



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, June 23, 2014**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 23, 2014. The meeting began at 6:00 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 and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard and Ken Russell. Assistant Superintendent Susana Reyes and Executive Director Jared Hoadley were excused.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (real estate was added as an Executive Session agenda item). 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 Special Board Meeting and Regular Board Meeting of June 9, 2014, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools**

Joanie Pringle-Jones and Mike Phillips, Senior Presentation Coordinators for Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School, thanked Yokes Fresh Market and Spokane Teacher's Credit Union for their generous support of Mead School District Senior Presentations. Ms. Jones and Mr. Phillips explained dinner is provided for Senior Presentation panelists each evening and that Yokes generously donated the food for these dinners. STCU's contribution included a very nice pen for each panelist. A *Certificate of Appreciation* was presented to Yokes (Chad Moses, Assistant Manger) and STCU (Tom Johnson, President and Lisa Chitwood, North Branch Manager). Director Farley, on behalf of the board, affirmed that the district's partnership with Yokes and STCU is very much appreciated.

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, addressing retiring Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Dorcas Wylde, thanked her for the many contributions she has made to the Mead School District stating, "Dorcas is truly an exceptional education leader at both the building level and district level. She has an incredible work ethic and heart for kids." He noted this next year Ms. Wylde will serve as a TPEP consultant for the district.

**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. Director District 5 Vacancy - Roll Call Vote**

Tom Hunt, who admirably represented Director District 5 for 18 years, resigned his position in early April 2014 creating a vacancy on the Mead School District Board of Directors. Per board policy the open school board position was advertised and six Director District 5 residents submitted a *Letter of Interest*. In Special Board Meetings (May 27, 2014 and June 9, 2014) each candidate was interviewed.

Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor and Olson each commented on the high caliber of candidates who expressed interest in filling the vacancy with Director Olson concluding that any one of the six would fit in well and do an excellent job. A reoccurring theme expressed by Directors Farley,

Denholm, O'Connor and Olson in their selection of the individual to fill the vacancy was the candidate's long-standing past and present district involvement. The selected candidate will serve as an appointee to the school board until the next regularly scheduled school board election in November 2015.

Director O'Connor made a motion to nominate Carmen Green to fill the open Director District 5 position on the Mead School District Board of Directors. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Director Denholm	--	Aye
Director O'Connor	--	Aye
Director Olson	--	Aye
Director Farley	--	Aye

**C. Highly Capable Program Grant Renewal Authorization**

Director of Elementary Education Kim Montecucco presented the Highly Capable Program Grant renewal authorization for board consideration. Each year the Mead School District submits a Highly Capable Program Grant renewal application. This state funded grant supports program options for students who perform, or show the potential to perform, at a remarkably high level when compared to students of similar age, experience or environment. Submission of the request to continue receiving grant funds requires school board authorization.

Ms. Montecucco, commenting on the new state requirement that school districts provide a menu of highly capable options for all students K-12, reported the Mead School District has developed a district-wide highly capable plan, as well as a plan for each individual building.

Director Olson made a motion to authorize the submission of the Highly Capable Program Grant renewal paperwork for the 2014-2015 school year. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Establish Summer Board Meeting Dates**

The board traditionally meets once in July and once in August with these summer meetings set in June of each year.

After discussion Director Denholm made a motion to approve July 21, 2014 - 2 p.m. and August 18, 2014 - 2 p.m. as summer board meeting dates. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Mountainside Middle School Variance Approval**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer presented a variance, approved by the Mountainside Middle School staff and MEA Rep Council, for board consideration. Per the MEA contract a school site may vote to have a temporary exception from current policy, procedure or contractual agreement. A 75% majority vote is required before a variance can be submitted for Rep Council and school board approval.

The Mountainside Middle School variance shortens the daily prep period for Mountainside staff for one day per week in order to facilitate student access time for the 2014-2015 school year. More than 80% of the Mountainside staff and 100% of the MEA Rep Council voted to approve the variance.

Following discussion Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mountainside Middle School variance that shortens the daily prep period for Mountainside staff for one day per week in order to facilitate student access time for the 2014-2015 school year. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Child Nutrition Services Discussion**

On the subject of student meals (breakfast and lunch) and district protocol when a student has a negative account balance, Superintendent Rockefeller referenced a law under consideration in Texas making it illegal to decline to feed a student and also brought forward an incident in Moses

Lake where, after discovering a student had a negative lunch account balance, the student's lunch was taken away. A recent situation with a Mead School District high school student was the reason for bringing the topic to the board for discussion.

Superintendent Rockefeller explained current district practices for elementary, middle and high school students and how parents are notified when account balances are low or negative. He additionally reminded that several years ago the Mead School District Child Nutrition Department was running in the red but now the program is essentially self-sufficient.

Following discussion Superintendent Rockefeller affirmed the need for a balanced approach to student lunch accounts and indicated he would bring potential strategies back to the board for their input and consideration.

**VI. Reports**

**A. Financial Report for the month of May 2014**

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

**B. Mead HS and Mt. Spokane HS Senior Presentations Report**

Senior Presentation Coordinators Joanie Pringle-Jones (Mt. Spokane HS) and Mike Phillips (Mead HS) reported on 2014 Senior Presentations including panelist, facilitator, parent and student survey results. Approximately 600 community members served as panelists this spring.

96% of Mt. Spokane HS seniors and 97% of Mead HS seniors have been accepted to a 2-year college, 4-year university, military service or internship following high school graduation. Looking toward next year, Ms. Jones and Mr. Phillips hope to improve communication with Running Start students and encourage middle school teachers to serve as Senior Presentation panelists so they can see first-hand the positive impact they have had on students.

In conclusion, Ms. Jones and Mr. Phillips thanked the board for their support specifically referencing the overwhelmingly positive feedback they have received now that Senior Presentations have been moved to an evening format.

**C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items**

Superintendent Rockefeller had nothing to report.

**VII. Closed Session**

At 6:55 p.m. Director Farley called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing an Athletic Code Violation Appeal.

At 7:20 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session.

**VIII. Executive Session**

At 7:20 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 45 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee and real estate.

At 8:05 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 8:05 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**