



## Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, November 17, 2014

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, O'Connor, Olson and Green were present. Director Farley was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, and Ken Russell, and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri and Susana Reyes were excused.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (item VI.B. - Learning Services Report - was removed from the agenda). Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 3, 2014, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ASB Vice-President Jin Kim (filling in for President Jacob Lionello who was preparing for the upcoming state 3A football quarterfinals) presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. The football team will take on Shadle Park High School on Saturday, November 22 with the winner advancing to the state semi-finals. The soccer team finished their season placing in the top 8 for Washington State in the 3A classification. Winter sports are underway and the fall play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, will finish a successful run (seven performances) on November 22.

Riverpoint Academy students Rianne Ellingwood and Blair Waiting shared their experiences at Startup Weekend, a 54-hour event held annually at Gonzaga University, where ideas are "pitched and developed" for presentation to a panel of local business entrepreneurs. Board members were invited to attend an upcoming panel discussion and lunch the Wednesday before Thanksgiving where last year's seniors will share college experiences and answer questions.

ASB officers Caleb Maril, Ally Gockley, Beatrice McNabb and Carly Hattenburg presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mountainside Middle School. Highlighted items included student access time held for 30 minutes every Wednesday morning, Homework Club that meets three afternoons each week, the Veterans Day Assembly, the Fund Run that raised \$42,482 (the school goal was \$40,000), and the large number of students participating in band and choir.

Jeff Naslund, teacher and administrative intern at Mt. Spokane High School, extended an invitation to the board to attend "Cats Come Back" on the evening of Tuesday, November 25. The idea for this "coming of age" event originated with the Mt. Spokane Council for Learning Improvement. It was 18 years ago this fall that Mt. Spokane opened its doors. To celebrate this milestone alumni, including the founders of *Krochet Kids* and mountaineer Jess Roskelly, as well as former principals Mike Dunn, Pete Lewis and John Hook will be in attendance. KHQ and the Spokesman Review are covering the event.

Several young men from Scout Troop 12 (all Mead students) were in attendance fulfilling requirements to earn a "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge.

#### **IV. Continuing Business**

##### **A. Student Travel Proposal – Mt. Spokane High School DECA New York Trip**

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley introduced Mt. Spokane DECA teacher Dave Whitehead who was in attendance to answer questions regarding the proposed New York Trip and whether the same students would take part in this trip and the DECA National Conference trip scheduled for April 23-29, 2015. The New York Trip was originally presented for board consideration on November 3, 2014. At that time it was tabled until Mr. Whitehead could be in attendance. The travel request from the Mt. Spokane DECA program is to travel to New York City April 6-12, 2015.

Mr. Whitehead explained the New York Trip and DECA Nationals usually involve different students. That said, he withdrew the New York Trip travel request for this spring indicating it is his intent to resubmit a request at a later date for the following spring.

Since the travel request was withdrawn there was no action taken.

##### **B. Student Travel Proposal – Mt. Spokane High School DECA DECA Nationals**

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley introduced Mt. Spokane DECA teacher Dave Whitehead who was in attendance to answer questions regarding the proposed DECA Nationals trip and whether the same students would take part in this trip and the New York Trip scheduled for April 6-12, 2015. The DECA Nationals trip was originally presented for board consideration on November 3, 2014. The travel request from the Mt. Spokane DECA program is for qualifying students to travel to Orlando, Florida, April 23-29, 2015, to compete at DECA Nationals.

With the withdrawal of the New York Trip travel proposal the question of the same students taking part in both trips was moot.

Director Green made a motion to approve the travel request for qualifying students from Mt. Spokane DECA to travel to Orlando, Florida, April 23-29, 2015, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **C. 2015-2016 Calendar Discussion**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer presented for board consideration two calendar options for the 2015-2016 school year. On March 10, 2014, calendar options for 2015-2016 were brought to the board for their input. At that meeting the board expressed concerns with Option A that included a start date of September 1<sup>st</sup> and three four-day weekends during the school year. Using the 2015-2016 calendar from Spokane Schools as a reference the calendar committee drafted a new Option A with school starting on August 31 and ending on June 10. The new Option A has no four-day weekends.

Prior to distributing the new Option A and original Option B (first day of school September 8) to staff for a vote, the input of the board was solicited.

Discussion included concerns that the last day of school for Option B is June 16. If more than two snow make-up days are needed school would continue very late into the month of June.

This was a non-action item.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Consent Agendas A & B**

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

Director Green 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. First Reading Policy & Procedure Revision 2255  
Alternative Learning Experience Programs**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell presented a revision to Policy & Procedure 2255 - Alternative Learning Experience Programs - for first reading consideration. This policy and procedure were adopted on May 8, 2006 and have not been revised.

This past year the state adopted several rule changes regarding ALE programs and how they operate. Those changes are set forth in WAC 392-121-182. The proposed policy/procedure revisions will bring Mead School District Policy & Procedure 2255 in-line with the new state requirements.

Director Olson had a question about the removal of the phrase "educated at home" in the procedure. Bruce Olgard (principal for Mead School District alternative education programs) explained that ALE students are not "home schooled." They are a part of the Mead School District and the MEPP Program is a partnership between students, their parents and the district.

This was a non-action item.

**VI. Reports**

**A. October 2014 Financial Report**

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

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

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller encouraged those in attendance to attend the fall plays at both Mead and Mt. Spokane high schools, the upcoming Mt. Spokane football game, as well as "Cats Come Back" at Mt. Spokane and the panel discussion with returning members of the Class of 2014 at Riverpoint Academy.

**VII. Executive Session**

At 6:45 p.m. Director Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately 10 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:00 p.m. Director Denholm returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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President

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Secretary