



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, February 12, 2018**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Northwood Middle School. Directors Denholm, Green, Olson, Burchard and Farley were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Ralph Thayer, Jared Hoadley and Kevin Peterson. Assistant Superintendents Pam Veltri and Heather Havens were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Resolution 18-03, Survey of Space Availability in Neighboring School Districts, 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 January 22, 2018, and Special Board Meeting of January 31, 2018, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

2017-2018 ASB President Colton Fletcher, presenting for his final time, briefly reviewed the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. 2018-2019 ASB President Ike Schneider was also in attendance. Moving forward Ike will be providing the Mead High report at board meetings.

The Theatre Arts Department play, *Up the Down Staircase*, starts a six-day run on February 21 and in May drama students will be traveling to Ashland, Oregon. A choir concert is planned for the evening of February 13 and Mead High Debate Coach Michael Stovern was recently honored with the *Thomas S. Foley Ambassador's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Forensics Education* in recognition of his many, many contributions, over the past 17 years, to the field of forensics education. The gymnastics team, by placing first at the 4A regional competition, qualified to compete as a team at the upcoming state gymnastics meet. The wrestling team placed first in the GSL and first at Regionals where they qualified eight wrestlers for the state tournament. The Incoming 9th Grade Parent/Student Night for the Class of 2022 is February 27.

Director Olson reported that both the Mt. Spokane High School boys and girls basketball teams were the GSL 3A Champions and will play in District 8 Championship Games on Thursday, February 15 at the Arena. Director Farley positively commented on the fact that students can attend these playoff games free of charge thanks to the generosity of the Mt. Spokane Athletic Booster Club.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report – Northwood Middle School

Principal Dave Stenersen welcomed the board and thanked them for the opportunity to present the Northwood 2017-2018 Learning Improvement Plan. Assisting with the presentation were Assistant Principals Jay Tyus and Teresa Laher. Northwood is committed to high expectations, high support and growth for everyone.

The Northwood Learning Improvement Plan includes eight major priorities. Each priority was briefly explained. Highlights included:

- The significance of student growth, not just achievement, and the importance of a plan with multi-tiered levels of support for students who struggle.
- The sharing of personal stories about three individual students, from a variety of backgrounds, which helped illustrate the effectiveness of the structures that are in place to help improve student learning at Northwood.
- The continuing, successful evolution of incorporating 6th graders into the Northwood community.
- The intentional focus on fostering strong parent and community involvement at Northwood. Specific reference was made to the January 20 New Northwood Open House/Dedication Ceremony attended by more than 700 individuals and the February 7 Grandparents Day where 350 grandparents joined 250 Northwood students for coffee, donuts and a tour of the building.

In conclusion, Mr. Stenersen thanked the board and community for the beautiful new building and talked briefly about the design and building process that started three years ago with the passage of the bond that funded the new construction. Staff and students love the new learning space and are particularly complimentary of the library, Commons and physical education facilities plus all of the natural light.

The board thanked Mr. Stenersen, Mr. Tyus and Ms. Laher for their presentation.

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. First Reading Procedure 6600 Revision
Transportation of Students**

Transportation Director Brian Liberg presented a revision to Procedure 6600, Transportation of Students, for first reading consideration. Procedure 6600 was adopted on April 30, 2007. There are two proposed revisions. The first allows the school district, on a case-by-case basis, to provide school bus transportation in gated communities or other private developments. The second proposed revision has to do with maximum riding time.

Following discussion it was recommended a sentence be added that states any approved application to provide school bus transportation in a gated community or private development does not negate required safety factors/considerations.

This was a non-action item.

**C. First Reading Policy 5401 Revision
Sick, Injury and Emergency Leave and Attendance Incentive**

Human Services Director Keri Hutchins presented a revision to Policy 5401, Sick, Injury and Emergency Leave and Attendance Incentive, for first reading consideration. Policy 5401 was adopted on August 20, 2012. The presented revisions primarily update Policy 5401 to comply with RCW 49.46.210 that, beginning January 1, 2018, provides for one hour of sick leave for every 40 hours worked for non-exempt/variable hour employees. Other proposed revisions update the policy to reflect current district practices.

There were no recommended changes to the proposed revision.

This was a non-action item.

**D. Student Travel Proposal
Mt. Spokane Football**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard, filling in for Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley, presented for board consideration a request from the Mt. Spokane football team to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii, August 27, 2019 – September 1, 2019, to play a football game against Damien Memorial School and visit cultural/historical sites in Honolulu. It is anticipated 40 student-athletes and nine coaches/chaperones will make the trip. The estimated parent/student cost of the trip is \$1,250 and multiple fundraising opportunities will be available to offset some, or up to all, of the cost of the trip. Mt. Spokane is seeking early trip approval to allow ample time to raise money.

Following discussion that raised questions regarding eligibility requirements, WIAA implications and fundraising, Director Farley made a motion to table a decision on the presented student travel proposal. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Mt. Spokane athletic director and varsity football coach will be invited to the next board meeting so they can personally answer questions related to the trip.

**E. Resolution 18-03
Survey of Space Availability in Neighboring School Districts**

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 18-03, Survey of Space Availability in Neighboring School Districts, for board consideration. The completion of a survey, every six years, to determine the space availability in neighboring school districts is a requirement of WAC 392-3410-80(2). In August 2017 the Mead School District surveyed seven neighboring school districts to determine if they have space that could be used by the Mead School District. All surveyed districts reported they have no space available.

Director Burchard made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-03, Survey of Space Availability in Neighboring School Districts, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Learning Services Report

Learning Services/Special Services Assistant Superintendent Kevin Peterson provided an update on the work of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee. At a recent committee meeting a parent made a presentation requesting the Mead School District consider offering an elementary school Montessori program. Following this presentation the committee made the decision to conduct a study to determine space availability, program cost, etc. The committee will also start a similar study on the feasibility of starting a STEM elementary school program.

Regarding Core 24, a decision has been made to pursue offering Spanish at the middle school level. Student interest is now being investigated and, provided there are sufficient requests for the course, each middle school will be staffed with a half-time Spanish teacher next year. Learning Services also continues to explore online and alternative options for credit deficient high school students.

Special Services has convened a DLC Committee that will examine class size and para-ed allocations as they look for ways to better serve students.

The Behavior Support Committee work continues with the goal of having a strong support system in place at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Rockefeller had nothing to report.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m. Director Denholm 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 Denholm 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