



**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Mead School District Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

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The Board of Directors held a Work Session on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. The meeting began at 2 pm and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Green, Burchard, Olson, Denholm and Wylder were present. Also attending were Superintendent Shawn Woodward, Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley and Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle.

**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. Student Travel Discussion**

Given the many changes the board would like to make regarding student travel, including but not limited to consistency in student conduct expectations, chaperone expectations and staff expectations, as well as having students who participate in activities such as choir, debate, drama and band held to the same academic and drug/alcohol standards as athletes, Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley suggested the board consider revising the district's student travel policy and procedure in phases.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board that phase one revisions, addressing board approval of over-night trips and limiting a major trip, such as traveling to Disneyland to once every four years, be brought forward at the next board meeting as an action item. The board directed Dr. Hoadley to oversee the collaborative work on the other requested revisions with the goal of having standardized expectations and practices in place by the end of the current school year for implementation at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

**III. Leave Without Pay Discussion**

Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer provided historical "Leave Without Pay" background going back to 2014. Following discussion, the board directed Mr. Thayer to, at the building and district levels, ascertain whether or not a Leave Without Pay request should be granted based on established parameters. Only requests recommended for approval should be brought forward to the board via the Consent Agenda.

**IV. Facilities Update/Discussion**

Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle provided a comprehensive update on:

- Estimated funds available to build a 10<sup>th</sup> elementary schools including costs for three different size buildings (64,000, 60,000 & 55,000 square feet)
- Timeline/status of 2015 Bond projects.
- Timeline/status of 2018 Bond projects

In sharing the amount of money and sources of money available for a 10<sup>th</sup> elementary school, Mr. Wendle was careful to point out the figures he provided are a good faith estimate. There are unanticipated factors that could reduce funds available from other projects and inflated material prices could increase the cost of the final project.

Discussion included the pros and cons of building a school specifically for primary age students (K-2) as opposed to building a school that can house all elementary grade levels. Mr. Wendle plans to provide the board with more frequent updates/feedback on capital projects so they will be in a better position to answer questions presented to them by the community.

**V. Enrichment Levy Update**

Superintendent Shawn Woodward distributed a levy timeline outlining the many upcoming opportunities where information on the supplemental enrichment levy will be shared with the community. He additionally shared cost estimates for those items the district is promoting in the levy, along with a list of the monetary value of concessions made by MEA and principals for the 2019/20 contract year.

Discussion included community impressions/confusion, the complexity of the McCleary decision, SEBB and the misconception that if you live in Mead you pay the highest taxes in the region.

**VI. Superintendent Evaluation Discussion**

Discussion continued on the evaluation method and goals for Superintendent Woodward for the 2019-20 contract year.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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**President**

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**Secretary**