



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, September 23, 2019**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019. The meeting began at 6 pm and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Green, Olson and Wylder were present. Directors Burchard and Denholm were excused. Also attending were Superintendent Shawn Woodward, Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer, Heather Havens and Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendent Kevin Peterson was excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Consent Agenda B was removed). Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Wylder made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 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. September 23-27 is Rivalry Week featuring three athletic contests between Mead High and Mt. Spokane - *Battle of the Bats* softball is Tuesday, *Cat Fight* volleyball is Thursday and *Battle of the Bell* football is Friday. The ASB class is sponsoring a themed *Spirit Day* for each day of Rivalry Week. Saturday, October 5th is Homecoming and, to date, both football and volleyball are undefeated in GSL play.

Stacie Nelson, a concerned parent, addressed the board regarding the elimination of afternoon recess at the elementary level and a reduction in passing time at Northwood Middle School from five to four minutes. She stated both changes were poorly communicated to parents. Ms. Nelson addressed the importance of recess for elementary students and contended the loss of passing time at Northwood does not allow students to get to their lockers, go to the bathroom and then make it to class on time.

Regarding the 6th Grade Center, Ms. Nelson expressed appreciation for Access Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays but expressed concern about the other days of the week. A suggestion for how to increase breaks for students was shared.

Regarding next year when middle schools will house 6-8 grade students, Ms. Nelson expressed concern about 6th graders mixing with 8th graders.

In conclusion, Ms. Nelson shared concerns with how the proposed Supplemental Levy monies will be spent and indicated she wants to be a part of better solutions.

Mark Jones addressed the board about the focus areas of the proposed Supplemental Levy and in particular spoke about the need to focus safety and security on early interventions so that the district is proactive rather than reactive. He encouraged more transparency on how and where monies are spent.

Superintendent Woodward indicated that, in his Superintendent's Report, he would be sharing information pertinent to some of the concerns shared by Ms. Nelson and Mr. Jones.

To honor Director Bob Olson for his 34 years (and counting) of service on the Mead School Board, Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle shared a street is being named after him. Spokane County has agreed to name the access road to Highland Middle School on Five Mile Prairie *NORTH BOB OLSON LANE*. A poster with a map showing the location of this street, which included a mock street sign, was presented to Director Olson.

IV. Continuing Business

A. Third Reading Policy 3423 Adoption

Parental Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented, for third reading consideration, the adoption of Policy 3423, Parental Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes. This would be a new policy for the Mead School District. The presented draft is identical to WSSDA Sample Policy 3423.

On July 31, 2019, a new law went into effect permitting students, who meet Washington's statutory requirements for medical marijuana, to consume marijuana-infused products for medical purposes on school grounds, aboard a school bus or while attending a school-sponsored event. Areas addressed in the policy include:

- Verification of a valid Washington Recognition Card for medical marijuana under RCW 69.51A.220.
- Storage and Administration - The district will not store or administer marijuana-infused products for any purpose.
- Parents/guardians are the only persons who may provide, administer or assist a student with the consumption of marijuana-infused products.
- Students may not self-carry or self-administer marijuana for medical or any other purposes.
- Administration of a marijuana-infused product by smoking is strictly prohibited.

Although the school nurse may oversee the process of compliance with the policy, the school nurse will not provide, administer or assist the student with the consumption of the marijuana-infused product.

No changes were recommended at the August 21, 2019, first reading or the September 9, 2019, second reading.

Director Wylder made a motion to adopt Policy 3423, Parental Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda A

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

B. Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Deputy Mead School District No. 354

Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard presented an Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Deputy Mead School District No. 354, for board consideration. For several years the Mead School District has entered into an agreement with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office to provide two resource officers to assist the district with school security. Approval of the presented Interlocal Agreement would authorize continuation of this practice for the 2019-2020 school year.

The contribution from the district for two commissioned sheriff deputies is \$75,522. This represents a portion of the actual costs, which include but are not limited to salary, benefits, overtime, uniforms, training, travel, equipment and supplies.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the presented Interlocal Agreement for School Resource Deputy Mead School District No. 354. Director Wylder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Interlocal Agreement Between Mead School District and Newport School District

Child Nutrition Services Director Kim Elkins presented an Interlocal Agreement with Newport School District for board consideration. This agreement will allow our Child Nutrition Services Department access to a bid for some food items the district currently uses. The Interlocal Agreement will allow the district to save money by purchasing items at the amount agreed to in the Newport bid.

