



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

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 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 and Olson were present. Director Green was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, Susana Reyes and Ken Russell and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri and Executive Director Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (item VI.C. - Learning Services Report - was removed from the agenda). 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 November 17, 2014, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President River Baker, accompanied by two members of the ASB Class, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Band, orchestra and choir have all prepared holiday concerts for the month of December. Choir students will be traveling to the west-side of the state the weekend of December 13 to perform their holiday concert, Eggnog Evening is scheduled for December 15 and the first of the two rivalry basketball games with Mt. Spokane takes place at Mead High School on December 19. ASB elections for the 2015-2016 school year are scheduled for mid January and the theatre department is in auditions for *The Diary of Ann Frank*.

Shiloh Hills Elementary parent Mathew Plank, accompanied by Terry Whitney and Gini Beaty, spoke about escalating student behavior problems at Shiloh Hills. He expressed the group's request that more be done to support teachers who have behaviorally challenging students and that intervention strategies be communicated to parents. Superintendent Rockefeller asked that the group get in touch with him to set up a time for them to talk with District Office and Shiloh Hills administration about their concerns.

Special Services Assistant Superintendent Susanna Reyes shared the good news/notification received from OSPI that the Mead School District, for the 2013-2014 school year, received a determination of *meets requirements* (Level 1) for all six examined criteria relative to special education services provided by the Mead School District.

Director Denholm positively commented on Meadow Ridge teacher Monica Wallace being named the December 2014 "Teacher of the Month" by *Kids Newspaper*.

Director Olson positively commented on the retirement home performances he has attended. Director O'Connor was also very complimentary of the band and choir concerts she has attended. She additionally noted there are 32 performances scheduled for the month of December.

Director Farley remarked on the deep run the Mt. Spokane High School football team made in the state 3A playoffs. The team finished in 3rd place losing in the state semi-finals to eventual state champion Eastside Catholic.

IV. Continuing Business

A. 2015-2016 Calendar

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer presented a 2015-2016 school year calendar, with a start date of Tuesday, September 8 and an end date of Thursday, June 16, for board consideration. This calendar, during a recent staff-wide vote, was selected by a 55% to 45% margin over a second calendar option with a start date of August 31 and an end date of June 10.

Following discussion that included snow makeup days and daycare concerns, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 school year calendar with a start date of Tuesday, September 8, 2015, and an end date of Thursday, June 16, 2016. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Second Reading Policy & Procedure 2255 Revision Alternative Learning Experience Programs

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell presented a revision to Policy & Procedure 2255 - Alternative Learning Experience Programs - for second 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.

No changes were recommended at the first reading.

The district's Transitions program was discussed. The proposed procedure revision would remove all reference to the Transitions program because it is a basic education program not an ALE program. Director Farley expressed his concern that the Transitions program needs to be covered by district policy. It was his recommendation the proposed policy/procedure revision be tabled until a Transitions Program policy can be adopted concurrently with the revisions to Policy & Procedure 2255.

A vote on the revisions to Policy & Procedure 2255 - Alternative Learning Experience Programs - was tabled until a new Transitions Program policy can be presented for concurrent approval.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following discussion regarding the need for additional documentation regarding Heather Morgan's request to resign a portion of her teaching contract, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, excluding Ms. Morgan's resignation request. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. First Reading Policy & Procedure 2020 Revision Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Learning Services Assistant Director Danette Driscoll presented a revision to Policy & Procedure 2020 - Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials - for first reading consideration. This policy/procedure was last revised on January 9, 2012.

There is only one recommended revision to the policy - the addition of electronic resources to the list of instructional materials furnished by the district for student use.

The recommended revision to the procedure also updates the terminology to include electronic resources. Additionally, the creation of a Curriculum Development Coordinating Council, as a standing committee that ensures the district's curriculum and instructional materials are reviewed regularly, is proposed.

Discussion included the number of individuals proposed to be a part of the new Curriculum Development Coordinating Council and concern about time away from the classroom by teachers. It was the consensus of the board that time out of the classroom should be minimized as much as possible. There was recognition that teachers need to be involved in the process and that ways to

fund some of the work outside of the regular school day should be presented before the policy and procedure are brought forward for further board consideration.

This was a non-action item.

**C. First Reading Procedure 2161 Revision
Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students**

Special Services Assistant Superintendent Susanna Reyes introduced Education Specialist and Administrative Intern Andrea Staton who presented a revision to Procedure 2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students – for first reading consideration. The last revision to this procedure was March 11, 2010.

Ms. Staton reviewed nine proposed changes that will update Procedure 2161 in response to several state regulatory changes. The proposed revisions also contain several housekeeping items including: Child Find, parent participation, evaluation requirements, reevaluation and graduation requirements, private schools and revocation of consent. Once revised the district is required to provide OSPI with a copy of the updated procedure.

No changes were recommended at the first reading and Ms. Staton was thanked for her meticulous work on the procedure revision.

This was a non-action item.

**D. Mead High School Student Travel Proposal
Dance Team USA Dance/Drill Nationals**

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley presented a request from the Mead High School Dance Team to travel to Anaheim, California, March 19-23, 2015, to compete at the 2015 USA Dance/Drill Nationals.

In addition to competing at this national competition, team members will have the opportunity to tour/visit the Dance Department at Long Beach State University and on the weekend spend time at the Disneyland and California Adventure Theme Park. It is anticipated 21 students will participate. Mead High School Dance Team coach Tonya Axworthy and one additional district employee will chaperone the trip.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mead High School Dance Team request to travel to Anaheim, California, March 19-23, 2015, to compete at the 2015 USA Dance/Drill Nationals. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Year End Summary Financial Report

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report summarizing the 2013-2014 school year.

B. Riverpoint Academy Study Plan Report

Midway principal Kevin Peterson, who chairs the Riverpoint Academy Planning Committee authorized by board Resolution 14-5, provided a brief report on the work of the committee to date. Mr. Peterson has met with each staff member, principal Moleena Harris, parents and members of the original CTE advisory board. He reported the charter school tensions evident last spring regarding Riverpoint Academy are now non-existent.

The committee has a meeting scheduled with a Charter School expert in the next few weeks. Parents and staff will be invited to attend this meeting.

C. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller thanked the board for their attendance at holiday concerts and retirement home performances. He reminded there are 26 concerts remaining before Winter Break.

VII. Executive Session

At 7:30 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 8:00 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 8:00 p.m.

President

Secretary