



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, January 28, 2019**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019. The meeting began at 6 pm and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, Green, Olson and Burchard were present. Dorcas Wylder, the individual selected to replace Ron Farley on the board representing Director District #4, was also present along with Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Wayne Leonard, Kevin Peterson, Jared Hoadley, Heather Havens and Ralph Thayer.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Green made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. 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 January 14, 2019, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 26, 2019, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Burchard, who was excused from the January 26, 2019, meeting, abstained.

**III. Oath of Office - Director District #4**

Director Denholm explained the process for replacing Ron Farley who resigned his position on the Mead School District Board of Directors effective December 11, 2018. Eight strong, highly qualified candidates expressed interest and were interviewed by the board to fill the open position on January 26, 2019, at a Special Board Meeting. Dorcas Wylder was the unanimous selection to fill the vacancy.

Director Denholm administered the Oath of Office to Dorcas Wylder.

**IV. Proclamation - Board of Directors Recognition**

January is *School Board Appreciation Month* in the state of Washington. To acknowledge and thank the Mead School District Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to district students, staff and the community, Superintendent Tom Rockefeller read a *School Board Recognition Proclamation* from Governor Jay Inslee.

Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School ASB officers, who were in attendance, also expressed their appreciation to the school board.

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

Mt. Spokane High School and Mead High School recently elected ASB officers for the 2019-2020 school year. New officers (listed below) were introduced by outgoing officers.

**Mt. Spokane High School**

President: Allison McKernan  
Vice President: Klaire Perry  
Treasurer: Allie Lafferty  
Secretary: Josie Martin  
Public Relations: Kainoa Figueira

**Mead High School**

President: Castan Koistinen  
Vice President: Brayden Perrins  
Treasurer: Drew Niska  
Secretary: Nathan Tullis  
Public Relations: Avery Elam  
Sergeant of Arms: Allen Troung

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. The combined record for winter sport varsity teams is an impressive 63 wins with only two losses, and all four programs - gymnastics, wrestling, girls basketball (3A) and boys basketball (3A) - are GSL Champions. Several pieces of student art will be entered into the upcoming local ESD101 Regional Art Competition. Winners at this local competition will qualify for entry in the State Art Competition taking place later this spring in Olympia.

ASB President Katie Hagel presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. While Mead's winter sports season has not been as successful as Mt. Spokane's, the Debate Team is number one in the GSL and includes several state and national qualifiers. At the recent *Glow Down Show Down* wrestling match Mead coach and former counselor Dave Vaughn was in attendance. Mr. Vaughn recently suffered a serious spinal cord injury and at the match \$2,500 was collected to help defray medical expenses.

A former Mead High DLC student, who currently attends SCC, addressed the board regarding the math instruction she received in high school. She encouraged the district to enhance math instruction for DLC students. If she had received more math instruction, especially fractions, she feels she would have been successful on math placement tests and better prepared for college.

Several members of Scout Troop 12 were in attendance to fulfill Community Merit Badge requirements.

Learning Services Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens invited the board to the following upcoming events:

- **March 15 Learning Improvement Day, 8 am - 3 pm, Davenport Grand** - Nationally recognized speaker Anthony Muhammad will speak to teachers on the topic of Professional Learning Communities and How to Close the Achievement Gap.
- **February 22 Boys & Girls Club Fundraiser**

#### **VI. Continuing Business - none**

#### **VII. New Business**

##### **A. Consent Agenda**

Director Green acknowledged Mt. Spokane Assistant Principal Jim Preston's upcoming retirement and his many years of service to the Mead School District stating, "You would be hard pressed to find a gentleman with a bigger heart towards kids."

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

##### **B. Student Travel Request Mead High Yearbook**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley and Mead High Yearbook Advisor Makena Busch presented a request for sixteen Mead High yearbook staff, Ms. Busch and one additional chaperone to travel to Anaheim, California, April 26-28, 2019, to attend the JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention. This is an opportunity for students to share and celebrate success stories, see what is new in the media marketplace and network with students and advisors throughout the United States.

The estimated per student cost is \$580 plus money for meals and activities. Any remaining costs associated with the trip will be covered by the Mead High Yearbook ASB budget.

Following discussion, Director Green made a motion to approve the Mead High Yearbook request to travel to Anaheim, California, April 26-28, 2019, to attend the JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Student Travel Request  
Mead High Jazz Choir**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley, Mead High choir teacher Mike Saccomanno and Mead High jazz student Kaitlyn Ward presented a request for the Mead High Jazz Choir to travel to Monterey, California, April 3-7, 2019, to take part in the Monterey Jazz Festival. The Mead High Jazz Choir is one of only eight high school ensembles, out of a field of 137, selected/invited to take part in this prestigious festival.

Sixteen students will participate, accompanied by Mr. Saccomanno and his wife, Mead High teacher Carolyn Saccomanno. The per student cost is \$750.00 to \$812.50 and fundraising opportunities are available.