Director Wylder made a motion to approve the presented Interlocal Agreement Between Mead School District and Newport School District. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Business Services Report (Insurance & Enrollment)

Insurance: Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard introduced Kristie Marcetta from Schools Insurance Association of Washington who provided a brief update on the district's liability insurance coverage. This overview included:

- Property Coverage
- Liability Coverage
- Crime Coverage
- Equipment Breakdown Coverage
- Privacy, Security and Technology Coverage
- Catastrophic Medical Coverage

The annual premium for the district's liability insurance is nearly \$1 million, an increase of 12% over last year.

Enrollment: Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard reported he anticipates enrollment will come in at or near the budgeted FTE.

B. M.E.A.D. & RA Student Placement Update

Following up on his report from the last board meeting, CTE Director Doug Edmonson reported 84% of M.E.A.D. and RA students, who are in-district, are enrolled at one of the district's schools for the 2019/20 school year. The three-period "design thinking block" at Mead High School is going very well, not only for displaced students but also for the larger Mead High student population. GSL/medically fragile students are being served at North Star and there is now an enhanced on-line option for students.

Regular updates will be provided to the board on the transition of M.E.A.D. and RA students into other district learning opportunities.

C. Learning Services Report

Learning Services Director Mark St. Clair presented a report on how Mead School District students performed last spring on state tests. Using a PowerPoint presentation results were graphically illustrated showing the average score for each district school and comparing the Mead School District as a whole to the state average composite scores and other school districts

in the Spokane region. In all tested areas the Mead School District exceeded the state average by several percentage points.

Discussion included science scores and what some higher performing districts are doing that might help Mead improve in that area, plus the importance of looking at the scores of each elementary school and comparing them with like demographic schools throughout the state. For example, the scores for Shiloh Hills are exceptional when compared with schools of similar demographics.

D. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Woodward reported he has, to date, done 18 Supplemental Levy presentations. While a portion of the Supplemental Levy funds are earmarked with specific dollar amounts for identified purposes (i.e. adding safety & security personnel) there are also new partially funded mandates that will require additional funding. One example is SEBB where, at this time, the district simply does not know the exact dollar amount that will be needed because the enrollment window for this new health care plan does not close until November 15th.

Superintendent Woodward also shared the cost of reinstating two bargained teacher Learning Improvement Days, placed in abeyance this year, is \$1.5 million and that, assuming no financial emergency next year, special education para-educators would be back to bargained levels costing \$1 million. If the Supplemental Levy does not receive voter approval the district will need to cut an additional \$4 million for the 2020/2021 school year.

A primary focus this year is the development of a Strategic Plan. This plan, once formulated, will help determine priorities regarding where monies should be spent.

Regarding afternoon recess at elementary schools, Superintendent Woodward explained that, with the significant reduction in available para ed hours, principals made the decision to use the resources available to provide as much classroom support as possible resulting in the loss of para ed hours to supervise afternoon recess. At most elementary schools, and at many grade levels, teachers are supervising afternoon recess. By school, Superintendent Woodward shared the following update on afternoon recess:

- Brentwood - All grade levels have afternoon recess with the exception of 4th grade.
- Evergreen - 1st & 2nd grade yes . . . all other grade levels do not have afternoon recess. This is not a new practice for Evergreen.
- Shiloh Hills - No afternoon recess. This is not a new practice for Shiloh Hills.
- Prairie View - All grade levels have afternoon recess with the exception of 2nd grade.
- Colbert, Meadow Ridge & Farwell - All grade levels have afternoon recess.

Afternoon recess supervision, and school supervision in general, is a work in process. The district is working to determine the stand-alone cost of adding back recess supervision para educators and will be carefully considering if they can be reinstated sooner rather than later.

Discussion included best practices and whether or not all schools should handle something like afternoon recess in the same way. The subject of using volunteers to supervise recess was also discussed.

VII. Executive Session

At 7:15 pm Director Green called for an Executive Session of approximately 15 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