



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, June 26, 2017**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 26, 2017. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, Olson and Burchard were present. Director Green was excused. Also attending were Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard and Executive Director Jared Hoadley. Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri and Susana Reyes and Executive Directors Kevin Peterson and Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Burchard 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 June 12, 2017, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Facilities & Planning Director Ned Wendle invited board members to tour the new Northwood building on Thursday, June 29th at 10:30 a.m. An invitation was also extended to attend the on-site BBQ lunch hosted by Garco Construction following the tour.

Jim Preston reported summer school has been in session for two weeks. Staff includes eight teachers who are doing an outstanding job. Mr. Preston emphasized the importance of this opportunity to earn credits outside the regular school year for students who are credit deficit and in danger of not graduating on time. Class of 2020 students will need 24 credits, rather than the current 22, to graduate.

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Highly Capable Program Grant Renewal Authorization

Learning Services Director Kim Montecucco presented the annual Highly Capable Program Grant renewal authorization for board consideration. This state funded grant supports program options for students who perform, or show the potential to perform, at a remarkably high level when compared to students of similar age, experience or environment. Submission of the request to continue receiving grant funds requires school board authorization.

The amount of funding anticipated from the grant for the 2017-2018 school year is \$99,088. The Mead School District Highly Capable Plan addresses options for students in grades K-12, including referral, nomination and qualification criteria. Last year the program served 477 students.

Following discussion, Director Denholm made a motion to authorize the submission of the Highly Capable Program Grant renewal paperwork for the 2017-2018 school year. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the Month of May 2017

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of May 2017. The district ended the school year 160 students over budget with an overall enrollment of just over 10,000 students.

B. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Director Kim Montecucco presented a brief report on the implementation of all-day kindergarten district wide this fall. Materials for centers have been ordered and August teacher training days are scheduled. The first official school day for kindergarten students will be Friday, September 8th. The first three days of school (September 5-7) are non-student days for kindergarteners providing teachers with time to meet one-on-one with each student's parents.

This coming school year the district will be piloting new curriculum for 6-8 grade math and K-4 grade English Language Arts. A curriculum adoption recommendation in those two subject areas will be brought to the board for their consideration next spring.

C. Facilities Update 10-15 Year Plan

Facilities & Planning Director Ned Wendle shared a recent article on five comprehensive plan amendments a local developer has submitted to Spokane County. Each amendment request involves a parcel of land located within the Mead School District boundaries. Mr. Wendle will represent the district at the June 28 Public Hearing on the proposed amendments. Each of the presented amendments seeks approval of a higher density zoning classification.

In preparation for projected increases in student enrollment, Mr. Wendle presented a draft 25-Year Facilities Plan. He noted the old Northwood is available to house student for 10 years following completion of the new Northwood. It is anticipated students will transition to the new Northwood during Winter Break and that Shiloh Hills students will move to the old Northwood during Spring Break where they will be housed during that school's modernization. The estimated completion date for the Shiloh Hills renovation is August 2019. The old Northwood will then be available to house students, if needed, until a new middle school and new elementary school are completed. The earliest occupancy date for these new schools is September 2022. The old Northwood could then be converted to a new District Office allowing all departments to be housed under one roof.

Mr. Wendle reviewed plans for the MSS site, which include moving the transportation and maintenance departments off-site to new facilities. The majority of the operating systems at MSS are "at or very near end-of-life."

In addition to a new middle school Mr. Wendle anticipates the need for three new elementary schools in the next ten years.

Discussion included the problems uncontrolled growth presents when zoning changes are approved. School districts receive state funding for each enrolled student however, this only covers education costs - it does not pay for facilities to address increasing enrollment. Mr. Wendle will be requesting the county help the district in finding ways to accommodate growth associated with changes to current zoning designations.

D. Superintendent's Report

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, filling in for Superintendent Rockefeller, had nothing to report.

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard reported a draft 2017-2018 budget is being prepared and will be available for review at the upcoming July 17, 2017, board meeting. The budget is expected to be in the \$116-\$117 million range with the implementation of all-day kindergarten responsible for the majority of the budget increase over last year. The state legislature has yet to approved a budget for the upcoming two year cycle that begins July 1, 2017.

VII. Closed Session

A. Athletic Code Violation Appeal

At 6:30 p.m. Director Farley called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing an Athletic Code Violation Appeal.

At 7:15 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 45 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:00 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 8:00 p.m.

President

Secretary