



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, January 8, 2018**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2018. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Colbert Elementary School. Directors Farley, Green, Olson and Burchard were present. Director Denholm was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Ralph Thayer, Jared Hoadley, Kevin Peterson, Pam Veltri and Heather Havens.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. 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 December 11, 2017, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Director Burchard positively commented on the new Northwood building that he and other board members recently had the opportunity to tour. In particular, Director Burchard mentioned the many impressive building efficiencies and well thought-out design/layout. The new Northwood welcomed students for the first time on January 2, 2018.

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Peterson positively commented on the newly remodeled north and east wings at Midway. Students occupied these new spaces for the first time on January 2, 2018. The renovated wings are very nice and the kids are very excited about the new classrooms.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Colbert Elementary

Principal Rob Haugen, who is in his 6th year as principal at Colbert, welcomed the board and thanked them for the opportunity to present the school's 2017-2018 Learning Improvement Plan. Assisting with the presentation were administrative interns Kellie Jo Timberlake and Erin O'Connor and Colbert Principal Assistant Cari Trowbridge. Ms. Trowbridge is at Colbert on Mondays and Tuesdays and, even though this is her first year at the school, she has already made a significant impact on the Colbert community.

In addition to reviewing last year's ELA and Math goals, providing data on how the school did in reaching said goals and sharing new/updated goals for the current school year, Colbert shared several personal stories about how individual student learning was impacted this past year at Colbert. Numbers look good on paper but it is each individual student that matters.

Mrs. Johnson, the library para-ed, talked about Jane who was new to Colbert last year. Jane had gaps in her reading ability as well as gaps in confidence. Mrs. Johnson shared the progress Jane made last year in both her reading and confidence. Today Jane has friends, is confident and eagerly reads books that help expand her ELA skills. 6th grade teacher Paula Hume shared the story of two girls, Karissa and Clara, who struggled in math. They were confident in all other subjects but math was hard. Last year as 6th graders both girls made two years worth of growth in math. Both still have progress to make as 7th graders at Mountainside but are now much

more confident math students. In fact, Karissa is doing so well she had been exited from Resource Math.

For the 17-18 school year Colbert's goal is to reduce the achievement GAP in ELA and math by 50%.

Also in attendance were teachers who chair nine separate committees/teams (ACES, Homework, PBIS 20%, PBIS 80%, Safety & Security, SIP, STEM, Stewardship & Sunshine) at Colbert. Each team leader briefly explained the work of their committee.

In conclusion, Mr. Haugen shared a video featuring students singing about Colbert's 3 Rs . . . Respectful - Responsible - Ready.

The board thanked Mr. Haugen and the many Colbert staff members who took part in this presentation. Director Green "loved the personal stories that were shared." Director Olson remarked on the school's impressive SBA scores and thanked staff for their hard work. Director Farley echoed the positive comments of other board members and noted the school's focus on student needs before staff needs.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Superintendent Contract Extension

Following comments from board members publically affirming the outstanding job Superintendent Tom Rockefeller has done leading the Mead School District for the past twelve years, Director Green made a motion to extend Superintendent Tom Rockefeller's contract to June 30, 2021. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 18-01

Award, Including Accepted Alternates, Shiloh Hills Elementary School Modernization and Additions

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 18-01, Award, Including Accepted Alternates, Shiloh Hills Elementary School Modernization and Additions, for board consideration. The Mead School District requested bid proposals for the Shiloh Hills Elementary School modernization and additions project with a base bid due date of December 14, 2017 at 3 pm and an alternates and subs due date of December 14, 2017 at 4 pm. Five construction companies submitted bids: Bouten, Garco, Graham, Lydig and TW Clark. Garco Construction was the low bidder. The amount of the Garco bid (base bid plus alternates) was \$15,343,806. The board was provided with a financial spreadsheet summarizing all bids.

Director Burchard made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-01, awarding the General Construction Contract for the construction of the Shiloh Hills Elementary School Modernization and Additions Project to Garco Construction, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the month of November 2017

Before presenting a brief financial report for the month of the November 2017, Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard updated the board on reporting and accounts payable changes upcoming and recently implemented in the Business Services Department. A few months ago the district began paying vendors weekly rather than bi-weekly

to take advantage of discounts that can, because of timing, sometimes expire when invoices are only paid two times each month. Additionally, Business Services is transitioning to reporting payroll and vendor payments to the board for approval on one, consolidated certification sheet rather than the multiple documents currently used.

B. Learning Services Report

Learning Services/Special Services Assistant Superintendent Kevin Peterson provided an update on the work taking place to provide better student behavior support to schools. The district has hired Dr. Lisa Hoyt as a consultant to help the district establish a comprehensive and sustainable behavior intervention program. Dr. Hoyt is very highly regarded. A committee has already met with Dr. Hoyt once and is scheduled to meet with her again for two days on January 11 and 12. Dr. Peterson expressed his confidence that Dr. Hoyt will help “push our entire system in the right direction. It is very helpful to have an outside individual take a look at where we are and where we should go.” In conclusion, Dr. Peterson extended an invitation to the board to attend the Thursday, January 11 committee meeting.

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri briefly reported on the on-going comprehensive study of district co-curricular programs, which includes looking at the fees charged to students involved in co-curricular activities, particularly at the high school level. Proposed legislative changes may mandate maximum fees that can be charged to students who live in low income households.

C. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Rockefeller reminded about the following upcoming events:

- January 16 - *Pack the Palace* basketball game (Mead High @ Mt. Spokane)
- January 17 - *STEM Night*
- January 25 - *Glow Down, Show Down* wrestling match (Mead High @ Mt. Spokane)

VIII. Executive Session

At 7 p.m. Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately 50 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.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

President

Secretary