



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, October 7, 2019**

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

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (Consent Agenda B was removed and a Student Travel Request for the Mead High School Marching Band was added). 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 September 23, 2019, as presented. Director Denholm 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. The volleyball team just returned from Phoenix, Arizona, where they competed in the Nike Tournament of Champions, the football team will be traveling to California where they will play Westminster High School (Huntington Beach) on October 11<sup>th</sup> and, recapping *Rivalry Week*, Mead High was the *Battle of the Bell* winner. The Drama Department is busy preparing for the opening of the musical *Catch Me If You Can* in mid-November and Fall Leadership Camp takes place November 14-16, 2019. The theme for the Homecoming Dance is *Red Carpet*.

Mead High annual teacher/advisor Makena Busch reviewed the history behind the *Pacemaker Award* she and her staff received last year. This award is something she thought “would take her entire career to receive.” Her goal moving forward is to earn this prestigious award every year. The Mead High yearbook staff is also committed to this goal and to being an example to other yearbook programs/students in our region and across the nation.

As part of Mead High’s *Rivalry Week* festivities Ms. Busch and her staff but together a *Rivalry Week* video featuring all Mead High fall athletic teams, Dance Team, Cheerleaders and the Marching Band/Colorguard. This video, that has already had 2,000+ views and received numerous positive comments on social media, was played for the board.

**IV. Continuing Business - none**

**V. New Business**

**A. Consent Agenda A**

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

**B. Contract/Bargaining Agreement  
Bus Drivers Local 1135 MT**

Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer reported Bus Drivers Local 1135 MT and the Mead School District have reached a tentative three-year contract (2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22). Prior to recommending the board approve the tentative agreement, Mr. Thayer provided a brief overview of the agreed upon contract changes and thanked both bargaining teams for their work.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the tentative three-year contract (2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22) between Bus Drivers Local 1135 MT and the Mead School District, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Student Travel Request  
Mt. Spokane Marching Band - Harvest Festival**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented a travel request from the Mt. Spokane Marching Band to travel to Yakima, Washington, October 18-20, 2019, to take part in the Harvest Festival of Bands. This marching band competition is one Mt. Spokane has participated in for a number of years.

135 students will participate. Mt. Spokane High School band directors Sy Hovik and Andrew Savage, along with male & female parent chaperones, will accompany students on this trip. Students will be spending Friday night and Saturday night at West Valley Yakima Freshman Campus.

The \$250 Mt. Spokane Marching Band 2019 Season Fee will cover the majority of the student expense associated with this trip. No school days will be missed.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mt. Spokane Marching Band request to travel to Yakima, Washington, October 18-20, 2019, to take part in the Harvest Festival of Bands, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Student Travel Request  
Mt. Spokane Marching Band - Puget Sound Festival**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented a travel request from the Mt. Spokane Marching Band to travel to Everett, Washington, October 25-27, 2019, to take part in the Puget Sound Festival of Bands. This marching band competition is one Mt. Spokane has participated in for a number of years.

135 students will participate. Mt. Spokane High School band directors Sy Hovik and Andrew Savage, along with male & female parent chaperones, will accompany students on this trip. Students will spend Friday night and Saturday night at Mountain View Arts & Tech School.

The \$250 Mt. Spokane Marching Band 2019 Season Fee will cover the majority of the student expense associated with this trip. Students will miss one-half day of school on Friday, October 25.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mt. Spokane Marching Band request to travel to Everett, Washington, October 25-27, 2019, to take part in the Puget Sound Festival of Bands, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Student Travel Request  
Mead High School Choir**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented a travel request from the Mead High Choir to travel to Lynwood, Washington, December 13-15, 2019, to perform at Trinity Lutheran Church.

It is anticipated 100 students will participate. Mead High choir director Emily McKinney, along with male & female parent chaperones, will accompany students on this trip. Students will stay at the Embassy Suites North Lynwood.

The estimated per student cost is \$182 and fundraising opportunities are available. Students will miss one-half day of school on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Following discussion that included a question about how ASB allocations are determined, Director Olson made a motion to approve the Mead High Choir request to travel to Lynwood, Washington, December 13-15, 2019, to perform at Trinity Lutheran Church, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Student Travel Request  
Mead High Marching Band – Western Bands Association**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley introduced Mead High Marching Band Director Brandon Campbell who presented a travel request from the Mead High Marching Band to travel to Dublin, California, October 17-21, 2019, to take part in the Western Bands Association Regional Competition.

It is estimated 95 students will participate. Brandon Campbell, along with 15 additional adult (male & female) chaperones, will accompany students on this trip. Mr. Campbell reported he is still working on accommodations for the nights of October 18 and October 19. The preference is a gym stay but, if that cannot be arranged, students will stay at a hotel resulting in a slightly higher per student cost for the trip.

The estimated per student cost is a little over \$400 and fundraising opportunities are available. Students will miss two days of school – Friday, October 18 and Monday, October 21.

Following discussion, Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mead High Marching Band request to travel to Dublin, California, October 17-21, 2019, to take part in the Western Bands Association Regional Competition, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Reports**

**A. Student Services Report**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley reported that on Saturday, October 10, 2020, Mead High School will serve as the site for a *mock terrorist attack*. This all-day event will involve multiple local agencies (fire, police, city, county, etc.) and FEMA. Planning is well underway. While the event will take place on a Saturday those participating will pretend it is a Thursday when school is in session. As the date approaches Dr. Hoadley will be soliciting community members to volunteer as actors for the simulation.

Dr. Hoadley additionally reminded board members that the Safety Task Force is hosting a Community Forum on October 9, 7 pm, at Mead High School where they will share the recommendations shared with the board in early June. This will be followed by the opportunity for those in attendance to gather in small focus groups where they can ask questions and provide feedback.

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

Superintendent Woodward reported most state and local education organizations (WSSDA, WASA, NEWASA and Spokane Chamber's K-12 Roundtable) have set their priorities for the coming legislative session. Most are similar and include full funding for SEBB, needed adjustments to the state's *Prototypical School* funding model, full funding for Special Education and, unique to NEWASA, changing the 60% approval percentage for bonds to 55% or a simple majority.

Work on the Strategic Planning process is underway. Director Denholm and Director Green, from the board, will serve on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and all board members are invited to Guiding Coalition meetings. The Guiding Coalition includes 39 staff members with each school site represented by one teacher and one administrator. The first meeting of the Guiding Coalition is October 29 from 8 am to 3:30 pm. This coalition will examine these four critical questions - *What do we expect our students to learn? How will we know they are learning? How will we respond when they don't learn?* and *How will we respond if they already know it?* The Guiding Coalition will work hand-in-hand with the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

**VII. Executive Session**

At 6:40 pm Director Burchard called for an Executive Session of approximately 10 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee.

At 7 pm Director Burchard 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**