



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, January 26, 2015**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 26, 2015. 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 Pam Veltri and Executive Director Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendents Ken Russell and Susanna Reyes and Executive Director Jared Hoadley were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Olson 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 January 12, 2015, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Proclamation – Board of Directors Recognition

January is *School Board Recognition Month* in the state of Washington. To acknowledge and thank the Mead School District Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to district students, staff and community, Superintendent Tom Rockefeller read a *School Board Recognition Proclamation* from Governor Jay Inslee. The Mead School District is fortunate to have school board members with a combined 72 years of service who are outstanding volunteers and champions for public education.

Director Denholm sincerely stated, "It is an honor to serve the Mead community."

Both the Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School ASB officers and their advisors, Nancy Butz and Randy Mickelsen, were in attendance to express their appreciation to the school board. Board members were presented with a "Thank You" card and homemade cookies.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President River Baker presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. *Hoops for Hope*, the annual charity basketball game where the Mead HS/Northwood staff takes on the Mt. Spokane/Mountainside staff, will be February 4, 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Spokane and 4th year Biomed students are busy working on their capstone projects.

ASB President Jacob Lionello presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. He also talked about the upcoming *Hoops for Hope* basketball game and recapped the two "Pack the Palace" basketball games that took place on January 23.

Both Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School recently elected ASB officers for the 2015-16 school year. New officers (listed below) were introduced by outgoing officers.

Mead High School:

President - Kylie Comer
Vice President - Cade Perrins
Secretary - Mason Tullis
Treasurer - Payton Douglass
Public Relations - Tatem Eames
Sergeant of Arms - Greg Birge

Mt. Spokane High School:

President - Bailey O'Conner
Vice President - Michelina Cozzetto
Secretary - Jacob Barnes
Treasurer - Joshua McDonald
Public Relations - Michah Thompson

Director Denholm thanked the ASB students and their advisors for all they do for their schools and the Mead School District.

Director Green positively commented on the Lilac Festival Coronation she attended on January 25 at the Bing Crosby Theater. Bailyn Piecewicz (Mt. Spokane HS) and Chandler Stein (Mead HS) admirably represented the Mead School District at this event. Both young women, out of a field of 14, were selected as two of the six princesses to represent Spokane on the 2015 Lilac Court.

Nick Hamm, a Midway parent and resident of the Mead community for the past five years, addressed the board on behalf of a group of concerned citizens regarding a proposed apartment complex under consideration for property located near the Hatch exit off of Highway 395. In addition to many non-school related issues associated with the proposed development, citizens are very concerned about the impact the apartment complex will have on student enrollment at Midway Elementary, Mountainside Middle School and Mt. Spokane High School. Mr. Hamm, who is a teacher in the West Valley School District, would like to work with the school district on what kind of input/influence, if any, they have or can have with Spokane County on the proposed apartment complex.

Superintendent Rockefeller reported he would be meeting with Mr. Hamm later in the week to talk about the proposed apartment complex in more detail. He additionally noted many individuals incorrectly believe school districts have substantial control and/or input with the County Commissioners on building projects planned within school district boundaries.

Concerned citizens will be meeting again on February 8 in the evening to talk more about what can be done to stop construction of the proposed apartment complex. At an earlier meeting of this same group there were comments made that voting "no" on the upcoming (February 2015) Mead School District levy and bond could influence the County Commissioners regarding the apartment complex. Discussion around this statement included the reminder that the levy and bond have nothing to do with the proposed apartment complex and failure of one or both of these ballot measures would only hurt students and their learning opportunities.

Director Denholm positively commented on the Bond and Levy Rally he attended on January 24 and extended his appreciation to Dr. Rockefeller and his staff for all they have done to inform the Mead community about these two upcoming ballot measures.

V. Council for Learning Improvement Annual Reports

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri and Learning Services Executive Director Heather Havens reviewed the Council for Learning Improvement Reports prepared annually by each school noting, "there are lots of great goals and lots of great celebrations." They thanked schools for the time and effort they put forth in developing these action plans, which serve as working documents for each school throughout the year. Ms. Havens indicated that, starting in the 2015-16 school year, CLI reports will be due in September for presentation to the Board in October. Dr. Veltri reported Learning Services will be working on revising the report template to better reflect school accomplishments and areas in need of work.

VI. Continuing Business - None

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

Following discussion regarding Leave Without Pay requests, the progress made in the past few years regarding the repetitive nature of some of these requests and the board's directive to continue putting energy into curbing these requests, Director Olson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda A excluding the Leave Without Pay request from Deanna Bland. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Olson positively commented on the retirement of Mead High School teacher and yearbook advisor Carol Tadlock, thanking her for 35 years of service to the Mead School District.

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

**B. Resolution 15-1
Temporary Waiver from High School Graduation Requirements**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri presented Resolution 15-1, Temporary Waiver from High School Graduation Requirements, for board consideration. The Washington State Legislature has approved revised high school graduation requirements starting with the class of 2019. The new requirements would increase the number of credits necessary for Mead School District students to graduate from 22.5 to 24.

State law provides the opportunity for school districts to apply to the State Board of Education for a temporary waiver from the increased graduation requirements beginning with the graduation class of 2020 or 2021 instead of 2019. It is the recommendation of the Mead School District Learning Services Department that the Mead School District submit a one-year waiver application to the State Board of Education delaying implementation of the new graduation requirements to the class of 2020. The extra year would provide needed time to plan, communicate and expand CTE equivalencies and counseling services as the district moves to the 24 credit graduation requirement. The application must be accompanied by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors requesting the one-year waiver.

Director Green made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-1, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of December 2014

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

B. Learning Services Report

Regarding revisions to Policy and Procedure 2020 - Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials - that were brought to the board for first reading consideration on December 8, 2014, Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri reported the MEA contract has a provision to pay certificated staff for hours worked outside of the contract day and therefore, the recommended first reading change that meetings of the Curriculum Development Coordinating Council take place afterschool, will be incorporated into the draft procedure revisions. The proposed policy and procedure revision will be brought to the board as a second reading action item at the February 9, 2015, regularly scheduled school board meeting.

A 2013 State Senate Bill requires school districts to provide extra support for 3rd grade students who score below a "1" on the Smarter Balanced Reading Assessment. Dr. Veltri explained the many avenues the Learning Services Department is exploring to best provided this additional support including tutoring, an extended school day for struggling students and summer school. Dr. Veltri explained she sees this as an opportunity to get every 3rd grader reading at grade level although the extra support will cost money.

C. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller reported on the GSI event he and Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard recently attended in Olympia including the possibility the state legislature may not have an approved budget until late in the summer. There is a Homeowner's Association (5-Mile Prairie) Bond/Levy presentation scheduled for January 27 and the final district Bond/Levy Community Information Meeting will take place on January 28 at Northwood.

IX. Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m. Director Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:40 p.m. Director Denholm returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

President

Secretary