



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, October 22, 2018**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Farley, Olson and Burchard were present. Directors Denholm and Green were excused. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Ralph Thayer, Kevin Peterson, Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Burchard 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 October 8, 2018, and Special Board Meeting of October 8, 2018, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Katie Hagel presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Both the *Street Fair* and *Home Coming Dance* were very well attended. The fall play is in full rehearsal, at the recent *Yakima Marching Band Competition* Mead earned *Best Colorguard* honors and sign-ups for *Fall Leadership Camp* are underway. Ms. Hagel concluded her report with a sports recap.

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

Brentwood, Evergreen and Shiloh Hills are Mead School District Title schools. School administrators - Justin Valentine & Christine Spinnell (Brentwood), Mike Danford & Josh VanCleaf (Evergreen) and Laura Duchow & Nick Edwards (Shiloh Hills) - joined together to present school successes, challenges and goal areas for the 2018-2019 school year. While all three schools share many similarities each school encounters challenges unique to their community.

Each school shared successes, challenges, goals and action steps in English Language Arts, math and climate/safety. Themes/topics included looking for ways to proactively reduce "common area" behavior referrals, the importance of both content and mindset when it comes to learning, plus "test caps" and the need for additional tools to measure academic growth for tier 3 & tier 4 students.

The board thanked Brentwood, Evergreen and Shiloh Hills for their presentation. Director Burchard positively commented on the "three schools together" presentation format.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

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

B. Elementary Conference Waiver Days

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens requested board permission to submit a three-year Waiver Request to the State Board of Education for four elementary school days for the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. A similar three-year request was submitted for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years to conduct elementary parent/teacher conferences. The move in the 2016-17 school year to conducting conferences on one half-day and two full days in the fall and spring has proven to be very beneficial for Mead School District parents, students and staff. Therefore, Learning Services recommends seeking a second three-year waiver to continue this conference format. Submission of a Waiver Request requires school board approval.

Director Burchard made a motion to approve the submission of a Waiver Request to the State Board of Education for four elementary school days for the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Student Travel Proposal Mead High Band

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a request from the Mead High School Band & Colorguard to travel to Anaheim, California, May 23-28, 2019, to participate in music performances through a Heritage Festival organized by WorldStrides.

It is anticipated the trip will include 100 students and 20 adult chaperons along with band/colorguard teachers Rob Lewis & Brandon Campbell. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Campbell have taken Mead High students on trips similar to this in the past. The estimated parent/student cost of the trip is \$1,500 and multiple fundraising opportunities are available to help offset the cost of the trip. Students will miss two days of school.

Following discussion regarding declining student participation in high school band programs and whether this decrease is associated with travel expenses to out of town competitions/events, Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mead High band/colorguard request to travel to Anaheim, California, May 23-28, 2019, to participate in music performances through a Heritage Festival organized by WorldStrides, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Contract/Bargaining Agreement Mead Combined Trades Association

Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer reported that the Mead Combined Trades Association and the Mead School District have reached a tentative three-year contract agreement (September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2021). The association has ratified this tentative agreement. Prior to recommending the board approve the contract Mr. Thayer provided a brief overview of the agreed upon contract changes and thanked both bargaining teams for their work.

Following discussion regarding the number of employees in the bargaining group and comparables for like positions in the Spokane region, Director Burchard made a motion to approve the tentative three-year contract between the Mead Combined Trades Association and the Mead School District, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 18-17 Interfund Loan from Capital Projects Fund to Debt Service Fund

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 18-17, Interfund Loan from Capital Projects Fund to Debt Service Fund, for board consideration. WAC 392-123-140 allows school districts to make interfund loans. The Mead School District Debt

Service Fund is in need of a temporary \$600,000 loan to cover the time period from the collection of fall property taxes to the spring tax collections. The district's Capital Projects Fund has sufficient capacity to make such a loan without detriment to any project for which the fund was established. The loan will be repaid within one year of the date of the resolution and repayment will include interest based on the prevailing interest rate in the Spokane County Investment Pool.

Following discussion, Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-17, Interfund Loan from Capital Projects Fund to Debt Service Fund, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Riverpoint Academy – WSU Research Update

Riverpoint Academy Principal Moleena Harris introduced Janet Frost, Academic Director with WSU Spokane, who presented a brief report on the research project WSU has been conducting at Riverpoint Academy. The study started in the 2014-15 school year and the focus of the study has evolved over time. Ms. Frost reported on findings from the 2017-18 school year and indicated the study will continue for at least one more year (2018-19). Key report components included:

- Teacher-Student Interactions and Relationships
- Projects and Exhibitions
- Mathematics Teaching, Learning & Attitudes
- Alumni Perspectives & Pursuits

Discussion topics included what can be taken away from the RA study and applied at more traditional school settings and the need for a transition plan as founding teachers retire and are replaced with new teachers. Principal Harris believes RA is not a traditional magnet school but represents a really good “thin slice” of the Mead School District as a whole. She additionally believes the average learner at RA is similar to the average learner at other district high schools.

B. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller had nothing to report.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:40 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 8:30 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.

President

Secretary