



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, November 9, 2015**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Meadow Ridge Elementary School. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, Olson and Green were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Susana Reyes, Wayne Leonard and Ralph Thayer. Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri and Ken Russell and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Green 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 October 26, 2015, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board Retreat of November 4, 2015, and Board Retreat of November 6, 2015, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Kylie Comer presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. The November 10 Veterans Day Assembly will feature guest speaker Rod Melzer, Leadership Camp takes place November 12-14, the fall play *Museum* starts a six-day run November 12 and winter sports will soon be underway. The volleyball team is the 4A Regional Champion and will be a #1 seed heading into the State Tournament, November 13-14, in Kennewick. At State Cross Country the Mead girls placed 9th in the 4A classification.

Director Farley reported the Mt. Spokane volleyball team is the 3A Regional Champion and will also be a #1 seed going into the State Tournament. He congratulated both the Mead High and Mt. Spokane volleyball teams on their very successful seasons.

Director O'Connor positively commented on the Shiloh Hills Veterans Day Assembly and Director Olson was very complimentary of the Meadow Ridge Veterans Day Choir Concert.

Director Farley acknowledged and thanked Director Denholm, a Viet Nam veteran, for his military service.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Meadow Ridge Elementary

Principal Shawn Worstell welcomed all in attendance and introduced Deanna Prichard (3rd grade teacher), Keelin Daniels (5th grade teacher), Mary Lawson (library para educator) and Liz Fish (administrative assistant). Ms. Prichard and Ms. Daniels assisted Ms. Worstell with the Meadow Ridge Learning Improvement Report presentation.

Prior to summarizing goals for the current school year, Ms. Worstell reviewed the seven goals from last year providing reflection on objectives that were achieved and areas still needing

improvement. These successes and short falls have helped frame goals for 2015-2016. 5th grade MSP science scores saw a significant increase (74.2% to 85.6%) and meaningful collaboration and conversation last year have helped lay the ground work for this year's English Language Arts learning improvement goal.

For 2015-2016 Meadow Ridge has three goals - one in English Language Arts, Math and Climate/Safety. Each Meadow Ridge teacher has access to Smarter Balanced Assessment data from 2014-2015 and will use this information to help inform English and math instruction. To help in closing the Achievement Gap in English and math there will be an emphasis on "at risk" students. Regarding students with behavioral issues a goal for this year is to begin tracking behavioral problems from year to year, documenting strategies that have worked, so that there is a baseline plan in place rather than starting from scratch each year.

In conclusion, Ms. Worstell and her staff reported they are excited about FAST, the new district-wide assessment tool designed to help screen, diagnose, monitor and inform reading instruction.

The board thanked Ms. Worstell and the Meadow Ridge team for their presentation. Discussion included the new Smarter Balanced Assessments, which do not simply test for information but also include the application of knowledge to assessment questions. While there is a learning curve with the new test, Ms. Pritchard and Ms. Daniels expressed optimism about what students will be able to achieve.

V. Continuing Business - None

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

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

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

B. Resolution 15-14 Re-Certification of 2015 M&O Excess Levy

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 15-14, Re-Certification of 2015 M&O Excess Levy, for board consideration. State law requires that school districts certify tax collection amounts by November 30th for the 2015 tax year. The maximum amount (levy lid) that can be certified is calculated annually each September by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Director O'Connor made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-14, Re-Certification of 2015 M&O Excess Levy, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. 2014-2015 Year End Financial Report

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief year-end financial report for the 2014/2015 school year. Discussion included non-voted debt which, for the Mead School District, has historically been associated with bus purchases or equipment leases. This debt has generally been short term and involved small sums of money.

B. Financial Report for the Month of September 2015

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

C. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri provided a brief overview of the current work of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee. The committee has held two meetings so far this year and has approved an English Language Arts pilot for grades 5-8.

D. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller report the first state match for the Mt. Spokane volleyball team will be 8 a.m. on November 13 and Mead High's first state match will start at 1 p.m. State tournament brackets are available on the WIAA website.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 45 minutes 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.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

President

Secretary