



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, March 7, 2016**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Mead High School. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor, Olson and Green were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Ken Russell and Wayne Leonard and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Pam Veltri and Susanna Reyes and Executive Director 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 O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2016, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Belle Miller presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. The winter play, *The Boys Next Door*, just completed a very successful run, Spring Leadership Camp will be March 20-22 and the Mead High Dance Team has qualified three routines for the upcoming State Dance/Drill Competition scheduled for the last weekend in March. Spring sports are underway and biomed students will be participating in the state HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition in Bellevue along with biomed students from Mt. Spokane.

Facilities & Planning Director Ned Wendle began by praising the work of the district's new Maintenance Director Travis Bown and then highlighted the installation of new LED lights in the gym and fieldhouse at both Mead High and Mt. Spokane. These new lighting systems were researched and initiated by Mr. Bown and qualify for a substantial rebate from Avista Utilities. Mr. Wendle introduced Avista account executive Nicole Hydzyk who presented Mr. Wendle and Mr. Bown with a rebate check in the amount of \$41,420 for the new lighting systems.

The total cost of the replacement project was \$63,000. Combining first year energy savings of approximately \$22,000 with the Avista rebate means the project will be completely paid for in less than 1.5 years. Going forward the district will enjoy substantial energy savings for many years to come. Mr. Wendle reported the district looks forward to partnering with Avista on future cost-savings projects.

Director Wendle additionally reported the Mead School District has qualified for an OSPI Class Size Reduction Grant. At this time the legislature has not funded the grant and, if funded, the exact amount the Mead School District will receive has not been announced.

Director Green reported the Mt. Spokane Dance Team has also qualified for the State Dance/Drill Competition and Director Olson congratulated the Mt. Spokane basketball team (girls) on their 4th place state finish.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Mead High School

Principal Teresa Laher welcomed all in attendance and expressed her excitement to share the many good things taking place at Mead High School. Assistant Principals Jeff Naslund and Rick Pelkie, Principal Assistant Coretta Hoffman, Administrative Interns Andrew Lewis and Mike Saccomanno and teachers Makena Busch and Benji Sonnichsen were introduced. While Mead High School has identified goal areas in English Language Arts, math and professional development, Ms. Laher explained the focus of the evening's Learning Improvement Report would be climate and culture. Report highlights included:

- **Communication** – Rick Pelkie explained how Mead High is using proven communication strategies from previous years in conjunction with new tools that include sharing the daily bulletin via email with parents. Jeff Naslund talked about the enhanced use of social media to communicate and the emphasis on “belonging” at Mead High School. So far this year “likes” and “engaged users” have doubled on the school’s Facebook page. Further emphasizing the theme of *belonging* at Mead High School, Coretta Hoffman shared the story of an art student who *belongs* by designing “Mead” jewelry that will be featured at the upcoming (mid-April) *Eye 4 Art* exhibition.
- **Yearbook** – Makena Busch, a Mead High graduate, was hired this year as an English teacher/yearbook advisor. This year the Mead High annual will include the Aurasma Reality Platform in twelve different sections. Aurasma turns everyday objects, images and places into new opportunities for engagement. Using iPads the school board had the opportunity to see first-hand how this new engagement tool works.
- **Leadership** – First year football coach Benji Sonnichsen introduced and interviewed two football players, Zack Correll and Payton Loucks. Interview topics included school pride, leadership and legacy.
- **Safety** – Regarding school safety, Jeff Naslund highlighted the fact that a connected school community translates into a safer school community.
- **Daily Bell Schedule** – To measure the effectiveness of this year’s block schedule with built in student access time, Mike Saccomanno shared information on the number of first semester D’s and F’s as compared to last year when there was no student access time. D’s and F’s have decreased from 11% to 7%. A’s remain constant for both years at 30%.

The board thanked Ms. Laher and her staff for their presentation specifically commenting on the team’s energy and excitement.

V. Continuing Business

A. Fourth Reading Policy & Procedure 2410 Revision Graduation Requirements

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell presented a revision to Policy & Procedure 2410, Graduation Requirements, for fourth 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.

Third reading recommendations were incorporated into the presented fourth reading drafts.

Director Green made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy and Procedure 2410, Graduation Requirements, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Mead High School Student Travel Proposal Heritage Festival – Vancouver, B.C.

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a travel proposal from the Mead High School Band and Colorguard to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, May 26-29, 2016, to participate in the Heritage Festival.

If approved the trip will provide the opportunity for students to perform and be adjudicated by nationally renowned music professionals. Students will also be able to observe performances by ensembles from the Western Region of the United States and Canada.

It is anticipated 145 students will participate. Rob Lewis and Brandon Campbell (Mead High instrumental music instructors) will attend, as well as ten parent chaperones. The estimated cost of the trip is \$460 per student and the student/parent contribution is \$0-\$460 depending on fundraising participation.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mead High School Band and Colorguard request to travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, May 26-29, 2016, to participate in the Heritage Festival as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Ken Russell reported the State Board of Education has approved the Mead School District Elementary Waiver Request. This request was for the next three school years and included four days each year. Dr. Russell additionally highlighted the continuing work around curriculum mapping and elementary science kits.

B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reminded that the second Community Input Forum on the proposed Elementary Boundary Change Recommendation would be Wednesday, March 9th at Mt. Spokane High School starting at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:30 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

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

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8 p.m.

President

Secretary