



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

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at Midway Elementary School. Directors Farley, O'Connor, Olson and Green were present. Director Denholm was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Ken Russell and Pam Veltri. Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Susana Reyes and Executive Directors Heather Havens and 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 O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 23, 2015, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Proclamation

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller read the *Classified Employee Appreciation Week Proclamation*, signed by Governor Jay Inslee, declaring March 9-13, 2015, "Classified School Employee Week." School board members expressed their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Mead's classified employees. The purpose of this weeklong celebration is to recognize the efforts of the nearly 50,000 classified school employees, statewide, who are involved in nearly every aspect of public education. Director Farley said, "We could not do it (educate the students of the Mead School District) without them."

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Jacob Lionello presented the following review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School:

- The wrestling team placed 3rd at state in the 3A classification.
- Alec Hoover won the 3A wrestling and academic championships for the 120 lbs. weight class.
- The Mt. Spokane Club Bowling Team was the Division II Champion at a recent competition held in Kenmore, Washington.
- Two Mt. Spokane gymnasts qualified for individual events at the State Gymnastics Tournament.
- ASB students visited all four Mt. Spokane High School feeder elementary schools (Midway, Meadow Ridge, Colbert & Shiloh Hills) and read to students as part of the "Read Across America" event held each year at the beginning of March.
- The Mt. Spokane ProStart Culinary Team (five students) recently took part in the Washington State ProStart Invitational in Tacoma where they placed 4th overall out of a field of 19 teams. At this same event senior Breeawna Sumner was named "ProStart Student of the Year" earning a \$1,000 scholarship.
- The spring play "Epic Proportions" concludes a successful run March 14.
- Many Mt. Spokane students plan to take part in the upcoming "Race for the Cure" run as part of "Team Lisa" in honor of Lisa Stiles-Gyllenhammer. Before her death Ms. Gyllenhammer was a teacher at Shiloh Hills Elementary School where she taught many students who now attend Mt. Spokane. Her son Chase also attends Mt. Spokane. Pink tutus and headbands are being sold to wear at the race with proceeds donated to help fight cancer.

Director Farley remembered a few years ago when the district was struggling with where to house the Mead and Mt. Spokane gymnastics programs. He remarked on how well gymnasts from both schools have performed this school year and how glad he is the district was able to come up with a good option to house the programs.

Director O'Connor positively commented on the Mead High School production of "The Dairy of Anne Frank" she watched on March 5th during the school day with the entire Mountainside 8th grade class.

V. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Midway Elementary School

On behalf of the Midway Elementary School community principal Kevin Peterson welcomed all in attendance and introduced ASB officers Tyson Degenhart (president), Savanna Tarmann (vice-president), Zoe Peterson (secretary) and Connor Peterson (treasurer) who assisted Mr. Peterson with the Midway CLI report.

Items highlighted by Mr. Peterson and Midway ASB officers included:

- **Complex Trauma** – This has been and will continue to be, in partnership with WSU, an on-going focus at Midway with an emphasis on looking at what kids can do and moving forward from there.
- **School Climate** – PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) training will begin in the fall for twelve staff members. This program is designed to enhance/reinforce the good behavioral interventions already taking place at Midway.
- **Civility & Diversity** – Several groups come to Midway each year to expose students to diverse cultures. Recent examples include Taiko Drummers, a hands-on batik art demonstration/activity and Chinese New Year with a performance by the Lion Dancers.
- **Literacy** – There is an emphasis on non-fiction texts and a spring writing celebration. A new writing scoring rubric has been implemented this year and, with the help of funding provided by the PTO, a guest author visited Midway to talk with students about writing.
- **Math** – The school is making the big shift to the new Common Core math standards including the use of Engage New York. Students reported the new math lessons are very clear and explained how math "exit tickets" work.
- **Technology** – The school has two iPad carts that are in constant use. 6th graders use the iPads nearly every day as part of their reading curriculum.
- **Community Service** – This year school wide events include a food drive, Spokane Guilds School Penny Drive, collecting pop tabs to help support the Ronald McDonald House and the "Midway Market," a project-based learning tool started by teacher Hoa Cong a few years ago, that raised \$1,520 to help Kira's Closet.

In conclusion Mr. Peterson, talking about what makes Midway special, said, "Incredible staff, incredible PTO, incredible parents/community and most importantly incredible kids!"

Following the presentation Director Green complimented the students on their mature, articulate presentation with Director O'Connor specifically commenting on the well-rounded academic and community services opportunities available for Midway students. Both Director Olson and Director Farley also praised the four ASB officers on their outstanding presentation.

VI. Continuing Business - none

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Update 5th Grade Human Growth Materials

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri presented for board consideration the replacement of the current Boys/Girls video used in teaching 5th grade human growth with a production from March Media entitled *Just Around the Corner for Boys* and *Just Around the Corner for Girls*. The proposed replacement videos are, in the opinion of 5th grade teachers, better suited for grade five students.

Representatives from the 5th Grade Human Growth Team presented the video replacement proposal to the Instructional Materials Review Committee on March 4, 2015. The Instructional Materials Review Committee recommended approval of the proposed replacement videos.

Following discussion including clarification that (1) parents were invited to review the proposed replacement videos, (2) parents are able to have their child opt out, or watch the video in an individual viewing as opposed to group viewing situation, and (3) girls and boys watch separately, Director O'Connor made a motion to approve replacement of the current Boys/Girls video used in the 5th grade human growth curriculum with the videos *Just Around the Corner for Boys* and *Just Around the Corner for Girls*. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell reported on the Washington State College Bound Scholarship middle school students have the opportunity to apply for in 8th grade. Going back to the graduating Class of 2014, the Mead School District has, thanks to the efforts of counselors Erin Joyce (Mountainside) and Jody Harkness (Northwood), assisted by Learning Services administrative assistant Korbie Yeoman, increased the percentage of completed application from 19% to 97% for current 8th graders (Class of 2019)!

In addition to submitting the application in 8th grade students must also, in their senior year, complete/submit the FAFSA to be eligible for a College Bound Scholarship. To help with this final step efforts are now underway to provide FAFSA workshops at each high school.

Director Green indicated she believes many parents would welcome and take advantage of a workshop to help complete the FAFSA.

B. Asset Preservation Report

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle presented the district's annual Asset Preservation Evaluation/Report. This report complies with all requirements of the Asset Preservation Program per WAC 392-347-023. District buildings included in the Asset Preservation Program are Mt. Spokane High School, Mountainside Middle School and Prairie View Elementary School. As part of this report board members received a copy of the district's Asset Preservation Summary Report that will be filed with the State of Washington.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller, following a recent car accident, reported he is back to work part-time and thanked his assistant Jolene Andres for helping take care of things during his absence. He additionally reported spring sports will soon be starting and a schedule of upcoming events will be compiled and distributed to board members very soon.

IX. Executive Session

At 6:45 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 7:15 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 7:15 p.m.

President

Secretary