



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, February 27, 2017**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Green, Olson and Burchard were present. Director Denholm was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard and Pam Veltri and Executive Directors Jared Hoadley, Kevin Peterson and Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Susana Reyes 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 February 13, 2017, as presented. Director Burchard 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 sports started February 27th with all teams practicing inside because of the continuing poor weather and snow covered fields. The theme for the March 15th Coffee House is *Scooby Doo* and students have started signing up for Spring Leadership Camp. The Theatre Arts Department just completed a successful six-day run of the play *The Dining Room*, Dance Team will compete the weekend of March 4th at Nationals in Las Vegas, DECA is sending 22 students to state and band just returned from Orlando, Florida. The Incoming 9th Grade Parent/Student Night will be March 1st.

Mead High is home to two 4A state wrestling champions (Chase Tebbets & Trevor Senn) and Zella Conley is the state 4A champion on vault and floor exercise. Phil McLean was named the state 4A Wrestling Coach of the Year.

In closing, Ms. Miller shared the following quote from Maya Angelou, *"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."* Ms. Miller is near the end of her tenure representing Mead High at school board meetings. She hopes the board has enjoyed her time with them.

Director Farley thanked Ms. Miller for her informative school board reports and the positive impression she has made during the past year.

Rick Smith, parent of a Mt. Spokane student excluded as a result of the mumps outbreak, and Emmy Wise, parent of an Evergreen student, addressed the board about the continuing mumps exclusions at Mt. Spokane High School and Mountainside ordered by the Spokane Regional Health Department. Their remarks included concern for future school exclusions and the need for tutoring services for excluded students. Other items discussed by the parents, school board members, Superintendent Rockefeller and Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley included:

- Intra-district student transfers from an excluded school to a non-excluded school and the WIAA ramifications of such transfers at the high school level.
- Off school premises mumps exposure that is not controlled by the Spokane Regional Health Department (i.e. Pattison's North roller skating rink).
- The number of currently excluded students (20 at Mt. Spokane and 20 at Mountainside).
- An upcoming meeting with the Spokane Regional Health District regarding mumps that Dr. Hoadley has been invited to attend.
- Discrimination and privacy issues associated with excluded students.
- The request that the school district join parents in working for legislative changes.

Director Farley thanked the parents for bringing forward their concerns and encouraged them to remain active. He stated that most folks would be surprised at the number of things, like the mumps exclusions, mandated by the state that the school district/school board has very little control over.

Director Farley positively commented on the recent announcement by NBC that alpine skier Will Brandenburg, a 2005 Mead High graduate and former Olympian, will be a color commentator for the winter Olympics.

CTE Director Doug Edmonson introduced a new STEM testimonial video featuring the Flynn family that debuted at the recent Mead School District STEM Night. He played the video, filmed and produced by Ryan Ferguson. He also briefly highlighted future videos the district has planned that will tell personal stories of how the Mead School District engages students, inspires problem solvers and creates leaders.

Director Olson positively commented on the recent cover story in the *Mead Matters* community newsletter that highlighted the 7th grade science Body Systems Diagnostic Challenge and how this class project was instrumental in saving the life of a Northwood student.

Superintendent Rockefeller reported the district will be in a position next year to call a weather related two-hour late start rather than always having to cancel school for the entire day.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Resolution 17-01 – Budget Extension General Fund

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 17-01, Budget Extension General Fund, for board consideration. This resolution, presented as a non-action item at the February 13, 2017 board meeting, increases the appropriation level of the General Fund by \$1,350,000. The increased funding will be used to purchase furniture and supplies for the ten new all day kindergarten classrooms.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-01, Budget Extension General Fund, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Prior to making a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, Director Green acknowledged the many contributions made by retiring teachers Kathy Meredith (Evergreen), Craig Collings (Northwood) and Richard Stillar (Mountainside). Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Reschedule March 27, 2017 Board Meeting

Superintendent Rockefeller and three board members will be returning from the National School Board Conference in Denver on March 27, which means the school board meeting scheduled for that day needs to be rescheduled.

Following discussion, Director Olson made a motion to reschedule the March 27, 2017, school board meeting to Wednesday, March 29, 2017, starting at 6 p.m. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Student Travel Proposal
Mead High School Volleyball Team**

Student Services Executive Director Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a travel request from the Mead High School Volleyball Team to travel to La Jolla, California, September 21-25, 2017, to participate in the Coastal Classic volleyball tournament. Participation in this tournament will give Mead High the opportunity to compete against some of the best teams in California and push themselves to reach their highest potential.

Twelve student athletes and coaches Shawn Wilson and Kayla Mainer will make the trip, which has an estimated parent/student cost of \$650.00. The team is asking for approval early with the plan to fundraise the entire cost of the trip.

Following discussion, Director Burchard made a motion to approve the Mead High School Volleyball Team request to travel to La Jolla, California, September 21-25, 2017, to participate in the Coastal Classic volleyball tournament. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the Month of January 2017

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of January 2017. Discussion included:

- Elementary enrollment numbers. There is not a great deal of room for growth.
- The potential for an increase in kindergarten numbers now that all-day kindergarten will be offered throughout the district.
- A recent demographics study that projects a jump in enrollment next year with steady increases expected for the next ten years.

B. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Executive Director Kevin Peterson shared the Mead School District received a congratulatory letter from Governor Inslee regarding the high percentage of eligible middle school students who have signed up for the College Bound Scholarship. Information on the six-year curriculum adoption cycle was also distributed and reviewed.

Discussion included classroom sets of materials with online components versus a book for every student. On the subject of online home access, Technology Director Doug Edmonson shared his department conducted an overview survey on that topic last spring and plans to do a second survey this spring with a narrowed focus. Access to online courses was also discussed.

C. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rockefeller shared results from February bonds, which showed voter support was fairly strong.

VII. Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 15 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