



Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, October 12, 2015

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2015. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held at Riverpoint Academy. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, Olson and Green were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, Ken Russell, Susana Reyes and Pam Veltri and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Executive Director Heather Havens was excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Denholm 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 September 28, 2015, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Jerry Lahde, speaking on behalf of the custodian union (MCPEA), read a prepared statement regarding the lack of progress in bargaining and no cost of living increases for six years. He reported the group has been working without a contract for more than one year. In conclusion Mr. Lahde presented the board with handwritten postcards from MCPEA members.

Mike Lukich, a Mead School District custodian, shared the many duties custodians are responsible for in the Mead School District. They not only clean but also act as the eyes and ears of a building, reporting the need for repairs to the maintenance department and making sure buildings are secure. His remarks included reference to the new teacher's contract.

Superintendent Rockefeller recognized and thanked Cat Scramble chairs Renee Fine and Jody Sanford, who were in attendance, as well as Joanie Pringle Jones who was unable to attend. This year the Cat Scramble Golf Tournament and Silent Auction raised a record \$52,000. These funds will be shared by the Mead High and Mt. Spokane athletic booster clubs to help support high school athletics. Joining Superintendent Rockefeller in thanking these three women for their tireless work on this charity event were athletic directors John Barrington (Mead High) and Paul Kautzman (Mt. Spokane).

Director Farley positively commented on the healthy sports rivalry between Mead High and Mt. Spokane. This was highlighted at the recent *Catmania* volleyball match and *Battle of the Bell* football game. Joining Director Farley at the *Battle of the Bell* football game, tailgate parties and Cat Scramble check presentation were Directors Olson and Green. *Battle of the Bell* attendance was estimated to be 10,000 -12,000.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Riverpoint Academy

Principal Moleena Harris, on behalf of the entire Riverpoint Academy community, welcomed all in attendance and introduced Riverpoint Academy teachers Rick Biggerstaff, Glenn Williams, Regan Drew, John Marshall and Matt Green. Ms. Harris complimented the Riverpoint Academy teaching team on their courage and passion for kids.

Riverpoint Academy just started its fourth year. Ms. Harris summarized where the school has been and their plans going forward. The school currently serves 11th and 12th grade students. They would like to expand the program to include 9th and 10th grade. At Riverpoint Academy they do school the way individuals work, combining interests with academic learning. Students are challenged to learn about themselves and take advantage of their strengths. In summarizing the school's blended learning model, Ms. Harris highlighted three areas: **Core Ideas** (aligning learning

to standards), **Practices** (applying learning to real world context) and **Crosscutting** (partnering with the community).

Ms. Harris highlighted the work Mr. Marshall and Ms. Drew have done with Carnegie Mellon University, the school's partnership with the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and the WSU Longitudinal Study.

In conclusion, Ms. Harris announced Riverpoint Academy is home to one of 14 student teams nationally to earn a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Grant (up to \$10,000) for Invention Projects. The team will showcase their project at EurekaFest in June 2016 held at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Discussion included outreach plans and questions about the first graduating class. The board thanked Ms. Harris and the Riverpoint Academy teachers for their presentation.

V. Continuing Business - None

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

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

Director Denholm made a motion to approve Consent Agenda B, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Green abstained from the vote.

B. Northwood Middle School Architect Contract

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle presented the contract with ALSC Architects of Spokane to provide architectural design services for the Northwood Middle School Replacement Project for board consideration.

On June 22, 2015, the Board of Directors approved the selection of ALSC Architects of Spokane, Washington, to provide architectural design services for the Northwood Middle School project. The presented contract formalizes the district's agreement with ALSC Architects to complete the design, construction documents, bidding and construction administration phase. Construction of the Northwood project is scheduled to commence in the summer of 2016 and be completed in the spring of 2018.

The fees included in the contract agreement fall within the guidelines of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's fee schedule and are considered reasonable and fair for the scope of professional services to be undertaken.

Following discussion that included playing fields, setbacks and the public comment period on the new Northwood design before it is finalized, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the presented contract with ALSC Architects of Spokane to provide architectural design services for the Northwood Middle School Replacement Project. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 15-13

GCCM Process for Northwood Middle School Replacement

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle presented Resolution 15-13, GCCM Process for Northwood Middle School Replacement, for board consideration. The Washington State Capital Projects Advisory Review Board, Project Review Committee, has approved use of the GCCM process for the Northwood project. Mr. Wendle highlighted several reasons why the GCCM model would be favorable to the district.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-13, GCCM Process for Northwood Middle School Replacement, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell highlighted two areas. The first was a review of the October 9th Learning Improvement Day. Learning Services established the parameters for the day with each principal facilitating the set agenda in his or her building. Feedback from principals and staff was positive.

The second item in Dr. Russell's report was a brief overview of the work Learning Services and principals are doing relative to updating the annual CLI report template. In addition to including three goals, it is proposed the new template include a brief evaluation of how the school did on achieving the previous year's learning improvement goals.

B. Student Services Report (High School Athletic Directors)

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley introduced John Barrington (Mead High School Athletic Director) and Paul Kautzman (Mt. Spokane High School Athletic Director). Mr. Barrington and Mr. Kautzman summarized the arrangement GSL schools have with Vision Marketing and shared information on a gym scoreboard opportunity. Collectively as a league, GSL schools have been approached by STCU about displaying their logo on gym scoreboards. The initial proposed contract is for six years. The annual advertising revenue would be \$2,000 for each school with STCU agreeing to pay the entire \$12,000 up front. Installation costs are approximately \$4,000 and must be paid out of the \$12,000.

Following discussion it was recommended this topic be an agenda item at an upcoming (early November) work session. The board also requested additional information on the STCU proposal be provided for their review, including a picture of the proposed scoreboard.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Director of Facilities and Planning Ned Wendle announced Northwood staff (and board members if they would like to attend) will have the opportunity on October 13th to look at 2-3 proposed Northwood schematic drawings on display in the Northwood library from 2:40-4 p.m.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately forty minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:00 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

President

Secretary