



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, February 13, 2017**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Mountainside Middle School. Directors Farley, Olson, and Burchard were present. Directors Denholm and Green were excused. Also attending were Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard and Ralph Thayer and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley and Kevin Peterson. Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri and Susana Reyes and Executive Director Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Resolution 17-01, under *New Business*, was changed from action to non-action). Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Burchard made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2017, and Special Board Meeting of January 27, 2017, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Director Olson positively commented on STEM Night and the Mead School District Bridge Building Competition. The STEM Night keynote address, presented by former astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, was excellent and both events were very well attended. At the regional wrestling tournament Mead High placed first and is sending ten wrestlers to the state 4A tournament.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Mountainside Middle School

Principal Craig Busch thanked the board for the opportunity to present the Mountainside Middle School 2016-2017 Learning Improvement Plan. Assistant Principals Deb Freeman and Jon Iverson were introduced, as well as teachers Ryan Henderson, Ben Hunter & Jim Fischer, athletic director Yukon Degenhart and counselor Erin Joyce.

The Mountainside Learning Improvement Plan includes goal areas in math, English Language Arts, school climate and professional development. Items of note in each category included:

Math (presented by Jim Fischer)

The ability to use Illuminate to assess and track student progress numerous times throughout the school year has been very beneficial. Teachers now have data to help with student placement and can better monitor student progress. 7th and 8th grade teams meet weekly to problem-solve and refine instruction. Working with district math TOSA Jeff Crawford the math department is now using materials from the Utah Middle School Math Project to help with instruction. The Utah materials have been very beneficial.

English Language Arts (presented by Ryan Henderson)

On last year's SBA 69% of students tested at grade level. The goal is to increase this percentage to 75% by June. Using the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment tool students are evaluated in September, February and April/May. These regular assessments help teachers track progress and adjust instruction. The MAP data lets

students and teachers know if they are heading in the right direction. The new middle school ELA curriculum has also had a positive impact on student learning.

School Climate (presented by Jon Iverson & Erin Joyce)

Recent student, staff and parent surveys have provided valuable school climate information. 95+% of staff feels they can count on each other for help and are respected as professionals. 86% of students are confident they will graduate from high school. The counseling department is intentionally focused on college and career readiness with particular attention directed to signing up eligible students for the state's College Bound Scholarship. This is an income-based scholarship that provides free college tuition to any school in Washington. There are four requirements . . . students must sign up in middle school, graduate from high school with a 2.0 GPA, stay out of trouble and go to college. To help raise college awareness AVID students sponsor a College Week in March.

Professional Development (presented by Craig Busch)

The Mountainside staff is always looking for ways to do more for underachieving students. They collectively believe intentional relationship time makes a difference for kids. To help in their work Whitworth professor Jan Leppien spoke with the staff in August about both gifted and struggling students. Teachers are also reading *Why Bright Kids Get Poor Grades* and *Turnaround Tools for the Teenage Brain*. Another area of focus is standardizing student expectations from class to class and grade to grade, with the goal of taking away distractions and adding consistency.

Director Farley thanked Mr. Busch and the Mountainside staff for their presentation commending them on their dedication to all students and praising the progress that has been made and the steps that are being taken to identify and fill learning gaps.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following a discussion on Leave Without Pay, which included a brief review of past practice, more recently instituted parameters and the new challenges associated with filling many permanent classified support positions, Director Olson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Award Final Phase of Performing Arts Bond Funds

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration a list of secondary music items teachers have selected for purchase using the remaining performing arts bond funds (\$300,000). The board earlier approved the spending of approximately \$500,000 of the \$800,000 performing arts bond funds. The total dollar amount of the new items, plus previously purchased items, will not exceed \$800,000.

Bids were submitted on August 29, 2016, and the district will purchase from the low bidder. All companies have agreed to honor the August 2016 pricing for one year.

