



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, February 22, 2016**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held 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, Pam Veltri and Wayne Leonard and Executive Director Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Susana Reyes and Executive Director Jared Hoadley 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 February 8, 2016, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Accompanied by principal Craig Busch, Mountainside Middle School ASB officers Jacob Carr (President), Lukas Brown (Vice-President), Anna Boyer (Secretary/Treasurer) and Spencer Young (Sergeant at Arms) shared information on the following activities that took place during first semester at Mountainside:

- *Annual FundRun* (Raised in excess of \$42,000.)
- *Veteran's Day Assembly* (Featured patriotic music performed by the band and choir.)
- *19th Annual Pet Food Drive* (Collected 1,500 lbs. of food, plus cash in the amount of \$3,127.97, for donation to the Spokane Humane Society.)
- *DLC Copy Delivery Service* (Includes the opportunity for staff to purchase coffee and baked goods for \$2 - monies raised to date have been donated to the Boys & Girls Club and two needy families.)

Other items of note included the upcoming College Week (March 14-18) and a sports/music recap. To honor the memory of 8th grader Michael Kostecka, who passed away in late December, many students are wearing commemorative wristbands and the student body is working on a special *Michael Kostecka Spirit Award*.

The board thanked the Mountainside students for their excellent presentation.

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. For the first time in school history the girls basketball team has qualified for the 3A State Tournament and the cast of the upcoming musical, *Into the Woods*, was invited to sing the National Anthem at a Spokane Empire arena football game. Nine Mt. Spokane wrestlers competed at state taking home the 2nd place 3A trophy and senior gymnast Jade Anderson is the 3A/2A state Floor Exercise Champion. Spring sports start on February 29.

Director O'Connor positively commented on the 2nd Annual Mead School District Popsicle Stick Bridge Building Competition held at Mt. Spokane on February 20th. This year the event added

elementary and middle school participants. Fifteen entries exceeded last year's winning bridge efficiency, which was 624. This year's first place entry had an efficiency in excess of 1600.

Director Farley also positively commented on the Bridge Building Competition noting this year there were 253 entries . . . an increase of 210 over last year. Engineers from local firms helped judge the contest. Director Farley reminded that the Mead School District Robotics Competition will take place on Saturday, February 27th at Mt. Spokane High School.

Director Olson positively commented on the Riverpoint Academy Information Night he attended on February 18th. The line of students/parents was out the door. Director Denholm was very complimentary of the large banner hanging on the outside of the Riverpoint building above the entry announcing the school is now enrolling for the 2016-2017 school year.

Preston Egan (Brentwood 6th grader) and TJ Carr (Midway 6th grader) were in attendance fulfilling one of the required elements of the Boy Scout Citizenship/Communication Merit Badge.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Third Reading Policy & Procedure 2410 Revision Graduation Requirements

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell presented a revision to Policy & Procedure 2410, Graduation Requirements, for third reading consideration. 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 8th 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.

Second reading recommendations were incorporated into the presented third reading drafts.

Following discussion it was recommended the term "district staff" in the policy and procedure be clarified. With that adjustment the board indicated the policy and procedure revision could be brought forward as an action item at the next board meeting.

This was a discussion item. No action was taken.

B. Resolution 16-2 Elementary Conference Waiver Days

Learning Services Executive Director Heather Havens presented Resolution 16-2, Elementary Conference Waiver Days, for board consideration.

On January 25, 2016, the school board approved 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. The purpose of the waiver request is to replace the current five half-days, two times each school year, elementary conference model with a two full days and one half-day, twice each year, model. Upon receipt of the Waiver Request the State Board of Education notified the district the waiver application must be accompanied by an official, signed school board resolution.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-2, Elementary Conference Waiver Days, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Resolution 16-3 Windstorm Waiver Day

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri presented Resolution 16-3, Windstorm Waiver Day, for board consideration.

The Mead School District was forced to close schools November 18-20, 2015, due to a severe windstorm resulting in loss of electrical power and heat to our schools. Because of the severity of the situation Governor Inslee declared a State of Emergency (Proclamation No. 15-15).

The 2015-2016 Mead School District calendar has March 11, 2016, and June 17, 2016, as "snow make-up days." March 11th will be used to make up November 18th and June 17th will be used to make up November 19th.

If the district were to make up November 20th it would need to take place on Monday, June 20, 2016. This would also be the last day of school, which is a half-day for students. Because students would be attending school only one half day that week it is believed many families would not send their children to school on June 20, thereby significantly limiting the educational value of the day. Therefore it is recommended the Mead School District request an OSPI waiver from the 180-day attendance requirement for November 20, 2015, as provided in the governor's State of Emergency Declaration.

Director O'Connor made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-3, Windstorm Waiver Day, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report January 2016

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of January 2016.

B. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri reported on the work surrounding the upcoming English Language Arts curriculum adoption for grades 5-8. Curriculum maps are nearly complete and materials are currently being vetted.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller commented on the upcoming Community Input Forums on the proposed Elementary Boundary Recommendation. A change in elementary boundaries is just one of several solutions being looked at to address overcrowding. On Friday, February 19, 2016, Superintendent Rockefeller testified in Olympia in support of a bill that would amend new-in-lieu regulations allowing a school being replaced, such as Northwood Middle School, to be used to address student growth for a specific period of time. The Mead School District is exploring multiple avenues to address student growth, full implementation of all-day kindergarten and K-3 class size reduction legislation.

VII. Executive Session

At 6:45 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 7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

President

Secretary