



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, August 18, 2014**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 18, 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 and Wayne Leonard, and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendents Susana Reyes, Ken Russell and Pam Veltri 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 July 21, 2014, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Dave Berto, CEO of Skyhawks Sports Academy, and Zach Koller, a Skyhawks employee and 2012 Mt. Spokane graduate, presented information on a new after-school program they would like to offer for Mead School District elementary students (grades K-4). In addition to explaining the parameters of the program, Mr. Koller explained there would be a fee reduction for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Offering the program would be dependent on using Mead School District facilities/fields. The board thanked Mr. Berto and Mr. Koller and indicated they would have Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley look into the feasibility of the program.

IV. Public Hearing - 2014-2015 Budget

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Wayne Leonard, in accordance with state law, presented the proposed 2014-2015 budget for public comment and board consideration. A draft of the proposed 2014-2015 General Fund budget was given to board members at the July 21, 2014 meeting. Appropriation levels are set forth in Resolution 14-6, which is recommended for adoption. Items of note included the addition of 22 certificated staff positions including 4 elementary library/media specialists, 4 instructional/curricular support teachers, 2.5 ELD teachers, 2 ALE teachers, 4 behavioral intervention specialists and several LAP teachers, an increase in transportation spending due to the addition of special education and McKinney Vento routes, and a notation that there are no COLA's for district employees as none were funded by the state.

Director Farley asked for public comments. There were none.

V. Continuing Business

A. Resolution 14-5

Riverpoint Academy Study Plan

Superintendent Rockefeller presented Resolution 14-5, Riverpoint Academy Study Plan. This resolution was first brought to the board on July 21, 2014, and, based on feedback from that meeting, was tabled until revisions could be incorporated. Resolution 14-5 was revised by Director Farley and the updated version was presented for board consideration.

Riverpoint Academy opened in the fall of 2012 and in June of 2014 completed its second full year of operation. The current education program offered at Riverpoint is designed for 11th and 12th grade students. Resolution 14-5 would authorize an advisory study group, comprised of school district administration/staff and external advisory board members consisting of district

parents/patrons, to review the current Riverpoint Academy education program. Midway Elementary Principal Kevin Peterson would serve as district liaison on the committee. The study group would additionally review Washington State charter school rules and regulations and make recommendations including but not limited to whether Riverpoint Academy should remain an 11-12 program, whether Riverpoint Academy should expand to a 9-12 program and whether the Riverpoint Academy program could better operate as a charter school.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-5, Riverpoint Academy Study Plan, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Resolution 14-6 2014-2015 Budget Adoption

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 14-6, 2014-2015 Budget Adoption, for board consideration. State law requires that fiscal year budgets be adopted by August 31st of each year. Adopting the 2014-15 budget sets the appropriation level or spending limits for each of the district's five funds (General, ASB, Debt Service, Capital Projects and Transportation Vehicle) consistent with the assumptions and estimates utilized in its preparation.

Director O'Connor made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-6, 2014-2015 Budget Adoption, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 14-7 2014-2015 Fees & Budget Policies

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 14-7, 2014-2015 Fees & Budget Policies, for board consideration. This is an annual resolution. State law requires that fiscal year budgets be adopted by August 31st of each year. A part of the budget adoption includes Fees & Policies and the Facility Use Fee Schedule.

Director Green made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-7, 2014-2015 Fees & Budget Policies, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 14-8 2014-2015 Imprest Funds

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 14-8, 2014-2015 Imprest Funds, for board consideration. This is an annual resolution authorizing the district to operate checking and petty cash revolving funds, an advance travel fund and change funds within the General Fund and Associated Student Body Fund for 2014-2015.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 14-8, 2014-2015 Imprest Funds, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Establish Calendar for 2014-2015 Board Meeting Dates

A draft calendar for 2014-2015 board meeting dates was before the board for consideration. Two public meetings are planned each month with the exception of December, July and August. Board meetings traditionally take place on the second and last Monday of each month beginning at 6 p.m.

Director O'Connor made a motion to establish the Board Meeting Calendar for 2014-2015, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. February 2015 Bond Projects

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle reviewed the recommendations made by the Mead School District Facilities Planning Committee in their final report to the school board on February 24, 2014. The major categories/project types included in the committee's 2015-2021 Capital Facilities Plan included three major projects - full modernization of Shiloh Hills Elementary and

Midway Elementary and replacement of Northwood Middle School adjacent to the existing gym and weight room, which would be retained - as well as many smaller projects to address security/safety needs, K-12 user needs, roofing projects, handicapped accessibility improvements, site/traffic improvements, infrastructure/system needs, technology needs and property acquisition for future school site(s). There was no action taken on the 2015-2021 Capital Facilities Plan at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Wendle explained the district is seeking board approval of the recommended projects, subject to modifications, so that information on the upcoming (February 2015) capital projects bond can begin being shared with district staff, parents and community members.

Director Olson made a motion to approve, subject to modifications, the projects recommended by the Facilities Planning Committee in their 2015-2021 Capital Facilities Plan. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of July 2014

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

B. Student Services Report/Discussion Student Transportation

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley presented a brief report on the number of "permission forms" currently in use regarding student transportation alternatives (four) and the reasons/rationale for simplifying the process and using only two forms. Board members had the opportunity to review both the current and new forms.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reminded board members about the August 28 district "Welcome Back Day" and, following discussion, Director Farley agreed to speak at the event on behalf of the board. Board members were additionally invited to the September 6th football game at Seattle's Memorial Stadium where Mt. Spokane has been invited to play West Valley of Yakima at 1 p.m.

Superintendent Rockefeller introduced Learning Services Executive Director Heather Havens who provided board members with copies of AYP letters being mailed to parents to satisfy requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*. A lively discussion ensued that included frustration with the fact that in order to meet AYP 100%, or all students, regardless of special needs, English language mastery or other circumstances beyond their control, must meet proficiency standards. With the requirement that all students obtain 100% proficiency, in 37 separate categories, even schools achieving 100% in 36 categories are considered failing.

VIII. Executive Session

At 3 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 3:30 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 3:30 p.m.

President

Secretary