



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Shiloh Hills Elementary School. Directors Farley, Denholm, Olson and Green were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Ralph Thayer and Pam Veltri. Assistant Superintendents Ken Russell and Susana Reyes and Executive Directors Heather Havens and Jared Hoadley were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Olson 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 21, 2016, and Board Retreat of March 31, 2016, as presented. Director Denholm 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. Spring Leadership Camp was very successful and included 113 attendees plus visitors from a high school in Colorado looking to implement a camp similar to that offered at Mead High. The Drama Club has an upcoming trip to Ashland, Oregon and April 18-22 is Staff and Student Appreciation Week. Upcoming events include the Mother-Son/Father-Daughter Dance, the Mother/Daughter Tea and Prom. This year Prom will be at the Convention Center and a select number of students will have the option to also have dinner on site prior to the dance.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report - Shiloh Hills Elementary

Principal Laura Duchow welcomed the board and audience to Shiloh Hills and introduced Principal Assistant Nick Edwards. She additionally acknowledged the many Shiloh Hills staff members who were in attendance. Using a PowerPoint presentation Ms. Duchow and Mr. Edwards summarized Shiloh Hills learning improvement goals, strategies to attain said goals, evidence of improvement and ongoing challenges.

While reviewing the school's English Language Arts goal and math goal, and strategies to meet these targets, Ms. Duchow shared the biggest challenge to meeting these objectives is simply time.

To increase parent involvement, Mr. Edwards outlined the school's communication strategies and the schedule of intentional events designed to increase community engagement. One such event was a recent presentation by Kent Hoffman, an international expert on behavior that was attended by 50 Shiloh Hills parents. Parent involvement challenges include families with no phone, no Internet and no email.

Regarding school climate, an area of intentional focus this year has been attendance. Comparing last year to this year the number of students with 95% attendance has increased each month. For example, for the month of January the percentage increased from 53% to 81%.

Throughout the presentation parent comments provided via ThoughtExchange were shared in the areas of student learning, parent involvement and school climate.

In conclusion, professional development and staff communication goals, strategies and challenges were explained.

The board thanked Ms. Duchow and Mr. Edwards for their presentation. Discussion following the presentation included Title funds, common core/state assessments and the language frustration for ELL students with required assessments.

V. Continuing Business - None

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following discussion regarding job sharing, Director Denholm made a motion to remove item #8 from the Consent Agenda. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion regarding partial resignation of a full-time contract, Director Green made a motion to table the two partial resignations listed in item #9. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Green made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Student Travel Proposal
Mead High School Jazz Band**

Mead High School Principal Teresa Laher presented for board consideration a travel proposal from Mead High's Jazz I band to travel to Southern California, April 21-26, 2016.

If approved the trip will provide the opportunity for students to perform and be adjudicated by nationally renowned music professionals. Students will also have the opportunity to observe ensembles from throughout the Southern California region.

It is anticipated 21 students will participate. Rob Lewis and Brandon Campbell (Mead High instrumental music instructors) will attend, as well as five parent chaperones. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,350 per student and the student/parent contribution is \$0-\$1,350 depending on fundraising participation.

Following a brief discussion about the somewhat late request for trip approval, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mead High Jazz Band request to travel to Southern California, April 21-26, 2016, to participate in the Fullerton College Jazz Festival, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri reported on the continuing work on the upcoming English Language Arts curriculum adoption recommendation for grades 5-8.

B. Transportation Report

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard, in advance of the resolution that will be presented at the next school board meeting to transfer funds to the Transportation Vehicle Fund, reviewed the state of the district's bus fleet highlighting the need to systematically replace the oldest buses with newer models. The district currently has a bus

fleet of 107 buses and, in the next few years, hopes to reduce that fleet to 100 buses as current routes are reviewed and revised.

Information was also shared on the state of the district's passenger van fleet including the upcoming plan to purchase three new ten-passenger vans. In the near future the district hopes to purchase 10-12 additional passenger vans, which will be used to help mitigate spring sports student transportation issues.

C. CTE Report

CTE Director Doug Edmonson introduced Mead High CTE teacher Brandon Butler who talked briefly about Eye4Art taking place on April 16 and then reported on the Northwest Entrepreneur Competition Mead High and Riverpoint Academy students took part in at Whitworth University in early April. Mead High's Nathan Young placed 1st at the competition, which included a \$2,000 cash prize. Several teams from Riverpoint Academy also earned cash prizes. Mr. Butler stated, "Mead kids completely owned the competition." Two teams from Mead High and one from Riverpoint Academy will next compete at WSU on April 22.

Mr. Edmonson highlighted the following recently completed and upcoming CTE competitions and activities:

- At the recent state ProStart Competition Mt. Spokane took 2nd place (teacher/advisor Joanie Jones) and Mead High was 7th (teacher/advisor Beth Gruenke).
- This year's Bridge Building Competition, judged and sponsored by local engineers, included a middle school division for the first time this year.
- The Mead School District annual STEM Night will be May 24 at Mead High School.
- This summer the Mead School District plans to offer a Summer STEM Camp for current 5th and 6th graders. Three sessions will be offered in July with each session lasting one week (4 days per week, 8 am - 1 pm). Capacity is 60 students each session. The camp will be housed at Shiloh Hills and, taking advantage of federal Title funds, free breakfast will not only be provided to campers but also to local residents 18 years of age and younger. Mr. Edmonson reported he is working with private donors to help sponsor the camp.

D. Asset Preservation Report

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented the district's annual Asset Preservation Evaluation/Report. This report complies with all requirements of the Asset Preservation Program per WAC 392-347-023. District buildings included in the Asset Preservation Program are Mt. Spokane High School, Mountainside Middle School and Prairie View Elementary School. As part of this report board members received a copy of the district's Asset Preservation Summary Report that will be filed with the State of Washington.

E. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reported that, to date, three individuals have submitted a "Letter of Interest" regarding the open Director District #1 school board position. He additionally shared that Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley will be defending his doctoral dissertation on Friday, April 15th and the Boundary Review Committee will receive a Community Service Award on April 22nd at the annual WASA luncheon.

Regarding earlier direction from the board to devise a plan to move Prairie View 6th graders to the Northwood Middle School campus, Superintendent Rockefeller shared the following:

- Significant study and work has already taken place (prior to and during Spring Break). This includes the identification and review of approximately 75 considerations such as daily schedule (start and end times), general safety/security, security cameras, transportation/bus safety, restrooms, drop-off

& pick-up, advanced math, band, choir, orchestra staffing, after-school sports, integration with Northwood and overall program oversight.

- There will be a meeting with Northwood staff on Thursday, April 14 before school.
- There will be a meeting with current 5th grade Prairie View parents on Thursday, April 14 at Prairie View beginning at 7 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