Following discussion, Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mead High Jazz Choir request to travel to Monterey, California, April 3-7, 2019, to participate in the Monterey Jazz Festival, as presented. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Student Travel Request  
Mt. Spokane Sports Medicine**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley, Mt. Spokane Sports Medicine teacher Breanne Booher and four Mt. Spokane Sports Medicine students presented a request for nine senior students, Ms. Booher and additional chaperones to travel to Pasadena, California, March 21-24, 2019, to participate in the California State Sports Medicine Competition.

The per student cost is \$500-\$540 plus meals and activities. Fundraising opportunities are available.

Following discussion, Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mt. Spokane Sports Medicine request to travel to Pasadena, California, March 21-24, 2019, to participate in the California State Sports Medicine Competition, as presented. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Student Travel Request  
Mead High Dance Team**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley and Mead High Dance Coach Kathryn Fleisher presented a request for the Mead High Dance Team, Ms. Fleisher and additional chaperones to travel to Anaheim, California, April 19-22, 2019, to participate in performance and dance technique opportunities at Disneyland.

The per student estimated cost is \$787 and fundraising opportunities are available.

Following discussion, Director Wylder made a motion to approve the Mead High Dance Team request to travel to Anaheim, California, April 19-22, 2019, to participate in performance and dance technique opportunities at Disneyland, as presented. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. First Reading Policy & Procedure 2409 Adoption  
Credit for Competency-Proficiency**

Learning Services Director Mark St.Clair, on behalf of the district's CORE24 team, presented the adoption of Policy & Procedure 2409, Credit for Competency-Proficiency, for first reading consideration. WSSDA Sample Policy & Procedure 2409 were used as templates for the presented drafts.

While the WSSDA samples do not provide suggested language around competency-based credits in subjects other than world languages, they do note districts can expand the language to include other subjects. The presented drafts have expanded the policy & procedure to include math, science and language arts in addition to world languages.

The presented policy/procedure specifically states that credit retrieval is only available if a student failed a previous course and then passed the state test associated with that course. It does not open the door to simply awarding credit to anyone who passes the state test. The presented language also specifically directs the original failed grade remain on the transcript and therefore remain a part of the cumulative GPA calculations. The new competency-based credit does not impact GPA as it receives a "P" designation on student transcripts. There are currently several students at district high schools who would benefit from the opportunity to take advantage of the credit retrieval opportunities the presented policy/procedure would allow.

Following discussion, it was the recommendation of the board that the adoption of Policy & Procedure 2409, Credit for Competency-Proficiency, be brought forward at the next board meeting as an action item.

This was a non-action item.

**G. 2019-2020 School Year Calendar**

Following review of results from the staff-wide vote on two calendar options for 2019-2020 by Human Services Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, which resulted in 64.5% of staff voting for Option B, Director Green made a motion to adopt Calendar Option B (first day of school September 3, no school November 27 the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Winter Break December 23-January 3, Spring Break April 6-10, the last day of school June 12 and any snow make-up days taking place the week of June 15), as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. Resolution 19-1  
Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements**

Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 19-1, Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements, for board consideration.

Currently 85% of the district's 1,343,455 square feet of facilities are controlled by Automated Logic Direct Digital Controls (DDC) software. The district would like to continue using this software in future projects as it is cost effective and allows current software to "talk" with new projects. Standard Plumbing and Heating Controls is the sole local provider of this software.

RCW 39.04.280(a)(a) allows competitive bid requirements to be waived via board resolution for purchases that are clearly and legitimately limited to a sole source supply. Resolution 19-1 waives the state bidding requirements for the purchase of Automated Logic DDC software and authorizes the district to enter into a contract with Standard Plumbing and Heating Controls for the purchase of said software.

Following discussion, Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-1, Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements, as presented. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **VIII. Annual Re-Organization of the Board of Directors**

Director Denholm called for nominations for the position of President of the Board. Director Burchard made a motion to nominate Director Green as President of the Board effective at the next meeting. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Denholm called for nominations for the position of Vice-President of the Board. Director Olson made a motion to nominate Director Burchard as Vice-President of the Board effective at the next meeting. Director Green seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IX. Reports**

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

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

#### **B. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items**

Superintendent Rockefeller reported on his recent meeting with Senator Andy Billig in Olympia regarding the financial hardship, not only the Mead School District but many other school districts, will be facing next year because of reduced levy dollars, loss of K-3 class size reduction funds and the substantial additional employer costs associated with the mandated move to SEBB for employee medical insurance. Because of the anticipated need to make several million dollars in cuts for the upcoming school year, Superintendent Rockefeller will very soon be bringing forward a Financial Crisis Resolution for board consideration. At this time Superintendent Rockefeller does not believe the legislature has plans to approve legislation that will fix the financial hardship next year.

### **X. Executive Session**

At 7:10 pm Director Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 8 pm Director Denholm returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

### **XI. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8 pm.

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**President**

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**Secretary**