



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, September 14, 2015**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2015. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Olson and Green were present. Directors O'Connor and Denholm were excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Ken Russell, Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard. Assistant Superintendents Susana Reyes and Pam Veltri and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens 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 August 24, 2015, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Director Olson reported the September 12th Cat Scramble Golf Tournament was very successful. The food was excellent, the silent auction included several nice items and Angela Johnstone, the widow of recently deceased Ian Johnstone, a major supporter of the Cat Scramble for many years, spoke eloquently about Ian and his involvement with Mead Schools and the Cat Scramble in particular. Director Green also attended the tournament and silent auction/dinner.

Director Olson positively commented on the good start to the 2015 football season by both Mead High and Mt. Spokane. Mt. Spokane's Terry Cloer is starting his second year as head coach and Benji Sonnichsen is beginning his first year at Mead High.

Director Farley positively commented on the new varsity volleyball coach at Mead High. Shawn Wilson was the assistant varsity coach for all seven 4A State Championships the Panthers earned during Judy Kight's tenure as head coach.

IV. Continuing Business - None

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

**B. Contract/Bargaining Agreement
Mead School Child Nutrition Services Association**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer reported that in August 2015, the Mead School Child Nutrition Services Association (kitchen managers and cooks) and the Mead School District reached a tentative three-year contract agreement (September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2018). The association has ratified this tentative agreement. Mr. Thayer additionally provided a brief overview of the agreed upon changes to the contract.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the three-year contract agreement between the Mead School Child Nutrition Services Association and the Mead School District, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell highlighted the following regarding secondary education:

- (1) College in the High School - For many years Mead High and Mt. Spokane have partnered with Eastern Washington University to offer foreign language and engineering students the opportunity to earn college credit. The only financial obligation to students was purchasing the required textbook. Because of new state legislation, Eastern must now charge students \$325 tuition for each class. While an increase, this is substantially less than the normal price of \$1,228. Discussion included a board request that Dr. Russell explore scholarship opportunities for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Last year there were 367 students who participated in this learning partnership with Eastern Washington University.
- (2) NEWTECH Skills Center - To provide expanded opportunities for students to meet the increased graduation requirements in math and science (three years), NEWTECH has added, and will continue to develop, courses that satisfy the increased math and science requirements. Dr. Russell distributed a list of new course offerings.
- (3) Chromebook Carts for High School Science and Middle School Math - A total of twelve Chromebook carts have been purchase (three carts for each school) to help infuse technology into high school science classes and middle school math classes. Dr. Russell extended an invitation to board members to visit classrooms during the school year to see how this new technology is being used to enhance student learning.
- (4) Most Likely to Succeed Screening and Discussion - On September 9, 2015, several Mead administrators, along with board members Maureen O'Connor and Carmen Green, had the opportunity to attend the screening of the film, *Most Likely to Succeed*, and subsequent panel discussion hosted by Whitworth University and Pride Prep Charter School. Riverpoint Academy teachers Regan Drew and John Marshall were panelists. Dr. Russell reported the event did not become a debate about Charter School vs. Public School and much of the panel discussion pointed to the fact that project based learning can occur in a variety of settings. Director Green reported the film and panel discussion were thought provoking. She additionally talked about the need to provide flexible blocks of learning time for students.

B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reported initial enrollment numbers will be available on Tuesday, September 15th. He also commented on the announcement that the Coeur d' Alene School District will be asking voters to approve a \$1.2 million Emergency Levy in order to accommodate the additional 263 students who enrolled for the 2015-2016 school year.

VII. Executive Session

At 6:25p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately thirty minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee and negotiations.

At 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

President

Secretary