



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

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

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Legislative Recap Report was added as item "E" under Reports with Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items becoming item "F"). Director Denholm 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 March 9, 2015, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Next year's ASB President Kylie Comer, assisted by a member of the ASB class, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Items of note included:

- The Incoming 9th Grade Student/Parent Evening (March 10) was very well attended. The mall was set up with display tables where the many clubs, activities and elective courses offered at Mead High School were showcased for Class of 2019 parents and students.
- Spring Leadership Camp (March 22-24) is underway with more than 100 students participating.
- The Dance Team earned 1st place honors in both the Military and Open categories at the USA Nationals held in Anaheim, California, March 19 and March 20.
- The Jazz Choir will be competing at the Monterey Jazz Festival the last weekend in March.
- The spring play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, had a very successful six-day run including one "sold out" performance.

ASB officer Caleb Maril, Ally Gockley, Beatrice McNabb and Carly Hattenburg presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mountainside Middle School. Items of note included:

- The annual "Evening of Excellence" that took place following 1st semester where nearly 400 students with a 3.5 or higher GPA were honored.
- The entire 8th grade class traveling to Mead High School for a special day-time performance of *The Dairy of Anne Frank*.
- The annual Pet Food Drive that raised \$2,400 plus 1,000 lbs. of pet food for donation to the Spokane Humane Society.
- The recent week-long, mini College Fair organized by AVID students.

Director Denholm positively commented on the perfect game pitched by Oregon State's Drew Rasmussen, a 2014 Mt. Spokane graduate.

Director Farley reported that Mead High School senior Cameron Gross earned an appointment to both the United States Naval Academy and United States Air Force Academy.

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of February 2015

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

B. Bond Offerings Update Report

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard reported the district has met with underwriters regarding the sale of bonds voters approved on February 10, 2015. A copy of the proposed schedule of events regarding the sale of bonds was included in board packets. It is anticipated the Bond Delegation Resolution will be an action item at the April 13th board meeting. The S&P ratings call is scheduled for April 20 and the anticipated initial bond sale closing will be the end of May. Mr. Leonard reported interest rates remain at historic lows and he expects Mead School District bonds will receive a Aa3 rating, which is considered very good.

Discussion included the difference between the Aa2 and Aa3 rating and the role of the Municipal Advisor in the bond offering process.

C. Technology/CTE Report

Prior to beginning his report, Technology/CTE Director Doug Edmonson introduced Mt. Spokane CTE teacher Claudia Couch. Mrs. Couch, a Mead graduate, plans to retire at the end of this school year after 39 years of teaching. She currently teaches Pro Start and Independent Living at Mt. Spokane.

Mr. Edmonson highlighted the following Mead School District CTE courses and activities:

- ProStart, a nationwide two-year high school program that unites the classroom and the restaurant industry, was started in the Mead School District in the fall of 2013. This year Mrs. Couch took a five member ProStart Culinary Team to Tacoma to compete in the Washington State ProStart Invitational where they placed 4th overall out of a field of 19 teams. In addition to this 4th place award, senior Breeawna Sumner received a \$1,000 scholarship and was named ProStart Student of the Year. Ciara Bland, a member of the culinary team, was in attendance and answered questions regarding the ProStart program.
- Julia Preuss, a senior at Mt. Spokane High School, has been awarded a \$20,000 scholarship through the H&R Block Budget Challenge - a financial literacy program that rewards high school students for mastering real world budgeting and personal finance decision-making. Julia is one of only 66 scholarship winners nationwide. All Mt. Spokane students enrolled in Independent Living, taught by Claudia Couch, participate in this nine-week challenge.
- Riverpoint Academy students recently spoke at an ESD101 Breakout Session about a device they designed and built for a special-needs individual to help with core body strength.
- More than 3,000 students, parents and community members attended this year's Mead School District STEM Night where they had the opportunity to learn about the many STEM courses offered throughout the district.
- The 4th Annual Mead School District Robotics Competition had competitors not only build robots but also design code to communicate to sensors located on the bottom of the robot. These sensors were the navigational tool for many portions of the competition obstacle course.
- New for this year was a Popsicle Stick Bridge Building Contest made possible by a \$3,300 grant from the Washington State Foundation for Structural Engineers. Many local engineers attended the February 7, 2015, competition. Discussions are now taking place regarding the possibility of expanding next year's competition to include other area high schools.
- Two new CTE high school courses are planned for next year - Financial Literacy and a computer science coding class.

D. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Executive Director Heather Havens recapped findings from the recent Consolidated Program Review (CPR). Of the thirteen programs reviewed, six were in compliance

and seven had one or more findings. Many of the findings requiring action are cosmetic in nature and therefore easily remedied. The district has 45 days from March 5th to fix problem areas or submit action plans. In conclusion, Ms. Havens thanked the entire Mead School District team for their hard work relative to the CPR process.

E. Legislative Recap Report

Director O'Connor provided each board member with a copy of the most recent WSSDA weekly Legislative Update, Hearing Schedule and Bill Watch List. These weekly lists are available online. The WSSDA site also includes information on how to call in to receive legislative updates.

Director Denholm thanked Director O'Connor for the information and for serving as the legislative representative for the Mead School District Board of Directors.

F. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller shared information on a recent hearing held in Olympia regarding tri-packages and COLAs. He additionally indicated he would forward board members the TWIO (This Week in Olympia) publication he receives electronically each week during the legislative session.

VII. Executive Session

At 7 p.m. Director Farley called for an executive session of approximately one hour for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:15 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 8:15 p.m.

President

Secretary