



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, March 26, 2018**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, Olson and Farley were present. Directors Green and Burchard were excused. Also attending was Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Ralph Thayer, Heather Havens, Jared Hoadley and Kevin Peterson. Assistant Superintendent Pam Veltri was excused.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Olson made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Farley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Director Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2018, and Special Board Meeting of March 22, 2018, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

2017-2018 ASB President Elizabeth Redmond, presenting for her final time, briefly reviewed the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. 2018-2019 ASB President Topher Wright was also in attendance. Moving forward Topher will be presenting the Mt. Spokane report at board meetings.

Both basketball teams (boys & girls) qualified for the State 3A Tournament that took place at the Tacoma Dome and both concluded the season finishing in the top 12 for 3A high schools in Washington. The Senior Class Diaper Drive resulted in the collection of 13,000+ diapers that were donated to Catholic Charities, the Spring Blood Drive takes place in mid-April and several HOSA and DECA students have qualified for national tournaments. In conclusion, Ms. Redmond, who will attend Gonzaga University next year, said good-bye and thanked the board for their support.

Several members of a local Boy Scout Troop were in attendance fulfilling requirements of a Citizenship Merit Badge.

**IV. Continuing Business - none**

**V. New Business**

**A. Resolution 18-05 - Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds  
Principal Amount of \$114,500,000**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard introduced Jon Gores and Cory Plager of D.A. Davidson who provided information on the upcoming sale of the bonds approved by voters on February 13, 2018. This report included the following:

- **Bond Sale Goals** - Tax rate not to exceed \$2.32/\$1,000 of assessed value . . . 20 year term.
- **Market Update** - Even though interest rates have risen in the last few months they are still at historic lows.

- **Financing Plan** - Bonds will be sold in one issue. It is estimated the tax rate will be \$2.27 with a 19.5 year term. The estimated bond yield is 4.11%.
- **Bond Sale Schedule** - The estimated bond issue date is May 16, 2018.

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard introduced Faith Pettis, of Pacifica Law Group LLP, who presented Resolution 18-05, Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Principal Amount of \$114,500,000, for board consideration. Ms. Pettis, who is the district's new bond counsel, thanked the board for the opportunity to work with the Mead School District.

Adoption of Resolution 18-05 will authorize the Board Secretary or the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to negotiate the sale, issue and delivery of the bonds to finance the February 13, 2018, voter approved projects at the lowest possible interest rate in order to benefit district taxpayers. No bond shall bear interest at a rate greater than 5% per annum and the final maturity of the bonds shall not be later than 20 years.

Director Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-05, Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds Principal Amount of \$114,500,000, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. Consent Agenda**

Following a recommendation from Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, Director Farley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Olson brought special attention to the retirement of three veteran teachers from Mead High School - Karen Brathovde, Shannon Moser and Mark Majeski.

#### **C. Resolution 18-06 Safety Plan**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented Resolution 18-06, Safety Plan, for board consideration. In 2013 the Mead School District Board of Directors authorized the formation of a Safety Committee. The majority of immediate and mid-term safety and security needs identified by that committee have been addressed thanks to \$3.4 million provided in the February 2015 bond. Resolution 18-06 would authorize the formation of a new Safety Committee to update the district's long-range safety plan and make recommendations for future safety/security enhancements. This advisory study group would include no more than 20 individuals who equitably represent the district, along with Dr. Hoadley and one or both of the district's resource officers.

Following discussion, that included the request that the board have a representative on the committee and that the committee clearly understand they are an advisory group, Director Farley made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-06, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **D. Curriculum Adoption - K-4 English Language Arts**

Learning Services Director Kim Montecucco introduced Instructional Curricular Support Teacher Robin Placzek who presented for board consideration the recommendation to adopt Benchmark Advance as the new English Language Arts curriculum for K-4 grade students. Following the steps outlined in Mead School District Policy/Procedure 2020 (Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials) the K-4 ELA curriculum adoption process started in September of 2016. Two programs were piloted in the fall of 2017 resulting in the recommendation to adopt Benchmark Advance. The total cost of the adoption, per student cost by grade level and proposed professional development were also shared.

Following discussion, Director Farley made a motion to adopt Benchmark Advance as the district's K-4 ELA curriculum. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

#### **E. Project Manager Selection**

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented for board consideration the selection of Heery International, Inc. as the project manager for the bond projects approved by voters on February 13, 2018. The district received five Request for Qualification for Program/Project Management Consultant for the five flagship projects included in the February 13 bond. A district team scored the RFQs and Heery International, Inc. received the highest score from each team member. Following board approval of the project manager the district and Heery will begin negotiating an acceptable contract for services.

Director Olson made a motion to approve Heery International, Inc. as the project manager for the five flagship projects included in the February 13, 2018, Facilities Improvement Bond. Director Farley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **F. Award District Wide Firewall Contract**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented for board consideration the selection of Compunet as the vendor to provide a new district wide firewall. A new firewall is needed to accommodate increased bandwidth, support the recent Chromebook adoption and to adequately handle the increasing demands on the district's technology infrastructure. Two vendors submitted bids for this one time purchase. Compunet was the low cost vendor who best meets the needs of the district. The cost of the new firewall (\$100,009.67) will be paid out of technology funds provided in the February 2015 bond.

Director Farley made a motion to award the new firewall contract to Compunet. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **VI. Reports**

#### **A. Financial Report for the month of February 2018**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for February 2018.

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

Superintendent Rockefeller shared that the Shiloh Hills Elementary School Modernization Project Ground Breaking Ceremony will be Friday, March 30 at 2 pm.

### **VII. Closed Session**

#### **Public School Employees of Washington Step IV Grievance**

At 6:50 pm Director Denholm called for a Closed Session for the purpose of hearing a Public School Employees of Washington Step IV grievance.

At 7:40 pm Director Denholm returned the meeting to Open Session

### **VIII. Executive Session**

At 7:45 p.m. Director Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8:15 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 8:15 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**