Following discussion, Director Burchard made a motion to award bids for secondary music instruments not to exceed the total performing arts bond funding of \$800,000. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Award District-Wide Switches & Uninterruptable Power Supply Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration a contract with CompuNet to purchase switches and uninterruptable power supplies for the Mead School District.

The district sent out a Request for Proposal with a due date of January 27, 2017, to upgrade switches and uninterruptable power supplies in district schools. Three vendors responded with CompuNet being the responsive bidder with the lowest overall proposal amount that best meets the needs of the district.

The overall pricing of \$157,117.08 will be reduced by 50% if the district is awarded Category 2 E-Rate funding. This funding will be applied for once the project is approved. Infrastructure technology bond funds will be used to pay the district portion of the project.

Director Olson made a motion to contract with CompuNet to purchase switches and uninterruptable power supplies for the Mead School District. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Resolution 17-01
Budget Extension General Fund**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration Resolution 17-01, Budget Extension General Fund. This resolution will be an action item at the February 27, 2017, board meeting. The proposed resolution increases the appropriation level of the General Fund by \$1,350,000. Mr. Leonard presented each board member with information that included current budget numbers, current year changes and revised budget amounts.

This was a non-action item.

**E. Resolution 17-02
Capital Projects Fund Transfer**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration Resolution 17-02, Capital Projects Fund Transfer. This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. The monies will be used to purchase portable classrooms so that the district has space to offer all-day kindergarten district-wide starting in the 2017-18 school year.

Director Burchard made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-02, Capital Projects Fund Transfer, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Resolution 17-03
New-In-Lieu Replacement Option for Shiloh Hills Elementary**

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented for board consideration Resolution 17-03, New-In-Lieu Replacement Option for Shiloh Hills. The modernization and replacement of certain portions of Shiloh Hills Elementary School is one of the three flagship projects from the 2015-2021 Capital Facilities Plan approved by voters in February 2015.

51,066 square feet of the existing Shiloh Hills building are eligible for replacement or modernization. Plans call for a 1,303 square foot covered play area and a 279 square foot portion of the existing building to be replaced in-lieu-of modernization. The remaining eligible 49,484 square feet of the existing school building will be modernized.

Resolution 17-03 states the existing portions of Shiloh Hills to be replaced will be demolished and will not be used for permanent instructional purposes once the project is completed.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-03, New-In-Lieu Replacement Option for Shiloh Hills Elementary, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**G. Resolution 17-04
Value Engineering Study and Accepted Implementation for the Midway
Elementary School Modernization and Additions Project**

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented for board consideration Resolution 17-04, Value Engineering Study and Accepted Implementation for the Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Project.

A Value Engineering Study is an OSPI requirement for state matching funds when a project is larger than 50,000 square feet. This requirement also includes a resolution from the Board of Directors documenting the value analysis has been accepted and will be implemented.

The Value Engineering Study is performed to review the architect's design and make recommendations for cost avoidance, cost verification and added value proposals. The architect is then permitted to comment on, accept, reject or modify, if necessary, each proposal in the report after consultation with the district.

For Midway the actual dollar value of ideas implemented for project savings is \$485,300. Other items are still under evaluation.

Following discussion, Director Burchard made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-04, Value Engineering Study and Accepted Implementation for the Midway Elementary School Modernization and Additions Project, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. Contract/Bargaining Agreement
District Administration Office Employees Association**

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer reported that in January 2017 the District Administration Office Employees Association and the Mead School District reached a tentative four-year contract agreement (September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2020). The association has ratified the tentative agreement. Mr. Thayer provided a brief overview of the agreed upon contract changes and thanked the district and association bargaining teams. Cheri Eggleston, the association president, was in attendance.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the four-year collective bargaining agreement between District Administration Office Employees Association and the Mead School District, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Filling in for Superintendent Rockefeller, Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer reported all-day kindergarten registration opens on March 1st, the Mead School District annual Robotics Competition is February 25 at Mt. Spokane High School and the Mead High School Play, *The Dining Room*, opens a six-day run on February 15.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 20 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:30 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

President

Secretary