



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, October 9, 2017**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Green, Denholm, Olson and Burchard were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Jared Hoadley, Heather Havens and Kevin Peterson. Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri, Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard were excused.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Student Travel Proposal from Riverpoint Academy was added under New Business). Director Denholm 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 September 25, 2017, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ASB President Colton Fletcher presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. The Homecoming Dance, with an expected attendance of 900 students, is October 14. The Theatre Arts Department is in rehearsal for the upcoming production of *The Foreigner* and Marching Band just competed in the Cavalcade of Bands competition. The fall community Blood Drive will be October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The *Battle of the Bell* football game was very well attended. Mead High was the winner in a game that could have gone either way. Pregame activities included the presentation of a \$57,000 check from the Cat Scramble committee to the Mead High and Mt. Spokane Booster Clubs and the singing of the National Anthem was a joint performance by the Mead High and Mt. Spokane jazz choirs.

In conclusion, Mr. Fletcher provided a recap of other Rivalry Week athletic events.

Superintendent Rockefeller introduced and played an animated video the district has been working on to help share information about the upcoming Facilities Improvement Bond.

Director Farley positively commented on the recent Mead High *Street Fair*, which appeared to be very well attended and well received.

Mead High parent Tammy Moncur addressed the board regarding harassment, intimidation and bullying. Her stated intention was to bring awareness to what she perceives to be deficiencies in current procedures and protocols. These observations are based on a situation involving her daughter and another student that started in March of last year. She specifically referenced cyber bullying, contending the school district needs to do a better job/be more aggressive overseeing this type of behavior. Ms. Moncur quoted several sections from Mead School District Policy/Procedure 3207 and 6590.

She explained the chain of events of the last six months that started with a social media post and a “no contact” contract that was put in place for the remainder of the 16/17 school year. She concluded by sharing several recent incidents, many of which took place outside of school, that she believes are a continuation of the harassing/bullying behavior that began last March. She reported the Mead High School administration has offered another “no contact” contract but she believes this is inadequate.

In conclusion, she stated she would like to impose change and “see us stand together to create a safe and civil environment.” As a parent she would like to offer her help in this endeavor. She additionally set forth several action steps she believes should be adopted.

The board thanked Ms. Moncur for bringing forward her concerns. Comments from the board and Superintendent Rockefeller included ongoing district efforts to encourage students and parents to report concerns and the current legal limitations all school districts face when it comes to expulsions and suspensions. We all (schools, law enforcement and parents) want to keep our kids safe.

#### **IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Title Schools Brentwood, Evergreen & Shiloh Hills**

Brentwood, Evergreen and Shiloh Hills are Title I elementary schools. Principals (Justin Valentine – Brentwood, Mike Danford – Evergreen and Laura Duchow – Shiloh Hills), along with Principal Assistants (Christine Spinnell – Brentwood, Josh VanCleeef – Evergreen and Nick Edwards – Shiloh Hills), from all three schools joined together to present school successes, challenges and goal areas for the 2017/2018 school year. While the schools share many similarities each school encounters challenges unique to their community. For example, Shiloh Hills has the largest ELL elementary school population in the district (80 students). Many of these students start at Shiloh Hills knowing no English.

Each school shared successes, challenges, goals and action steps in English Language Arts, math and climate/safety. Themes/topics included proficiency versus growth, PBIS and the importance of both content and mindset when it comes to learning.

The board thanked Brentwood, Evergreen and Shiloh Hills for their presentation. Director Olson positively commented on the presentation format and stated the information presented helped him understand the challenges each school faces. Director Farley remarked on the enhanced effectiveness of PBIS when it is embedded in the culture of a school.

#### **V. Continuing Business - none**

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **A. Consent Agendas A & B**

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

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

##### **B. Student Travel Proposal Riverpoint Academy**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a travel proposal from Riverpoint Academy for one student (Mac Edmondson) and two RA teachers (Matt Green and Rick Biggerstaff) to travel to Champaign, Illinois, October 16-20, 2017, to attend the Wolfram Industries 2017 Technology Conference.

Mac Edmondson, who was invited to participate as a member of the student panel at the conference, will cover his own travel expenses. The travel expenses for teachers Matt Green and Rick Biggerstaff will be paid with CTE funds.

Director Burchard made a motion to approve the presented request from Riverpoint Academy to travel to Champaign, Illinois, October 16-20, 2017, for the Wolfram Industries 2017 Technology Conference. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. Reports**

### **A. Learning Services Report - PBIS**

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens provided a brief update on PBIS in the Mead School District. PBIS encourages good choices on the part of students and is a proactive rather than reactive behavior model. All Mead School District elementary schools and transportation have been trained in and use the three-tiered PBIS system, which is shown to decrease student discipline problems, increase academic performance and improve the social and learning climate. Before the start of school all staff new to the Mead School District participated in required PBIS 101 training. During elementary conferences there will be an opportunity for Transportation Department employees to participate in a PBIS refresher. The District Leadership Team meets four times each school year to monitor PBIS progress.

Discussion included the potential implementation of PBIS at the secondary level.

### **B. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Rockefeller had nothing to report.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

At 7:25 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately one hour for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:30 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 8:30 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**