



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, January 25, 2016**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016. 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 Ken Russell, Susana Reyes, Wayne Leonard and Ralph Thayer and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri and Executive Director Heather Havens were excused.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Director Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2016, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Proclamation - Board of Directors Recognition**

January is *School Board Recognition Month* in the state of Washington. To acknowledge and thank the Mead School District Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to district students, staff and the community, Superintendent Tom Rockefeller read a *School Board Recognition Proclamation* from Governor Jay Inslee. The Mead School District is fortunate to have school board members with a combined 77 years of service who are outstanding volunteers and champions for public education.

Both Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School ASB officers, and their advisors Nancy Butz and Randy Mickelsen, were in attendance to express their appreciation to the school board. Board members were presented with a "Thank You" card and homemade cookies.

**IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools**

Both Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School recently elected ASB officers for the 2016-2017 school year. New officers (listed below) were introduced by outgoing officers.

**Mead High School**

President: Belle Miller  
Vice President: Sam Myers  
Secretary: Mason Tullis  
Treasurer: Brooke Lorenz  
Public Relations: Mikayla Mickelsen  
Sergeant of Arms: Brady Sohn

**Mt. Spokane High School**

President: Cade Neumann  
Vice President: Logan Kimball  
Secretary: Hayden Roberts  
Treasurer: Brooke Pefley  
Public Relations: Charlie Lavelle

ASB President Kylie Comer presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. At the recent *Catmania* basketball event both the Mead girls and boys were victorious over Mt. Spokane. Pregame activities included a tailgate party co-sponsored by the Mead and Mt. Spokane Booster Clubs. In addition to eating great food, more than 400 individuals took a pledge to not text and drive by placing their thumbprint on an XtheTXT poster. A video was made highlighting the pledges. First semester finals take place the week of January 25-29, the fall play, *The Boys Next Store*,

starts in mid February and Mead High students will take part in a “Freedom Bag” community service project with *Generation Alive* to help fight human trafficking.

Director Farley offered congratulations to the new ASB officers and thanked them for their service.

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell also positively commented on the recent *Catmania* event hosted at Mead High School. It was wonderful to see the joint efforts of the Mt. Spokane and Mead Athletic Booster Clubs and the sportsmanship displayed during the games by both schools. He reported the two high schools have plans to expand community service opportunities held in conjunction with both the *Pack the Palace* basketball event, hosted by Mt. Spokane, and *Catmania*.

Director Farley, who attended *Catmania*, reported the school spirit displayed was very impressive. He also positively commented on the Unified Sports basketball game he had the opportunity to attend. He applauded the Mead School District for making this opportunity available to students. Director Olson agreed with Director Farley stating, “The Unified Sports basketball game was well worth attending.”

#### **V. Council for Learning Improvement Annual Reports**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell briefly reviewed the Council for Learning Improvement Reports prepared annually by each school. Dr. Russell highlighted the new report format introduced this year, which includes the same three goal areas for each school - English Language Arts, math and climate/culture. The board was invited to, at their convenience, provide feedback on the reports themselves and the new format.

#### **VI. Continuing Business - none**

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **A. Consent Agenda**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer directed attention to the retirements of two long-time Mead School District employees Sue Hogue (Northwood Assistant Principal) and Susan Pugh (Mead High School Administrative Assistant).

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

##### **B. Superintendent Contract Extension**

Following comments from each board member publicly affirming the outstanding job Superintendent Dr. Tom Rockefeller has done leading the Mead School District for the past ten years, Director Denholm made a motion to extend Superintendent Rockefeller’s contract to June 30, 2019. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Farley, confirming the positive comments made by the other board members, added, “It is never about “I” with Dr. Rockefeller. He always gives credit to others for the success of the Mead School District.” A three-year contract duration is the maximum allowable under Washington State law.

##### **C. First Reading Policy & Procedure 2410 Revision Graduation Requirements**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell presented, for first reading consideration, a revision to Policy & Procedure 2410, Graduation Requirements. The last time the policy and procedure were updated was August 24, 2015.

To comply with new state requirements, the recommended revisions increase the number of credits required to graduate from 22 to 24 starting with the Class of 2020 (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders). Changes to current credit requirements include the addition of one Career and Technical Education credit, an increase from one to two Art credits and addition of two World Language credits. The number of Elective credits is reduced from six to four and there is no longer an Occupational Education credit requirement. Electing the new *Personalized Pathway Requirement* option can take the place of both World Language credits and/or one Art credit.

Following discussion it was recommended the policy language, including the required credits table - for ease of reading and understanding - be reformatted to eliminate the many asterisks. One typographical error was pointed out in the procedure.

This was the first reading of a policy/procedure revision. No action was requested.

#### **D. Elementary Conference Waiver Days**

On behalf of Learning Services Executive Director Heather Havens, Superintendent Rockefeller presented a four-day elementary waiver request for board considered. An Elementary Parent/Teacher Conference Task Force, consisting of classroom teachers from each elementary school, building principals, parents and district office administrators has been studying the best way to conduct elementary parent/teacher conferences. The Mead School District currently uses a five half-day model, two times each school year.

