



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, November 23, 2015**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015. The meeting began at 6 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 Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Susana Reyes, Wayne Leonard, Ralph Thayer and Ken Russell and Executive Director Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri and Executive Director Jared Hoadley were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (*Sunday Participation Approval* was added under *New Business* as an action item). 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 November 9, 2015, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Bailey O'Conner presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. Students have returned to school following three days away because of the November 17 windstorm. Cancellation of school resulted in three days with no practice for winter sport athletes who are preparing for the start of the upcoming basketball, wrestling and gymnastics seasons. Basketball teams will play in jamborees on November 28 and wrestling competition will begin in early December. Prior to Winter Break the ASB class will host *Mt. Spokane Unplugged*, a student performance event. Admission will be \$2 or canned food that will be donated to a local food bank.

Special Services Assistant Superintendent Susana Reyes reported results from the annual audit by OSPI for compliance with the federal *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* have arrived. The Mead School District earned a Level 1 determination - the highest rating possible. OSPI looked at 20 indicators and found Mead 100% compliant in all of them. Dr. Reyes thanked the entire Special Services Department for their combined efforts that contributed to this outstanding rating. She also thanked the board for their support of special education students, staff and programs. Director Denholm expressed his appreciation to Dr. Reyes on her excellent leadership and acknowledged the many, many individuals who work together to provide the best possible special education services to Mead School District students.

Ned Wendle, Director of Facilities and Planning, acknowledged and thanked Maintenance Director Travis Bown and the entire Maintenance Department staff for their dedication and hard work following the recent windstorm event. They truly went "above and beyond" to make sure Mead School District buildings and grounds were closely monitored and well taken care of until power could be restored.

Referring to Evergreen Elementary that started school on November 23 powered by an industrial generator, Director Olson positively stated, "It was just like a normal day." Director

Farley expressed his thanks to all who put forth extra time and energy dealing with the aftereffects of the windstorm.

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.

B. First Reading Policy and Procedure 3246 Revision Use of Reasonable Physical Intervention With Students

Special Services Assistant Superintendent Susana Reyes presented a revision to Policy and Procedure 3246 – Use of Reasonable Physical Intervention With Students – for first reading consideration. This policy/procedure was adopted on July 18, 2011, and has not been revised.

The proposed revisions to the policy and procedure are in response to SHB 1240. To comply with the new law WSSDA recommends combining Policy/Procedure 3246 and Policy/Procedure 3247 (Required Notification of Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans) under Policy/Procedure 3246. The name of the revised policy and procedure would be changed to Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force.

Dr. Reyes reviewed the four main reasons for the revisions. These include: 1) The need for written parent/guardian approval to include isolation and restraint in an IEP or Section 504 plan; 2) Modifications to follow-up procedures and reporting requirements; 3) Clarification of the definitions of *isolation*, *restraint* and *restraint devise*; and 4) The policy/procedure now applies to all students, not just students with an IEP or Section 504 plan.

WSSDA Sample Policy & Procedure 3246 were used as templates for the revisions. When revisions are approved, Policy/Procedure 3247 will be brought to the board for suspension. Dr. Reyes also distributed a copy of the Parent Consent Letter used for students with an IEP or Section 504 plan.

Discussion included parent feedback and how the policy/procedure changes will be communicated to the parents of students who currently have isolation and/or restraint in their IEP or Section 504 plan.

No changes to the presented draft policy/procedure revision were recommended.

This was a non-action item.

C. Resolution 15-15

Northwood Replacement Will Not Create or Aggravate Racial Imbalance

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 15-15, Northwood Replacement Will Not Create or Aggravate Racial Imbalance, for board consideration.

A part of the D-5 application that must be submitted to OSPI in conjunction with the replacement of Northwood Middle School is a resolution affirming a racial imbalance does not presently exist at Northwood and that the project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance within the boundaries of the Mead School District.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-15, Northwood Replacement Will Not Create or Aggravate a Racial Imbalance, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 15-16

Northwood Replacement Will Comply With Provisions of RCW 39.10

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 15-16, Northwood Replacement Will Comply With Provisions of RCW 39.10, for board consideration.

A part of the D-5 application that must be submitted to OSPI in conjunction with the replacement of Northwood Middle School is a resolution affirming the Mead School District will comply with RCW 39.10 pertaining to the management of the GCCM process.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-16, Northwood Replacement Will Comply With Provisions of RCW 39.10, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 15-17

Educational Specifications for Northwood Middle School Replacement Project

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 15-17, Educational Specifications for Northwood Middle School Replacement Project, for board consideration.

A part of the D-5 application that must be submitted to OSPI in conjunction with the replacement of Northwood Middle School is a resolution affirming the Educational Specifications for the Northwood Middle School replacement project are approved.

ALSC Architects of Spokane prepared the Education Specifications, which have been reviewed and approved by district representatives.

Mr. Wendle pointed out two corrections to the draft Education Specifications regarding class size references.

Following discussion it was the consensus of the board to table a vote on adoption of Resolution 15-17 until the next board meeting when the class size corrections have been incorporated into the official Educational Specifications document.

F. Sunday Participation Approval

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell presented for board consideration the approval of Sunday practice for high school athletes. This request is for two Sundays in November. Winter sport athletes missed three days of practice because of school closures associated with the November 17 windstorm. Ten practices are required before an athletic can participate in an official competition. To be ready for the upcoming winter sports season many teams/athletes must practice on two Sundays to reach the ten-practice threshold. Dr. Russell explained Sunday practices are not mandatory and additionally reported the GSL has moved the start of basketball league play back one day.

Following discussion Director Green made a motion to approve Sunday participation, limited to two Sunday in November, for high school athletes. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Business Services Report

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard, following up on a board request to learn more about the Spokane County Investment Pool, presented a brief summary highlighting the three primary objectives of the investment pool, which are:

- To safeguard the principal assets of the investment pool
- To meet liquidity needs of Pool participants

- To achieve an investment return on the funds within the guidelines of prudent risk management

Monies invested in the Spokane County Investment Pool come primarily from area public school districts and Spokane County.

B. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell highlighted two areas - the College Bound Scholarship program and work around new graduation requirements.

Dr. Russell explained the College Bound Scholarship provides a full college tuition scholarship to students who qualify based on income level, have a 2.0 GPA and complete the FAFSA. To be considered each student must complete his or her application in middle school. Thanks to the work of middle school counselors and Learning Services Admin Assistant Korbie Yoeman, 100% of 8th grade students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch have completed College Bound Scholarship applications. Dr. Russell distributed a graph showing how this "completion percentage" has increased steadily over the past six years.

New graduation requirements will be in effect for the Class of 2020 - current 8th graders. Dr. Russell explained that, in preparation for this change in requirements, he will be bringing to the board several policies and procedures for revision and/or adoption. A list summarizing those policies and procedures was provided. Discussion included competency credits and seat-time credits.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller distributed a copy of Holiday Concerts taking place in the Mead School District in the month of December. He requested board members let him know if they plan to attend a specific concert.

VII. Executive Session

At 6:50 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 7:45 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 7:45 p.m.

President

Secretary