



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

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 27, 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 Heather Havens and Wayne Leonard. Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri, Ralph Thayer, Jared Hoadley and Kevin Peterson were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Electric Line Right of Way Easement was added under New Business). Director Burchard 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 November 13, 2017, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Elizabeth Redmond presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. The football team was the 3A GSL Champion for the 4th consecutive year and the volleyball team was the 3A GSL & District 8 Champion and placed 3rd at state. The fall play, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, just completed a successful run and the Marching Band concluded their season with a 4th place finish at the WSU Marching Band Competition. Students are planning for the upcoming *Catmania* and *Pack the Palace* basketball games and the Winter Formal.

Director Farley positively reported that Mead High School graduate Will Brandenburg is a color commentator for televised pre-Olympic alpine ski events.

Director Green positively commented on the Jazz Choir Concert she attended at Mead High School just prior to Thanksgiving. It was "spectacular."

IV. Oath of Office

Superintendent Rockefeller administered the Oath of Office to recently elected board members Carmen Green and Chad Burchard.

V. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Prairie View Elementary

Principal Irene Gonzales thanked the board for the opportunity to present the Prairie View Elementary 2017-2018 Learning Improvement Plan. There are 11 new certificated staff members at Prairie View this school year . . . at least one new teacher at each grade level.

With assistance from Principal Assistant Alicia Eckman, and teachers Anne Pritchard, Jen Wrigley, Rebecca Danica and Kellie Nixon, strengths, challenges and goals in English Language Arts, Mathematics and School Climate were shared. Last year the school added a college and career focus to their annual Science Fest and now that Prairie View has been open for ten years they have started tracking their alumni.

Director Olson asked about community response to the transition of 6th graders last year to the Northwood campus. Dr. Gonzales reported the transition was very smooth. Both last year and this year 6th graders return to Prairie View for after school sports. It has been a positive experience for 5th graders to step into a leadership role in the school.

VI. Continuing Business - none

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Resolution 17-19

Value Engineering Study and Accepted Implementation for the Shiloh Hills Elementary School Modernization and Additions Project

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented for board consideration Resolution 17-19, Value Engineering Study and Accepted Implementation for the Shiloh Hills 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.

Because the Midway and Shiloh Hills projects are so similar many of the cost savings identified in the Midway project have already been incorporated into the Shiloh Hills design. Therefore, the actual dollar value of ideas implemented for savings at Shiloh Hills is \$20,000.

Following discussion, Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-19, Value Engineering Study and Accepted Implementation for the Shiloh Hills Elementary School Modernization and Additions Project, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

Following review of results from the staff-wide vote on two calendar options for the 2018-2019 school year, which resulted in 56% of staff voting for Option A, Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Calendar Option A (first day of school Tuesday, September 4, Winter Break December 24 - January 4 and last day of school June 13). Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Perkins Grant Submission Authorization

CTE Director Doug Edmonson presented the Perkins Grant Submission Authorization for board consideration. Each year the Mead School District submits a Perkins Grant application to OSPI. This federally funded grant, managed by OSPI, helps support the Mead School District CTE plan that includes the Summer STEM Academy, STEM Forward Events, district-wide STEM competitions and CTE courses. OSPI has revamped the grant application process and one of the changes is school board authorization to submit the grant.

Director Green made a motion to approve/authorize the submission of the Perkins Grant for the 2017-2018 school year. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Electric Line Right of Way Easement

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented a request from Avista for a 10-foot wide easement adjacent to the southern border of the Mt. Spokane High School property. The purpose of the easement is to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, upgrade, repair, remove, relocate and replace overhead/underground electric distribution lines.

Discussion included possible payment (\$1,500) for the easement. Mr. Wendle will investigate this.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Electric Line Right of Way Easement, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Financial Report for the Month of October 2017

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for the month of October 2017. As of November 1st the district is 170 students over budget. If Running Start students are included that number increases to 240 students.

B. Learning Services - ELD Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens presented the annual ELD report, which included a brief overview of 2017-2018 program changes, number of students served including how many at each grade level, total number of languages spoken, ELD staff and program goals. A Newcomer's Center to help serve the 80 ELL students who attend Shiloh Hills Elementary has been opened this year and a new state requirement is the testing of all foreign exchange students. Mead School District schools with the highest number of ELL students are Shiloh Hills, Evergreen, Mountainside and Mt. Spokane.

The district, working in conjunction with Ferguson Films, has been working on a 12-part *This is Mead* video series. Included in this series is a segment featuring the district's ELL program, which was played for the board. The video beautifully captures the dedication and passion of Mt. Spokane teachers Sarah Moureaux and Petronia Balcheva who, along with our other ELD teachers, provide outstanding learning opportunities for our 400+ ELL students.

C. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller had nothing to report.

IX. Executive Session

At 7:05 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 p.m. Director Farley returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8 p.m.

President

Secretary