



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, January 23, 2017**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, Olson, Green and Burchard were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Pam Veltri and Ralph Thayer and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley, Heather Havens and Kevin Peterson. Assistant Superintendent Susana Reyes was 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 December 12, 2016, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Proclamation – Board of Directors Recognition

January is *School Board Recognition Month* in the state of Washington. To acknowledge and thank the Mead School District Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to district students, staff and the community, Superintendent Tom Rockefeller read a *School Board Recognition Proclamation* from Governor Jay Inslee. The Mead School District is fortunate to have school board members with a combined 70 years of service who are outstanding volunteers and champions for public education.

Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School ASB officers were in attendance to express their appreciation to the school board.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School recently elected ASB officers for the 2017-2018 school year. New officers (listed below) were introduced by outgoing officers.

Mt. Spokane High School

President: Elizabeth Redmond
Vice President: Bo Jenson
Secretary: Kaitlin Ulias
Treasurer: Brianna Kostecka
Public Relations: TJ Benton

Mead High School

President: Colton Fletcher
Vice President: Sarah Wilson
Secretary: Emma Morse
Treasurer: Pierce Christensen
Public Relations: Devonte Goodman
Sergeant of Arms: Camden Anderson

2016/2017 ASB President Belle Miller presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. 1st semester finals take place January 24-26, teacher Beth Dolezal was named the January 2017 KHQ *Teacher of the Month* on January 19 at an all school assembly, Spring Leadership Camp sign-ups are just around the corner and it is five weeks until spring sports start. The drama department's production of *The Dining Room* starts a six-day run on February 15 and the annual *Pack the Palace* basketball games, where Mead visits Mt. Spokane, takes place on January 27. On Thursday, January 26, Mt. Spokane visits Mead High for the last regular season

GSL wrestling match. Both wrestling teams are undefeated in league play so the GSL title is on the line.

In conclusion, Ms. Miller shared a quote about the many diverse individuals you will encounter throughout your life and the fact that they all, if you look for it, have something to teach you.

2016/2017 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. In addition to the recent ASB elections, upcoming events include the *Glowdown Showdown* wrestling match on Thursday against Mead High and the rivalry *Pack the Palace* basketball games hosted by Mt. Spokane on Friday.

Director Farley congratulated the new ASB officers and thanked the outgoing officers for their service.

CTE Director Doug Edmonson invited the board to the upcoming Medical Mystery STEM Forward Tour event, sponsored by WSU Spokane Health Sciences, which takes place on Friday, January 27, at the WSU downtown campus. Mr. Edmonson reported the 100 spots available for 5th-8th grade students were filled within six hours of opening the registration window.

Director Green positively commented on the recent district-wide Elementary Choir Concert. The choir, directed by Colbert music specialist Drew Olsen, did an outstanding job performing very challenging music.

Director Denholm positively commented on Governor Inslee's recent visit to Shiloh Hills Elementary School, indicating he was impressed with the conversation and the governor's encouragement to continue speaking directly with state legislators about district concerns.

A small contingent of parents were present with questions regarding students excluded from school by order of the Spokane Regional Health District because of the recent mumps outbreak. Areas of concern included student privacy, bullying, tutors for excluded students and childcare. Director Farley encouraged parents to also share their concerns with the Spokane Regional Health District. Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley summarized the current mumps situation in the Mead School District and invited parents to join him in his office to talk further about their specific situations.

V. Council for Learning Improvement Annual Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri presented the Council for Learning Improvement Reports prepared annually by each school as required by Policy/Procedure 4010. Each board member received an electronic copy of the individual school reports. The board was invited to, at their convenience, provide feedback and/or ask Dr. Veltri questions regarding the presented school improvement plans.

VI. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Brentwood Elementary

Principal Justin Valentine thanked the board for the opportunity to present the Brentwood Elementary 2016-2017 Learning Improvement Plan. Brentwood Principal Assistant Kathy Williams was introduced, as well as social worker Kristin Swan and Title teacher Tanya Gunther who helped with the portions of the presentation. Prior to presenting the goals for the year a short video, produced by Kristin Swan and featuring Brentwood students on the subject of respect, was played.

