



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, November 5, 2018**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 5, 2018. The meeting began at 6 p.m. and was held at Midway Elementary School. Directors Denholm, Green, Olson and Farley were present. Director Burchard was 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 Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (discussion of a proposed easement with Whitworth Water was added under *Superintendent's Report*). Director Olson 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 October 22, 2018, as presented. Director Farley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Topher Wright presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. Mt. Spokane is the GSL Volleyball Championship going undefeated in league play, the football team qualified for playoffs, two cross country runners qualified for state and the slowpitch softball team is the State Champion. The fall play, *The Butler Did It*, begins a six-day run on November 8 and the school will celebrate Veterans Day with an all school assembly on November 9.

Director Green, who attended an ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter & evacuate) training with Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley and Mead High Principal Assistant Ray Picicci in the Reardan School District, spoke positively about the experience and the need to carefully consider student safety when designing new school buildings, especially with regard to providing opportunities for students and staff to quickly exit buildings. Director Green, Dr. Hoadley and Mr. Picicci, who are now ALICE trainers, look forward to providing training for district staff.

CTE Executive Director Doug Edmonson announced that the Mead School District (Northwood Middle School) has received a \$20,000 STEM Lighthouse Grant. The check and award banner will be presented by OSPI in the near future.

IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report - Midway Elementary

Principal Josh Westermann welcomed the board and thanked them for the opportunity to present the Midway Elementary 2018-2019 Learning Improvement Plan. Assisting with the presentation were Principal Assistant Kellie Jo Timberlake and 18 5th & 6th grade students who comprise the Midway *Shark Council*. Also in attendance were *Shark Council* advisors Tia Rupe and Kristen Labrie.

Shark Council is new to Midway this school year. Three representatives were selected to serve on the council from each 5th and 6th grade class. Students serve on peer mentor, public relations and welcoming teams.

Following last year's remodel Midway is excited to celebrate their new building and focus on serving all kids. Midway is committed to starting and expanding a PLC culture. To that end, the 5th grade and kindergarten teams attended a PLC conference in October. The 5th grade team is now sharing what they learned with the 4th grade team and kindergarten teachers are doing the same with 1st grade teachers. The goal is to expand the PLC model into all grade levels.

Midway's Math, ELA and School Climate goals and strategies to reach said goals were shared. This year Midway has instituted a common schedule and special education teachers are not simply pulling students out of class to deliver instruction but are also going into the classroom to work with their students. Midway is very proud to report that, to date, their attendance rate is 98%. Kids want to be at Midway and parents want them to be there.

The board thanked Mr. Westermann and Ms. Timberlake for their presentation and commended the entire staff on being proactive as they identify areas of concern that are then addressed with viable solutions.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following discussion regarding the sale of technology surplus items, Director Farley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Student Travel Proposal

Mt. Spokane High School Band, Choir & Orchestra

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a request from the Mt. Spokane High School Band, Choir & Orchestra to travel to Anaheim, California, March 28, 2019 - April 2, 2019, to participate in performance opportunities through WorldStrides.

It is anticipated the trip will include 100 students plus adult chaperones, along with teachers Sy Hovik, Scott Jones, Dale Emery & Tobin Eystone. Mt. Spokane music students have participated in similar trips in the past. The estimated parent/student cost of the trip is \$1,100 and multiple fundraising opportunities are available to help offset the cost of the trip. Students will miss two days of school.

Following discussion that included a request that the staff members submitting the travel request be in attendance to answer questions, Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mt. Spokane High School Band, Choir & Orchestra request to travel to Anaheim, California, March 28, 2019 - April 2, 2019, to participate in performance opportunities through WorldStrides, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Student Travel Proposal

Mt. Spokane DECA - National Competition

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a request from Mt. Spokane DECA to travel to Orlando, Florida, April 25, 2019 - May 1, 2019, to participate in DECA Nationals.

It is anticipated eight Mt. Spokane students will qualify for this national event. Mt. Spokane teacher/DECA Advisor Dave Whitehead and an appropriate number of adult chaperones will travel with students. The estimated parent/student financial obligation for the trip is \$800 and fundraising opportunities are available.

Following discussion, Director Green made a motion to approve the Mt. Spokane DECA request to travel to Orlando, Florida, April 25, 2019 - May 1, 2019, to participate in DECA Nationals, as presented. Director Farley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Student Travel Proposal

Mt. Spokane DECA New York Marketing Experience

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration a request from Mt. Spokane DECA to travel to New York City March 28, 2019 - April 3, 2019.

It is anticipated 10-12 students will participate. Students will have the opportunity to conduct fashion designer interviews and visit Sports Illustrated as well as tour famous landmarks such as Yankee Stadium, the United Nations and the Statue of Liberty. Mt. Spokane teacher/DECA Advisor Dave Whitehead and an appropriate number of adult chaperones will travel with students. The estimated parent/student financial obligation for the trip is \$2000 and fundraising opportunities are available.

Director Farley made a motion to approve the Mt. Spokane DECA request to travel to New York City, March 28, 2019 - April 3, 2019, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution 18-18

Elementary Waiver Days

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens presented Resolution 18-18, Elementary Waiver Days, for board consideration. For the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years The Washington State Board of Education granted the Mead School District four waiver days each year to conduct elementary parent/teacher conferences. The move from conducting conferences on five half-days two times each year, to holding 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. The submission of a similar three-year waiver for 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 requires the adoption of a board resolution authorizing the submission of the request.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 18-18, Elementary Waiver Days, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. 2017-2018 Year-End Financial Report

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief year-end financial report for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens and Learning Services Assistant Director AJ Blumel presented a report on the work of the Core 24 Leadership Team. The purpose of the team is to study and recommend systems that will support students in earning the 24 credits needed to graduate on time. The team includes six cadres who are looking at high school options, middle school options, on-line options and alternative programs. The district already has several credit retrieval opportunities in place, such as providing Summer School at no charge for district students. The Core 24 Leadership Team will be recommending additional student credit retrieval supports/opportunities by the end of the school year.

In conclusion, Ms. Havens shared that The Washington State Board of Education is considering changes that may allow some flexibility when it comes to credit requirements for graduation.

C. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items

Facility and Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle presented an easement request from Whitworth Water District. The request is for a 15-foot permanent easement, plus a 15-foot temporary construction easement, on Mead High School's north property line. Granting the easement will not impact athletic events that take place on adjacent sports fields.

Following discussion, the board recommended the easement be brought forward at the next board meeting as an action item.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:30 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 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 p.m.

President

Secretary