After careful study and deliberation the task force recommends moving to two full days and one half-day in the fall and two full days and one half-day in the spring for elementary conferences. This new format would allow teachers to accommodate parents who want an early morning conference and parents who need to conference at the end of their workday. Moving to full-day conferences would also be beneficial to student learning because it reduces the interrupted learning time associated with half-days.

A move to the new format requires a waiver from the State Board of Education for four elementary school days and the school board must approve submission of the Waiver Request.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the submission of a Waiver Request to the State Board of Education for four elementary school days for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Riverpoint Academy Program Change**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell presented, for board consideration, the expansion of the Riverpoint Academy education program to include 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

In the fall of 2012, Riverpoint Academy opened its doors to 75 high school juniors. The following year the school expanded to include both juniors and seniors. Riverpoint Academy is midway through its 4<sup>th</sup> year in existence and, to date, enrollment has been limited to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

On August 18, 2014, the Mead School District Board of Directors (Resolution 14-5) authorized an advisory committee to study the education program offered at Riverpoint Academy. The committee was asked, among other things, to make a recommendation on whether the program should be expanded to include 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

Learning Services and Riverpoint Academy staff have, for the past several months, conducted an in-depth study on how to reconfigure the current program to include 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. The results of this study and their plan to change the learning program offered at Riverpoint Academy to include freshman and sophomores, pending board approval, were shared with the Mead School District Board of Directors at the January 5, 2016 Board Retreat.

Following discussion that included enrollment goals, Director Green made a motion to expand the Riverpoint Academy program to include 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Contract/Bargaining Agreement  
Mead Combined Trades Association**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer presented a tentative four-year contract agreement (September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2018) between the Mead Combined Trades Association and the Mead School District for board consideration. The association has ratified this tentative agreement. Highlights of the new agreement were briefly summarized. Mr. Thayer expressed thanks to both the MCTA Bargaining Team and the District Bargaining Team for their work on this tentative agreement.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the four-year tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Mead Combined Trades Association and the Mead School District, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**G. First Reading Policy 3141 Revision  
Non-Resident Students**

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley introduced Student Services Coordinator Kelly Schultz who presented, for first reading consideration, a revision to Policy 3141 - Non-Resident Students. The last time the policy was updated was September 13, 2004.

The current policy does not define a date range for the acceptance of non-resident student applications for the upcoming school year, which means applications have sometimes been submitted several months before a yes or no enrollment determination is communicated to applicants. This has resulted in the loss of more than one OSPI appeal. To alleviate this problem one revision to the policy is the insertion of an application window - June 1 through August 15 - for the upcoming school year.

Additional revisions include sections on the enrollment of nonresident children of full-time employees, nonresident children of military families and nonresident homeless children. New language has also been added regarding readmission of expelled or suspended students.

Following discussion that included the current number of non-resident students, the consideration of a non-resident student acceptance hiatus because of the upcoming changes to elementary boundaries and the use of non-resident students to backfill open spaces at some elementary schools, it was recommended the policy more clearly define part-time employees.

This was the first reading of a policy revision. No action was requested.

**VIII. Reports**

**A. Financial Report December 2015**

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

**B. Technology Report**

Technology Director Doug Edmonson presented a brief technology update. At the beginning of the current school year the Mead School District acquired 1,200 Chromebooks. The effectiveness of the Chromebooks has been piloted at Evergreen and Shiloh Hills and, based on the success of the pilot, Mr. Edmonson reported the plan is to acquire 3,800 additional Chromebooks for next year. At the start of the 2016-2017 school year each elementary school would have 18 Chromebook carts or 540 individual devices. Technicians report minimal

problems with Chromebooks in the first three years of operation. It is during the fourth year that problems arise.

This spring *Infosnap*, an online registration program, will be introduced. This program will allow new families to enroll students and current families to update information from the comfort of home. An added benefit for families with multiple children is the automatic population of address and parent contract information fields once they have been entered for one child.

LCD projectors throughout the district are being replaced with 65" television monitors and wireless Apple TV technology. Mt. Spokane High School is the pilot school for this upgrade. Work will now begin at Mead High School. The new TV monitors and Apple technology offer a significant financial savings when compared to replacing and maintaining current ten year old projectors.

In conclusion, Mr. Edmonson praised the outstanding work of the ten individuals who make up the Mead School District Technology Department.

### **C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items**

Superintendent Rockefeller, referencing the packet of information provided to each director from the Boundary Review Committee, reported the committee would be presenting their recommendation for changes to current elementary school boundaries at the next board meeting. He additionally mentioned the possibility of needing to schedule an upcoming Board Retreat to discuss boundary changes in more detail.

### **IX. Executive Session**

At 7:40 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 40 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:30 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

### **X. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**