The Brentwood Learning Improvement Plan includes four focus areas . . . Academics (ELA, Math LAP & Title), School Culture & Climate, Professional Development and Parent/Community Involvement. Strengths, challenges and goals in each of these focus areas were shared. Report highlights included:

- Addition of all-day kindergarten at Brentwood this year. There are 60 students enrolled and staff is focused on collaborating, planning and growing a strong foundation, which they hope will be beneficial to other schools as they add all-day kindergarten in the future.
- Increased collaboration between General Education, Special Education, LAP and Title.
- Parent Math Night, in its second year, has received excellent feedback. New this year is the intentional promotion of online math strategies and resources for parents.
- 100 students receive LAP services.
- Results from a recent community survey indicate parents overwhelmingly believe the climate at Brentwood promotes learning and recognizes students who demonstrate positive behaviors. Parents reported their children feel safe at school.
- Attendance focus. Goal to increase regular attendance (defined as missing 5% or less of the school year) from 72% (2015/16 school year) to 80%.

Discussion centered on why students are missing school and steps to eventually increase regular attendance to 90+%.

The board thanked Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Swan and Ms. Gunther for their presentation.

VII. Continuing Business - none

VIII. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer positively commented on the retirements of three long-time Mead employees - teachers Dave Barnes and Deb Drouin and admin assistant Eileen Thompson. He additionally indicated his support for the *Leave Without Pay* requests and the rescission of the *Good of the District* leave. Director Denholm made a motion to approve Consent Agenda A, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve Consent Agenda B, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Olson abstained from the vote.

B. Student Travel Proposal Mead High Dance Team

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a travel request from the Mead High Dance Team to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, March 1-5, 2017, to participate in World Class Dance Nationals. This trip will provide students with the opportunity to receive extensive performance feedback from judges, see teams perform from outside the local Spokane area, participate in master classes and visit the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

It is anticipated 27 students will participate. Mead High dance teacher/coach Carolyn Saccomanno and her husband Michael Saccomanno, who is also a Mead High teacher, along with three additional adults, will accompany students on the trip. The estimated parent/student cost is \$850 and fundraising opportunities are available to help offset the cost of the trip.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mead High Dance Team trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, March 1-5, 2017, to participate in World Class Dance Nationals, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Superintendent Contract Extension

Following comments from board members publically affirming the outstanding job Superintendent Tom Rockefeller has done leading the Mead School District for the past eleven years, Director Denholm made a motion to extend Superintendent Rockefeller's contract to June 30, 2020. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Farley, affirming the positive comments made by other board members, added that Superintendent Rockefeller is highly regarded in Eastern Washington and throughout the state. He serves as a mentor to many and the Mead School District has countless times and in a variety of ways benefited from his leadership.

IX. Annual Re-Organization of the Board of Directors

Director Farley called for nominations for the position of President of the Board. Director Olson made a motion to nominate Director Farley to continue in his role as President of the Board for another year. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Farley called for nominations for the position of Vice-President of the Board. Director Denholm made a motion to nominate Director Green as Vice-President of the Board. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X. Reports

A. Financial Report for the months of November & December 2016

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for November and December 2016. The district is 145 students over budget. Because of the extra expenses associated with more students and costs associated with potentially adding all day kindergarten at all elementary schools, it is probable a budget extension will be brought to the board in the coming months.

B. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller requested the board consider scheduling a Board Retreat in the very near future to talk about all day kindergarten. Following discussion, the board agreed to meet for a Board Retreat on Friday, January 27, 2017, 12:30 pm.

XI. Closed Session

A. Employee Harassment/Discrimination Complaint Board Appeal

At 7:30 p.m. Director Farley called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing an employee harassment/discrimination complaint appeal.

At 9:10 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to open session.

XII. Executive Session

At 9:10 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 9:45 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

President

Secretary