



Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, February 9, 2015

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at Northwood Middle School. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor and Green were present. Director Olson was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard and Pam Veltri and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendents Ken Russell and Susana Reyes and Executive Director Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (an action item, Letter to County Commissions, was added as item VI.C. under New Business). Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2015, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Jacob Lionello, accompanied by next year's ASB President Bailey O'Conner, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. Art students have their work on display during the month of February at the Kress Gallery located on the Food Court/2nd floor of Riverpark Square in downtown Spokane, the annual Mead School District "Hoops for Hope" charity basketball game that took place on February 4th raised \$3,000 to help fight cancer and the school is participating in community fund raising events to help the McKernan family with medical expenses for their daughter (Mountainside 7th grader) who was injured in a sledding accident. The wrestling team recently defeated Mead High School for the first time in school history and wrestling Head Coach Travis Hughes was named the GSL 3A "Coach of the Year." The Mt. Spokane gymnastics team was the GSL Champion and 3A District Champion.

Director O'Connor positively commented on the Bridge Building Contest she attended at Mt. Spokane High School on February 7th. She reported the event was very fun to watch and it was amazing to observe the amount of weight bridges could hold.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report - Northwood

On behalf of the Northwood Middle School community principal Dave Stenersen welcomed all in attendance and introduced assistant principal Sue Hogue. Mr. Stenersen provided each board member with a copy of the Northwood 2014-2015 Council for Learning Improvement Report, noting that while the focus of the evening's report would be parent and community involvement, he would welcome board questions on other goal areas via phone or email.

He then introduced Leadership teacher Cindy Richman who introduced several Leadership students who, via a PowerPoint presentation, reviewed the many parent and community involvement events the school has sponsored so far this school year. Of particular note were the Veterans Day Assembly attended by more than 200 local veterans and the first ever "Grandparents Day" where more than 300 grandparents joined their middle school grandchildren for an assembly and the opportunity to attend classes the last day of first semester.

In conclusion, Mr. Stenersen thanked the students and acknowledged the outstanding job Mrs. Richman does teaching the class and serving as ASB advisor at Northwood.

Director Farley thanked Mr. Stenersen, Mrs. Richman and the students for their presentation noting it is very enjoyable for the board to hear from students and interact with them.

V. Continuing Business

A. Second Reading Policy & Procedure 2020 Revision Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri presented a revision of Policy and Procedure 2020 - Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials - for second reading consideration. The last revision to this policy and procedure was January 9, 2012.

There is 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 revisions to the procedure also update the terminology to include electronic resources. Additionally, the creation of a Curriculum Development Coordinating Council, as a standing committee, is proposed. The first task of the Curriculum Development Coordinating Council would be to determine a curriculum adoption cycle.

At the first reading (December 8, 2014) concerns were raised about teachers being out-of-class to serve on the Curriculum Development Coordination Council. To address these concerns the procedure was amended to read that all council meetings will take place outside of the regular school day.

Director O'Connor pointed out three typographical errors in the draft procedure. With the understanding those errors will be corrected, Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy and Procedure 2020 - Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials - as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following congratulations and acknowledgement of the retirements of Cindy Flood (Business Services Director) and John Royer (Maintenance Director) and the resignation of Danette Driscoll (Learning Services Assistant Director) by Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Student Travel Proposal Mead High School Jazz Choir

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley introduced Mead High School Choral Director Mike Saccomanno who presented a request from the Mead High School Jazz Choir to travel to Monterey, California, March 26-30, 2015, to take part in the Monterey Jazz Festival. In late January 2015, the Jazz Choir learned that, out of a field of 189, they were one of eight high school ensembles selected to take part in this jazz festival. This is the second year in a row the Mead High School Jazz Choir has, by audition, been chosen for this prestigious event.

16 students will participate with Mr. Saccomanno and his wife, Mt. Spokane teacher Carolyn Saccomanno, accompanying students on the trip. The estimated cost of the trip is approximately \$745.00 per student and there are fund raising opportunities available.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mead High School Jazz Choir request to travel to Monterey, California, March 26-30, 2015, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Green abstained from the vote.

C. Letter to County Commissioners

Director Green explained that on February 8, 2015, she, along with Director O'Connor, Facilities Director Ned Wendle and Superintendent Rockefeller, attended a community meeting of Midway, Blackhawk and Gleneden residents regarding a proposed apartment complex under consideration for property located near the Hatch exit off of Highway 395. At that meeting discussion included the February 10, 2015, public hearing the Spokane County Commissioners would be holding on the proposed apartment complex. Director Green told those in attendance she would ask the Mead School District Board of Directors to prepare a written letter/statement to be read at the February 10th hearing that speaks to the impact of high density development on student population in the Mead School District. A copy of a draft letter was distributed for board consideration.

Following discussion Director Farley suggested tabling action on approval of the letter until after the Closed Session Appeal Hearing.

Following the Closed Session Appeal Hearing Director Green made a motion to approve the reading of the presented draft letter by Facilities Director Ned Wendle at the public hearing on February 10, 2015. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri reported she has been busy visiting schools, noting how very impressed she is with both principals and teachers and how they are positively impacting student learning. Schools are using data to identify achievement gaps and then implementing the necessary accommodations. The Reading Task Force will be meeting later in the week where they will be working on how best to provide extra reading support for 3rd graders who score below a "1" on the Smarter Balanced Reading Assessment and changes to the reading portion of the elementary report card to enhance communication with parents. Secondary science is working to align curriculum with Next Generation Science Standards and secondary math is working to align curriculum to the Common Core, as well as planning new math courses to meet the needs of students who are advanced in math.

B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reported that, to date, 12,000 bond/levy ballots have been returned reminding that if the election is close we may have to wait until Wednesday evening (February 11) to learn the outcome of the election.

VIII. Closed Session

A. Employee Harassment/Discrimination Complaint Board Appeal

At 6:50 p.m. Director Farley called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing an employee harassment/discrimination complaint.

At 8:15 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session going back to New Business Item VI.C. - Letter to County Commissioners.

IX. Executive Session

At 8:25 p.m. Director Farley called for an executive session of approximately thirty minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 9 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 9 p.m.

President

Secretary