



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, November 28, 2016**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 28, 2016. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, Olson, Green and Burchard were present. Director Farley was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard and Ralph Thayer and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Kevin Peterson. Assistant Superintendents Susana Reyes and Pam Veltri and Executive Director Heather Havens 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 November 14, 2016, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Several members of Boy Scout Troop 12, accompanied by their Troop Leader Dr. Jonathan Smith of Smith Family Dentistry, were in attendance to fulfill requirements of the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

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 recent blood drive resulted in the donation of 70 units, the campaign/election of ASB officers for the 2017-2018 school year has started and the competition season for wrestling, basketball and gymnastics will begin very soon. The ASB class is sponsoring a Winter Formal dance on December 14 and band, choir and orchestra have winter concerts scheduled for the month of December.

Director Green positively commented on the wonderful performance by the Mead High Jazz Choir at their recent concert.

Director Olson reported on the recent WSSDA conference he and other board members attended. They had the opportunity to attend several interesting/informative sessions. Approximately 800 board members and school district administrators from all over Washington State attended the conference.

**IV. Continuing Business - none**

**V. New Business**

**A. Consent Agenda**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer brought attention to the Leave Without Pay request from a transportation employee. Mr. Thayer explained this request does not meet the Leave Without Pay parameters established by the board a few years ago. Discussion included the bus driver shortage the district is currently experiencing contrasted against the

progress that has been made in limiting/curtailing the number and frequency of employees taking Leave Without Pay.

Regarding the announced retirement of Mead High Counselor Dave Vaughn at the end of this school year, Director Green acknowledged and thanked Mr. Vaughn for his many years of outstanding service to Mead High families and students. The other board members echoed these same sentiments.

Director Olson made a motion to deny the Leave Without Pay request for the transportation employee, while approving the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried. While Director Green did not vote in favor of the presented motion, it should be noted her no vote was intended to convey her desire to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which would include approval of the Leave Without Pay request for the transportation employee.

**B. Student Travel Proposal  
Mead High Jazz Choir**

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a travel request from the Mead High Jazz Choir to travel to Reno, Nevada, April 27-30, 2017, to participate in the Reno Jazz Festival. The trip would provide an opportunity for students to listen to other ensemble groups, participate in workshops and perform at the festival.

Mead High choir teacher Mike Saccomanno and his wife, Mead High English teacher Carolyn Saccomanno, would travel with the sixteen student participants. The parent/student cost of the trip is \$652.50 and fundraising opportunities will be provided.

Director Burchard made a motion to approve the Mead High Jazz Choir Trip to Reno, Nevada, April 27-30, 2017, to participate in the Reno Jazz Festival, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Resolution 16-19  
Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Will Not Create or Aggravate a Racial Imbalance**

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 16-19, Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Will Not Create or Aggravate a Racial Imbalance, for board consideration. A part of the D5 application process for the modernization of Midway Elementary is a resolution affirming a racial imbalance does not presently exist at Midway and that the Midway project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance within the boundaries of the Mead School District.

Director Green made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-19, Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Will Not Create or Aggravate a Racial Imbalance, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Resolution 16-20  
Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Will Comply With Provisions of RCW 39.10**

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 16-20, Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Will Comply With Provisions of RCW 39.10, for board consideration. A part of the D5 application process for the modernization of Midway Elementary is a resolution affirming the Mead School District will comply with RCW 39.10 pertaining to the management of the GCCM process.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-20, Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Will Comply With Provisions of RCW 39.10, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VI. Reports**

### **A. Financial Report for the Month of October 2016**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of October 2016. Of particular note is the continued steady increase in enrollment. As of November 1, 2016, headcount is 10,002, which is a milestone for the district. The district is currently 135 FTE over budget.

### **B. CTE/Technology Report**

CTE/Technology Director Doug Edmonson presented a technology and CTE update. The district recently sold back 12,000 portable computer devices. It was anticipated this would generate \$300,000 but, because many of the 12,000 computers were in exceptionally good condition, the actual amount the district will receive is over \$500,000. These funds will be used to acquire additional Chromebooks. The technology department is working toward a one-to-one classroom model at the secondary level and plans to purchase 50 secondary computer carts (each cart holds 36 computers), which will be available for use in the fall of 2017.

Results from the recent ThoughtExchange online engagement, targeted specifically to Mead School District learning programs, revealed parents would like to see the district offer more afterschool STEM activities and once again offer CTE classes like metal shop at our high schools.

Starting in December and continuing into mid-March the Mead School District is sponsoring six STEM Tour events. The first event, geared specifically to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students accompanied by an adult, takes place on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Mobius. There is no charge for this activity, which is open to 80 Mead School District student/adult twosomes.

Mr. Edmonson is exploring the possibility of starting Core Plus, a program based on the core entry-level skills most industrial business employers, including Boeing, are looking for in their employees, at one or both high schools. The program is hands-on and project-based.

Discussion included bandwidth sufficiency at our secondary schools with the addition of more on-site mobile devices.

### **C. Learning Services Report**

Learning Services Executive Director Kevin Peterson thanked the board for their commitment to providing the funds to acquire new curriculum. He presented an update on the implementation this year of the new 5-8 grade ELA curriculum and reported on the progress committees are making on a 9-12 grade ELA recommendation and a 9-12 science recommendation. Twenty-one high school teachers are piloting ELA materials and conversations continue on how to make the English offerings at both Mead High and Mt. Spokane more similar. Science materials will be piloted in the spring. It is anticipated a 9-12 ELA adoption recommendation and a 9-12 science adoption recommendation will come to the board in late spring. Next fall work will begin on researching new math materials.

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

Superintendent Rockefeller reminded the board of the many upcoming Holiday Concerts.

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented a brief update on the Midway renovation project, which included pictures of the proposed new building layout and front entry. The project includes four additional classrooms, a gym with a wood floor, a multi-purpose room and a single point of entry. Construction is scheduled to start near the end of this school year.

**VII. Executive Session**

At 6:55 p.m. Director Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:30 p.m. Director Denholm 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.

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**President**

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**Secretary**