract. Sealed bids were opened on May 19, 2014, and included bids from four vendors. Herff-Jones was the low responsible bidder.

Director Denholm made a motion to award the 2014-2015 yearbook contract, with a four-year renewal option, for Mead High School, Mt. Spokane High School, Mountainside Middle School and Northwood Middle School to Herff-Jones. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Riverpoint Academy Discussion

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, following up on a request made at the June 2, 2014, Special Board Meeting for a small contingent from the Riverpoint Academy Advisory Board and the Mead School District Board to meet to continue the charter school discussion, inquired about the availability of one or two board members to attend a meeting on Thursday morning, June 12th. Directors Farley, Denholm and Olson indicated they were unavailable. Director O'Connor reported she could attend a meeting on June 12th.

VI. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

John Hook, Director of Secondary Education, shared information on Washington State's College Bound Scholarship. This scholarship, applied for in the 8th grade, provides money for college to qualifying students. Thanks to the efforts of the counseling staffs at both Northwood and Mountainside the percentage of 8th graders who have filed applications has increased in the past three years from just under 20% to 70+% this year.

Mr. Hook also shared information on upcoming Mead School District Summer Institutes and changes the SAT and ACT are planning to make to in their tests to better align with Common Core standards.

B. Alternative Learning Education (ALE) Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell shared information on the district's LAP program, credit retrieval options and the possibility of moving the tutoring center, currently housed at MSS, to Mead HS and Mt. Spokane HS. He additionally highlighted the potential of a new after school program, *Early College in the High School*, aimed at underserved students, including students on free and reduced lunch and students of color (the adoption of this program would require approval of the board).

Mr. Russell emphasized the importance of, on the front end, improving teaching and learning. He additionally spoke about building a bridge between all district schools and the importance of feeling we are one team - one community.

Mr. Russell reviewed graduation rates for all district high schools and pointed out the graduation rate at M.E.A.D. of 57.4% is actually one of the highest in the state for alternative high schools. Student demographics (male/female and in-district/out-of-district) for district alternative schools were shared.

D. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller stated he had nothing to report.

VII. Closed Session

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

At 7:50 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:50 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately one hour for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:50 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 8:50 p.m.

President

Secretary