



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The meeting began at 6 pm and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Green, Burchard, Olson, Denholm and Wylder were present. Also attending were Superintendent Tom Rockefeller and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Wayne Leonard, Kevin Peterson, Heather Havens and Jared Hoadley.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Wylder made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 22, 2019, and Special Board Meetings of April 24, 2019, April 25, 2019, and May 1, 2019, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ASB President Allison McKernan presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. Students participated in a Mock Crash on May 2<sup>nd</sup> designed to show, first-hand, the impact of driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, Senior Prom is May 3<sup>rd</sup> and thirteen DECA students traveled to Orlando, Florida, to participate in the International DECA competition. AP testing is the first two weeks in May and Mt. Spokane is home to three spring sport GSL champions . . . Boys Tennis, Softball and Baseball.

Director Olson, in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10), expressed his personal thanks and appreciation for the excellent teachers who serve Mead School District students.

**IV. Continuing Business**

**A. Second Reading Policy/Procedure 6113 Revision  
Use of School Facilities**

Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle presented, for second reading consideration, a revision to Policy & Procedure 6113, Use of School Facilities. The presented draft policy condenses the identified facility use groups from five to four. The presented draft procedure references a new online Facility Use Application, adds a new \$5 non-refundable registration fee and addresses the use of district athletic equipment.

No changes were recommended at the April 22, 2019, first reading of this policy/procedure revision.

While not a part of the proposed policy/procedure revision, the board was also provided with a proposed 2019-2020 Facility Use Fee Schedule and two spreadsheets. The first compares current Mead School District fees with neighboring school districts and the second compares proposed fees with the same neighboring school districts.

No action was taken.

**V. New Business**

**A. Consent Agendas A & B**

Director Burchard made a motion to approve Consent Agenda A, minus the Leave Without Pay request contained in #8. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve Consent Agenda B, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Green abstained from the vote.

**B. Student Travel Proposal  
Mead High Volleyball**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley introduced head volleyball coach Shawn Wilson and, on behalf of Mr. Wilson and the Mead High Volleyball Team, presented a request to travel to Phoenix, Arizona, October 3-6, 2019, to play in the Nike Tournament of Champions. Playing in this tournament will provide the opportunity for the team to compete at the highest level. The estimated per student cost for the trip is \$688, which will be paid from volleyball ASB funds.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the request from the Mead High School Volleyball Team to travel to Phoenix, Arizona, to participate in the Nike Tournament of Champions Volleyball Tournament, October 3-6, 2019, as presented. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Student Travel Proposal  
Mead High Debate**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented a request from the Mead High School Debate Team (six qualified students and Coach Mike Stovern) to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 24-27, 2019, to compete at Debate Nationals. Mead High School will travel with teams from Gonzaga Prep and Lewis & Clark. Coaches from all three teams will serve as chaperones.

Director Burchard made a motion to approve the Mead High School Debate Team request to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 24-27, 2019, to compete at Debate Nationals, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Whitworth Water District Easement Revision**

Facilities and Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle presented a revision to an existing easement with Whitworth Water District for board consideration. On November 19, 2018, the board approved a 15-foot permanent easement, plus a 15-foot temporary construction easement, on Mead High School's north property line. Whitworth Water District is requesting the easement be revised to include a small sliver of land in the NW corner. The revised permanent easement is not much bigger than the original 15'x15' easement but is crucial to allowing Whitworth Water the ability to get from Spokane County property to Inland property.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the revised Permanent Water Line Easement and Temporary Construction Easement on Mead High School's north property line, as presented. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resolution 19-8  
Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the New  
Highland Middle School Project**

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 19-8, Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the New Highland Middle School Project for board consideration. On May 21, 2018, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 18-7, GCCM Process for Highland

Middle School and on July 25, 2018, approved the GCCM contract with Graham Construction to provide pre-construction services for said project.

The Mead School District has now successfully negotiated a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Graham Construction in the amount of \$38,578,138.00. Mr. Wendle shared he is very pleased with the GMP for Highland Middle School. The district was able to build Northwood for \$251/sq. ft. . . . the price for Highland is \$308/sq. ft.

Director Olson made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-8, Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the New Highland Middle School Project, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Resolution 19-9  
2019-2020 Modified Educational Program**

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented Resolution 19-9, 2019-2020 Modified Educational Program, for board consideration. The board on March 25, 2019, adopted Resolution 19-03, 2019-2020 Financial Emergency and Budget Uncertainty, that directed Superintendent Rockefeller to develop and recommend to the board a modified education program to address and resolve a budget uncertainty of approximately \$12 million. Resolution 19-9 includes items representing reduced expenditures in the approximate amount of \$11.3 million to address and resolve the District's financial emergency and general uncertainty for the 2019-2020 school year. The presented reductions impact certificated and classified staff as well as programs.

Mr. Leonard provided a brief overview of recent changes in how the state funds public education and how these changes have impacted the district's budget for 2019-20. He reviewed each line item reduction included in Resolution 19-9.

Director Burchard made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-9, 2019-2020 Modified Educational Program, as presented. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the adoption of Resolution 19-9 Director Green, with assistance from Director Burchard, read the following statement:

*This board has taken very seriously the task of budget reductions during these past weeks. It is no small task to cut nearly \$12 million from a budget and position us to deliver the high quality academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs we have traditionally offered students in the Mead School District. Our community has generously offered levy tax dollars to support services to students where the Washington State prototypical school funding model falls dramatically short from reality. Our focus is to keep as many certificated staff to deliver critical teaching, and classified staff to support them, as is financially possible.*

*While all of the budget cuts we are approving are extremely difficult, the decision to close both M.E.A.D. and Riverpoint Academy has been particularly hard. As a board we understand the value and positive impact both programs have had, and currently have, on students. Our decision is strictly based on the need to address a nearly \$12 million budget shortfall while still being able to deliver quality instruction to all.*

*Moving forward the board will be establishing a community Task Force to explore and make recommendations on how best to serve all students with a wide variety of learning options. As funds become available we want to assure you we are committed to expanding learning opportunities for all students.*

*Communication to the staff of both M.E.A.D. and Riverpoint Academy happened earlier today (May 7), and conversations with students are planned for first thing tomorrow morning (May 8). Counselors from Mead High School and Mt. Spokane will be available to begin the process of talking individually with each student to help with the transition to Mead High, Mt. Spokane, Five Mile Prairie or another option that fits their particular circumstance. We have started the process of working with our secondary principals on specific, concrete ways to support and provide the best possible pathway moving forward for these students. We want to make sure we have solid systems in place to support their learning.*

**VI. Reports**

**A. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items**

Superintendent Rockefeller had nothing to report.

**VII. Executive Session**

At 6:25 pm Director Green called for an Executive Session of approximately 30 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7 pm Director Green returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

**VIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 7 pm.

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President

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Secretary