



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, February 23, 2015**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, O'Connor and Green were present. Directors Farley and Olson were excused. Also attending were Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, Pam Veltri and Ken Russell and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens. Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendent Susana Reyes were excused.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Project Manager Selection was added as a New Business action item and New Business item B, the rescheduling of the March 9 and March 23 board meetings, was removed from the agenda). Director O'Connor 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 February 9, 2015, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ASB class member Hannah Bjerstrand, accompanied by several 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. Winter sports just concluded with Jenna Schlosser earning the 4A All-Around gymnastics title, the gymnastics team placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at state in the 4A classification and the boys' basketball team, in a late season run, winning the 4A District Championship. They just missed an opportunity to compete at the state tournament. The theatre department's presentation of *The Diary of Anne Frank* begins February 26<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition to watching the play students and community members are invited to tour a mobile exhibit, "Anne Frank: A History for Today," that has traveled all over the United States. On March 10<sup>th</sup> Mead High School will hold their annual Incoming Parent/Student Night for the Class of 2019.

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle introduced three members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee - Chad Burchard, Kevin Bacon and Martin Kolodrub. The Citizen's Advisory Committee, lead by Mr. Burchard, was instrumental in helping pass the February 10<sup>th</sup> Bond and Levy. Mr. Wendle complimented the committee on their outstanding campaign design model and thanked them for a job "well done." Director Denholm extended his thanks to the entire team for their hard work, Director Green thanked the gentlemen and their families for the personal time they gave to the election effort and Director O'Connor emphasized the high YES vote percentages as a reflection of the hard work of the committee. She additionally positively commented on the bond/levy publications that were "the best ever - very clear and concise."

Mountainside's Isaac Sayler was in attendance fulfilling one of the requirements to earn a Boy Scout "Life Scout" badge.

**IV. Continuing Business - none**

**V. New Business**

**A. Consent Agenda**

Director Green made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **B. Project Manager Selection**

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle presented for board consideration the selection of OAC as the project manager for the bond projects approved by voters on February 10, 2015.

At a Special Board Meeting on December 15, 2014, the board held initial interviews with Heery International, Hill International, OAC and Roen Associates. Following those interviews Director Denholm, Wayne Leonard (Assistant Superintendent Business Services) and Mr. Wendle took part in final/follow-up interviews with Heery International and OAC. Based on these follow-up interviews and the fact that OAC has a local team in Spokane, it is recommended OAC be approved as the project manager. Director Denholm voiced his endorsement of this recommendation.

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve/begin negotiations with OAC as the project manager for bond projects approved by voters on February 10, 2015. Direction Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. Reports**

### **A. Financial Report for the month of January 2014**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of January 2015.

### **B. April Beck-Friends Sabbatical Report**

Northwood Middle School science teacher April Beck-Friends thanked the board for the sabbatical she was granted for the fall of 2014. During this sabbatical Ms. Beck-Friends traveled to Beijing, China, with her husband, a Whitworth professor, and a group of Whitworth students. In summarizing her sabbatical experience she highlighted five key areas of growth/learning:

#1 Teacher - Ms. Beck-Friends taught a class for Whitworth students entitled "How to Be a Tourist with Intension" through the lens of design thinking.

#2 Student - Ms. Beck-Friends was a student of the Mandarin Chinese language involving an intense three-week course where she attended class and studied 8+ hours each day.

#3 Scientist - Ms. Beck-Friends experienced Chinese culture as a scientist. She explored the environmental impacts of coal burning in China, recycling programs and erosion of the Great Wall. Each of these subject areas translate back to the science content she teaches at Northwood.

#4 Virtual Classroom at Northwood - In addition to posting regular blog entries for Northwood students and teachers, Ms. Beck-Friends SKYPED on a regular basis with 1<sup>st</sup> period Northwood students using a question and answer format that was then shared throughout the school day with other science students.

#5 Payback - The information learned/gathered in this sabbatical experience will be used by Ms. Beck-Friends in her classroom and shared with Northwood and Mead School District colleagues.

In conclusion, Ms. Beck-Friends thanked the board again for their generosity in providing the opportunity for one Mead School District teacher each school year to take part in a sabbatical experience.

### **C. Riverpoint Academy Study Plan Final Report**

Midway principal Kevin Peterson, who chairs the Riverpoint Academy Planning Committee authorized by board Resolution 14-5, provided a final report on the work of the committee. In addition to this oral report Mr. Peterson indicated he would follow-up with a written Executive Summary of the work/recommendations of the committee.

Resolution 14-5 authorized the committee to make recommendations on 1) whether RA should remain an 11-12 program, 2) whether RA should expand to a 9-12 program, and 3) whether the RA program could better operate as a charter school.

Questions #1 & #2 - While there is interest in expanding the program to include 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders, it is the recommendation of the committee that RA remain an 11-12 program for the 2015-2016 school year. Program expansion would necessitate a bigger facility and additional staff, as well as the need to plan for Core 24. A recommended next step would be to have a small group study how to expand from 11-12 to 10-12.

Question #3 - At this time the unanimous opinion of the RA staff is that the school remain a part of the Mead School District and not pursue becoming a Charter School.

Discussion included the need for better community communication and the need to look at RA state testing scores.

#### **D. Learning Services Report**

Learning Services Executive Director Heather Havens reported the district has been selected by OSPI for a Consolidated Program Review (CPR). This program audit happens every 3-5 years and includes the review of twelve different programs. For the past several months the district has been compiling and uploading CPR information to OSPI. A team of auditors will be on site March 5<sup>th</sup> where they will conduct site visits including an entrance and exit conference. Following this program review the district will have 45 days to create action plans and/or fix identified problems. It was also noted that findings do not result in a loss of state funding.

In a future Learning Services Report Ms. Havens will share CPR results.

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri shared that Ms. Havens and Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley have both done a tremendous amount of work in preparation for the CPR.

#### **E. Superintendent's Report**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri, filling in for Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, who was unable to attend because of the after-effects of an automobile accident, reported Dr. Rockefeller is doing very well and that district office administrators are in daily contact with him. At his request she reported on the excitement surrounding the passage of both the bond and levy and the work that has already started in planning for the 2015-2016 school year.

Regarding passage of the bond and levy, Director Denholm thanked the entire community for their support.

#### **VII. Executive Session**

At 7 p.m. Director Denholm called for an executive session of approximately thirty minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**