



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, May 20, 2019**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 20, 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 and Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley was excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 6, 2019, and Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2019, as presented. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

ASB President Castan Koistinen presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School. Students have been selected for next year's ASB class, choir is holding their end-of-the-year concert on May 22nd at The Fox, band's last concert is Tuesday, May 21st and May 13-17 was Staff Appreciation Week. Senior Prom attendance was 400+ and graduation will be June 7th. Both the boys tennis team and girls golf team are District 8 Champions and Mead High is in contention for the 2019 WIAA 4A Scholastic Cup (currently 70 points ahead of all other 4A schools).

Former school board director Maureen O'Connor addressed the board regarding the subject of cursive writing and her regret and concern that teaching cursive writing in district elementary schools is no longer a priority. She expressed her fear students will be unable to provide a legal signature, read letters from loved ones written in cursive or, in doing research, read primary sources like the original text of the United States Constitution. She encouraged the board to "think of the students above all, and do something to improve the content of what we teach" and to "not be swayed by those whose priorities are otherwise."

Director Olson positively commented on the Pacemaker Award earned by the Mead High School yearbook staff and Debby Wilson as the May KHQ "Teacher of the Month."

IV. Continuing Business

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

Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle presented, for third 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 or the May 7, 2019, second reading of this policy/procedure revision.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the revisions to Policy & Procedure 6113, Use of School Facilities, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Burchard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the correction of the school years typo in item #9 (shows 19/10 school year and it should be 19/20 school year). Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 2019-20 Facility Use Fee Schedule

Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle presented a proposed 2019-20 Facility Use Fee Schedule for board consideration. Prior to the start of each fiscal year the board approves a Facility Use Fee Schedule for the upcoming year. The presented fee schedule brings Mead School District fees more in line with what neighboring school districts are charging. Two different spreadsheets were provided. The first compares current Mead School District fees with neighboring school districts and the second compares proposed fees with the same neighboring school districts.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the 2019-20 Facility Use Fee Schedule, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2019-20 Participation Fees

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented a proposed Participation Fee Plan for the 2019-20 school year for board consideration. The presented plan gives the board the option of leaving Participation Fees at their current rate or increasing them by \$5. The Mead School District has had Participation Fees for the past nine school years. During that time there has been no increase in fees.

Following discussion, Director Denholm made a motion to approve a \$5 increase in participation fees at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board requested Dr. Hoadley find out how Mead's fees compare with surrounding school districts. With that information the board indicated they may want to revisit 2019-20 Participation Fees.

D. Resolution 19-10

Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Transportation Cooperative Project

Facilities and Planning Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 19-10, Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Transportation Cooperative Project for board consideration. On May 21, 2018, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 18-7, GCCM Process for the New Transportation Cooperative Project and on July 25, 2018, approved the GCCM contract with Garco Construction of Spokane to provide pre-construction services for said project.

The Mead School District has now successfully negotiated a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Garco Construction in the amount of \$6,564,704.

Following discussion, Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-10, Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Transportation Cooperative Project, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Award of Yearbook Contract

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a yearbook contract for the 2019-20 school year, with a four year renewal option, for board consideration. A committee was established to develop a Request for Proposal, review bid documents and make the final selection of the yearbook contract for Mead High School, Mt. Spokane High School, Mountainside Middle School and Northwood Middle School.

Four vendors submitted bids with Herff-Jones being the low responsible bidder. Herff-Jones currently provides yearbooks for all Mead School District secondary schools.

Director Burchard made a motion to award the yearbook contract for the 2019-2020 school year, with a four year renewal option, to Herff-Jones for Mead High School, Mt. Spokane High School, Mountainside Middle School and Northwood Middle School. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for the Month of April 2019

Business Services Assistant Superintendent Wayne Leonard presented a brief financial report for April 2019. Discussion included next September and the potential of needing to dip into reserves, the anticipated 10% increase for next year in the cost of property/casualty insurance and the additional costs involved in opening new schools.

B. Learning Services Report

Learning Services presented a 6-8 Transition Plan update and a Core 24 update.

6-8 Transition Plan Update

Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens provided a summary of the work completed this year by the 80 staff members who have been part of the 6-8 Transition Team. At a future board Work Session Ms. Havens and key members of the team would welcome the opportunity to share specific details.

Core 24 Update

Director Mark St. Clair provided an update from the Core 24 Team, whose purpose is to support students in the successful completion of high school, on time, given the new 24-credit diploma requirements. The purpose of the team is to research ideas to prevent students from becoming credit deficient, investigate ways to intervene for students who struggle and create paths to recover credits when behind. Information on the percentage of 9th grade students from area high schools “on track” to graduate on time was shared. For the Mead School District that percent is 87.2%, second highest in the Spokane region. Four and five year “graduation rate” trends comparing Mead with the state average were also presented.

Mr. St. Clair shared how the Mead School District will help prevent students from becoming credit deficient, intervention options in place to help students, as well as how Edgenuity, an online course provider, is helping students recover credits in school, after school and during the summer. This year, to date, students have recovered credits in 250 courses through Edgenuity.

In conclusion, Mr. St. Clair shared “next steps” that include building the capacity of our Professional Learning Community to use and act on data as a team and exploring ways to expand Edgenuity to flexibly serve students.

Questions/discussion topics included best practices and having both high schools and district middle schools aligned in the extra supports offered to students.

C. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Rockefeller reminded the board about the upcoming graduation ceremonies taking place the first week of June.

VII. Executive Session

At 7:05 pm Director Green called for an Executive Session of approximately 20 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7:30 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 7:30 pm.

President

Secretary