



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, July 21, 2014**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, July 21, 2014. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, Olson and Green were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, Pam Veltri and Ken Russell, and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendent Susana Reyes and Executive Director Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. 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 June 23, 2014, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools - none

IV. Oath of Office

Superintendent Rockefeller administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board member Carmen Green.

After taking the Oath of Office, Director Green stated, "It is an honor and pleasure to serve on the Mead School District Board of Directors."

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

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

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

B. Resolution 14-4 Budget Extension General Fund

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 14-4, Budget Extension General Fund, for board consideration. State law requires that fiscal year budgets be adopted by August 31st each year. Extensions (increases) to any appropriation level also requires board approval. The adoption of Resolution 14-4 will increase the 2013/2014 appropriation level, or spending limit, for the General Fund by \$1,750,000. This is necessary due to increases in projected enrollment.

Director Green made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-5, extending the General Fund budget for the 2013/2014 school year, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 14-5 Riverpoint Academy Study Plan

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller presented Resolution 14-5, Riverpoint Academy Study Plan, for board consideration. Riverpoint Academy opened in the fall of 2012. The current education program offered at Riverpoint Academy is designed for 11th and 12th grade students.

Having completed two full years of operation there is a need to review the Riverpoint Academy education program. Resolution 14-5 would authorize the formation of a study group to not only review the current program but also review Washington State charter school rules and regulations and make recommendations regarding whether Riverpoint Academy should remain an 11-12 program, expand to a 9-12 program or operate better as a charter school. It was recommended Midway Principal Kevin Peterson serve as district liaison on the study group/committee.

Following discussion that included the need to remove length of time references in the resolution, the importance of Mead staff, patrons and parents serving as committee members and the need to be very clear about what the group should study, Director O'Connor made a motion to table adoption of Resolution 14-5 until revisions to the resolution could be drafted. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Bakery Products Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented renewal of Bakery Bid No. 17-1213, using Food Services of America, for the 2014-2015 school year for board consideration. This contract is available through the district's inter-local agreement with Spokane Public Schools. Food Services of America satisfactorily provided district bakery items in 2013-2014 and Mr. Leonard reported confidence in their ability to meet district needs for the 2014-2015 school year.

Director Olson made a motion to award Bakery Products Bid No. 171213 for the 2014-2015 school year to Food Services of America. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Prime Vendor Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a new Prime Vendor contract with Food Services of America for board consideration. The current Prime Vendor bid expires in August 2014. Spokane Public Schools extended bid solicitations and received bids from two vendors - Food Services of America and URM. The bid award to Food Services of America was based on an extensive scoring process involving product cost, taste and interview. RFP No. 17-1314 Prime Vendor, between Food Services of America and Spokane Public Schools, included the inter-local agreement purchase option for the Mead School District.

Food Services of America satisfactorily provided district Prime Vendor items in 2013-2014 and Mr. Leonard reported confidence in their ability to meet district needs for the 2014-2015 school year.

Director Green made a motion to award RFP No. 17-1314 Prime Vendor contract for the 2014-2015 school year to Food Services of America. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Fresh Produce Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented renewal of Fresh Produce Bid No. 18-1213, using Food Services of America, for the 2014-2015 school year for board consideration. This contract is available through the district's inter-local agreement with Spokane Public Schools. Food Services of America satisfactorily provided district fresh produce items in 2013-2014 and Mr. Leonard reported confidence in their ability to meet district needs for the 2014-2015 school year.

Director O'Connor made a motion to award Fresh Produce Bid No. 18-1213 for the 2014-2015 school year to Food Services of America. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Dairy Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented renewal of Dairy Contract 386-10-06-B, using Darigold, for the 2014-2015 school year for board consideration. This contract is available through the district's inter-local agreement with the Central Valley School District. Darigold satisfactorily provided district dairy items in 2013-2014 and Mr. Leonard reported confidence in their ability to meet district needs for the 2014-2015 school year.

Director Olson made a motion to award Dairy Contract 386-10-06-B for the 2014-2015 school year to Darigold. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Student Breakfast/Lunch Accounts Parent Letter

Superintendent Rockefeller, referencing the draft letter from Child Nutrition Services to parents regarding school meal accounts included in board packets, explained current district practices for elementary, middle and high schools students and how parents are notified when account balances are low or negative. To further enhance communication on how to make meal account payments and district policy on negative meal accounts, Child Nutrition Services plans to start the 2014-2015 school year by sending this letter to all parents/guardians.

Discussion included the grace periods for negative accounts and the dollar amount of negative accounts district-wide. Superintendent Rockefeller noted Spokane Public Schools has a “zero tolerance” policy regarding student meal accounts.

This was non-action, discussion item.

I. Bond/Levy Discussion

Superintendent Rockefeller led a discussion on the upcoming (February 2015) bond/levy highlighting the need for a Board Retreat to finalize bond projects and the dollar amount for those projects. Other discussion items included space needs for all day kindergarten, the cost differential and life expectancy between brick/mortar classrooms and portables, the need to purchase land for future school(s), the impact of a potential state mandate requiring a 1:17 teacher/student ratio at the elementary level and the cost of a stadium/performance center and how that could be presented to voters.

This was non-action, discussion item.

VII. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of June 2014

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

B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reported many new individuals have been hired for the 2014-2015 school year including some for newly added certificated teaching positions. Board members were invited to attend the All Admin Luncheon on August 14 at Mountainside Middle School and the District Welcome Back Day on August 28 at Mt. Spokane High School. The open CTE/Technology Director position will be filled within the week and district level department goals will be available for board review in the near future.

VIII. Training Video

A. Open Public Meetings, Public Records Retention and Rules Related to Preservation and Destruction of Public Records

In compliance with new state regulations board members Ron Farley, Denny Denholm, Maureen O'Connor, Bob Olson and Carmen Green, along with Superintendent Rockefeller and other district level administrators watched training videos on Open Public Meetings, Public Records Retention and Rules Related to Preservation and Destruction of Public Records

IX. Executive Session

At 5:00 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 5:45 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

President

Secretary