



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, March 21, 2016**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, O'Connor and Olson were present. Director Green was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard and Ralph Thayer and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendents Ken Russell, Pam Veltri and Susana Reyes and Executive Director Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Learning Services Report was removed). Director O'Connor 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 March 7, 2016, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Current ASB President Bailey O'Conner, along with next year's ASB President Cade Neumann, presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. The varsity basketball team (girls) placed 4th in the 3A State Tournament. This was the very first state appearance in school history for this program. Nineteen DECA students (17 + 2 alternates) qualified for the National Tournament taking place in Nashville, Tennessee later this spring, the musical *Into the Woods* just completed a very successful run, the "Fill the Bus" food drive resulted in the donation of 1,400 lbs. of food to the Mead Food Bank and 130 students have signed up to donate blood at the upcoming spring drive.

Mt. Spokane principal Darren Nelson, responding to a question raised last spring about how our high schools could replace the community engagement previously generated by Senior Presentations now that they are no longer a graduation requirement, shared Mt. Spokane, in partnership with Shiloh Hills, Midway, Meadow Ridge and Colbert elementary schools and Mountainside Middle School, will be piloting a "Community Block Party" on May 4th from 5-8 p.m. Students, parents and staff from all Mt. Spokane feeder schools will be invited to this fun evening that will include a dunk tank plus many other fun, engaging activities. If all goes well, the hope going forward is to make this an annual event at both Mt. Spokane and Mead High.

Mr. Nelson introduced Madaleine Osmun, a Mt. Spokane senior and the Eastern Washington student representative to the State Board of Education. Ms. Osmun, who is nearing the end of her two-year term, spoke positively about her tenure as a student voice on the State Board of Education. Because of this positive experience, and the contributions students have made over the years as members of the State Board of Education, Madaleine offered to meet with board members to talk about what having a student representative on the Mead School Board might look like.

IV. Continuing Business - None

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following Director Olson's positive comments on the hiring of Mead High Volleyball Coach Shawn Wilson to teach science at Mead High, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. District-Wide Wireless Upgrade Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration the award of a contract to upgrade the district's wireless network to Ednetics. A Request for Proposal was sent out by the technology department to update all access points and switches at all district schools. This included the removal of existing wiring plus design, installation, training and testing. The proposal due date was February 5, 2016.

Six vendors responded to the Request for Proposal with Ednetics being the responsive bidder with the lowest overall proposal amount. The Ednetics bid for the project is \$647,516.08. The project will be funded by infrastructure technology bond funds totaling approximately \$1,000,000 per year and federal E-Rate funding. If federal E-Rate funding is awarded, the district cost for the project is projected to be \$323,758.04.

Following discussion, which centered primarily on the RF design, it was the consensus of the board to table a decision on awarding the contract until Technology Director Doug Edmonson could be present to answer questions.

C. Resignation of Maureen O'Connor (Director District #1)

Director Farley, referencing the March 14, 2016, Letter of Resignation submitted by Director Maureen O'Connor, with an effective date of March 31, 2016, offered his sincere thanks and appreciation to Director O'Connor for her very valuable contributions to the Mead School District since she began serving on the board in 2005. During her tenure Director O'Connor has always been a very strong advocate for students. Director Farley additionally thanked Director O'Connor's husband Jeff for his support.

Directors Denholm and Olson added their thanks to Director O'Connor for her service to the Mead School District. Both gentlemen referenced Director O'Connor's passion for children and their learning, and expressed their genuine appreciation for how hard she has always fought for students. Director Olson added, "On this board folks don't often resign so it is particularly hard to have a member leave the team."

Director O'Connor thanked each board member for their kind words stating she would "miss them all." She went on to express how much the Mead School District has meant to her family. All four of her children attended and graduated from Mead schools and are now well-educated, successful professionals. She expressed appreciation for all she has learned while serving on the Mead School Board and briefly explained the reasons for her resignation, which include the opportunity to have more time for family including her nine grandchildren who have all been born since she joined the board in 2005. In conclusion, Director O'Connor stated she has "done the best she could." She is proud of the fact the Mead School District has improved since she started in 2005 and she is particularly grateful one of the first actions the board took after she joined was the hiring of Tom Rockefeller as the superintendent.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report February 2016

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

B. Student Services Report

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley introduced registered nurses Allison Cowart, Carrie Dinwoodie, Ruth Erb, Gret Jordan and Kristen Palpant, noting that Jolena Speer was unable to attend. Using a PowerPoint presentation, and speaking for the group, Carrie Dinwoodie shared information on the role of registered nurses in the Mead School District. The number one priority for nurses is student safety followed by keeping children healthy and in school. School nurses are responsible for:

- Developing/Monitoring Student Health Care Plans
- Educating Staff, Students and the Community
- Enforcing Immunization and Health Care Laws
- Supervising the Care of Fragile Students
- Collaborating with the Community (i.e. Free Immunization Clinics)

The Mead School District has started the implementation of CareDocs technology that tracks, among other things, when medications are given and the number of student health room visits each day at any given location.

Other information of note included the sharp increase in the number of students from 2007-2016 with health care plans (451 to 900) and the number of medically fragile students (6 to 25). To help handle these increases the district has added the services of classified nurses. At this time every traditional school in the district, with the exception of Midway, has a full-time classified nurse.

The board thanked Ms. Dinwoodie and the nurses for their presentation and their dedication to the well being of all Mead students.

On another topic, Executive Director Hoadley shared the Mead School District Truancy Board, in partnership with local businesses, will host a fun evening for at-risk students at the YMCA the evening of April 1st.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller referenced a complementary email he received from a student on the climate and culture at Mead High. He additionally reminded the NEW Northwood Groundbreaking Ceremony would be the next day, Tuesday, March 22, starting at 10 a.m. in the Northwood gym.

VII. Executive Session

At 7 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