



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, September 8, 2014**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014. The meeting began at 6:00 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, Ken Russell and Pam Veltri, and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens. 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 Regular Board Meeting and Board Retreat of August 18, 2014, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

After welcoming Director Green to the Mead School District Board of Directors, ASB President River Baker presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Falls sports are in full swing, September 22-26 is Homecoming Week - the theme for the dance will be "No Place I'd Rather Be," and auditions for the fall musical "Bye Bye Birdie" are underway.

Executive Director Jared Hoadley gave each board member a "Show & Shine" participant magnet and reported on the great turnout for the September 6<sup>th</sup> car show that, for the past four years, has taken place in the front parking lot of Mt. Spokane High School. This year's event featured 62 cars and included two impromptu school tours conducted by Mt. Spokane teacher Mary Wallace. For many community members and participants this was the first time they had been inside a school in years. Director Farley attended the event and said, "It keeps getting better and better!" referring to the number of entries and quality of cars displayed.

Director Olson positively commented on Evergreen's June Lamberd being named the September 2014, KHQ/EWU "Teacher of the Month."

Director Farley welcomed several individuals in attendance from Whitworth University's Organizational Management Program.

**IV. Continuing Business - none**

**V. New Business**

**A. Consent Agenda**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer recommended the "leave without pay" request from the Shiloh Hills classified staff member asking for leave in October, 2014, be denied as it is a reoccurring request and the individual was, last year, notified that future "leave without pay" requests may not be granted. Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus the aforementioned employee's "leave without pay" request. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Contract/Bargaining Agreement  
Mead Extracurricular Employees Association**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer reported that in August 2014, the Mead Extracurricular Employees Association (MECA) and the Mead School District reached a tentative three-year contract agreement (August 1, 2014 - July 31, 2017). MECA has ratified the tentative agreement. Mr. Thayer additionally provided a brief overview of the agreed upon changes to the contract.

Director Olson, prior to making a motion to approve the three-year contract agreement between MECA and the Mead School District, commented on how cooperative this association was during the recent budget cut years. Director Farley concurred with Director Olson remarking on the concessions the group made for the benefit of student athletes. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. First Reading Policy & Procedure 2110 Revision  
Transitional Bilingual Education**

Learning Services Executive Director Heather Havens presented a revision to Policy and Procedure 2110 - Transitional Bilingual Education - for first reading consideration. The last time this policy/procedure was updated was February 22, 2010.

The proposed change to this policy and procedure involves changing the name of the program to "Transitional Bilingual/Alternative Instructional Program." By adding "alternative" to the program title and description the district's current ELD (English Language Development) program/practices will be in compliance with the transitional bilingual WAC.

No changes were recommended at this first reading and no action was taken.

**VI. Reports**

**A. Learning Services Report**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri and Ken Russell presented an overview of the Mead School District Learning Services Department including a review of Professional Learning Communities and how all the pieces of Learning Services fit together under the umbrella of a PLC. The role of the new Instructional/Curricular Support Teachers was explained including their role in developing effective instructional strategies in English language arts and mathematics. Dr. Veltri explained a goal of Learning Services is to see all students on an individual learning plan.

It is the intension of Learning Services to present a brief report at each school board meeting this year where they will explain another piece of the work the department is engaged in to improve student learning.

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

Superintendent Rockefeller directed the attention of the board to a letter from AOSA (American Orff-Schulwerk Association) commending the work of Colbert music teacher Drew Olsen who is the volunteer President of the Inland Empire Orff Chapter. On September 6<sup>th</sup> the Mt. Spokane football team, under the direction of new head coach Terry Cloer, defeated West Valley of Yakima in the Emerald City Classic at Memorial Stadium in Seattle. Superintendent Rockefeller was in attendance along with approximately 120 Mt. Spokane parents and fans. In closing, Superintendent Rockefeller referred to a sample resolution many school districts in Washington are adopting regarding the AYP requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*. He asked that the board consider whether or not they would like to adopt a similar resolution.

**VII. Executive Session**

At 6:45 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 45 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:30 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**