



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, April 13, 2020**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020. The meeting began at 4 pm. This was a Zoom Call-In Meeting with the Call-In Phone Number, Meeting ID and Password posted on the Mead School District website. Directors Green, Burchard, Olson, Denholm and Cannon were present. Also attending were Superintendent Shawn Woodward and Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Heather Havens. Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard and Assistant Superintendents Jared Hoadley and Kevin Peterson were excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Burchard 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 March 9, 2020, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Director Olson congratulated Mt. Spokane High School Principal Darren Nelson on his successful completion of the WSU Superintendent Program.

Director Green, having heard from several community members, shared how grateful they are for the work that has been done to provide childcare for first responders/health care workers, meals (breakfast & lunch) at multiple locations throughout the district, Chromebooks to help with distance learning and meaningful instruction to our elementary and secondary students.

Director Denholm positively commented on the four Market Street construction projects remarking, "It is exciting to see all the work being done!"

Director Cannon shared that he too has heard many positive comments from patrons. Folks are impressed with how quickly the district has transitioned to this new way of doing school and acquaintances, whose children attend other school districts, have stated they "wish they lived in Mead." Director Cannon acknowledged the excellent leadership of Superintendent Woodward in this time that can be compared to "designing the airplane in the air."

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

Director Green, noting the June 30th retirement of Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Ralph Thayer, thanked him for his many years of outstanding service to the Mead School District.

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

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

**B. Resolution 20-1
Emergency – Suspension of Policy**

Superintendent Shawn Woodward presented Resolution 20-1, Emergency – Suspension of Policy, for board consideration. This resolution, for the duration of the Emergency School Closure established by Governor Inslee on March 13, 2020, and extended on April 6, 2020, to the end of the 2019/20 school year, provides authorization to suspend provisions of policies and/or entire policies, as deemed necessary to implement OSPI guidance.

Essentially the resolution provides Superintendent Woodward with the ability to act quickly as new OSPI guidance comes forward. As is his practice, Superintendent Woodward will make sure the board is informed on important matters related to the Emergency School Closure.

Following discussion, Director Burchard made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-1, Emergency – Suspension of Policy, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Resolution 20-2
Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for 10th Elementary School Project**

Facilities & Planning Executive Director Ned Wendle presented Resolution 20-2, Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for 10th Elementary School Project, for board consideration.

On June 24, 2019, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution 19-15, GCCM Process for a new 10th elementary school located on Five Mile Prairie. The district has successfully negotiated a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Graham Construction in the amount of \$18,925,059 for this project. A copy of the GMP breakdown was provided to the board.

The presented GMP is for a 22 classroom school plus music room, gym and library. It is possible, if project bids are favorable, that the size of the school can be enlarged by seven classrooms. If that is the case, Mr. Wendle will come back to the board for approval to expand the project.

Following discussion, Director Denholm made a motion to approve Resolution 20-2, Approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for 10th Elementary School Project, as presented. Director Cannon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report and Discussion Items

Superintendent Woodward shared information on the following initiatives the district has undertaken to assist students and families during the Emergency School Closure. While the district has not yet “hit its stride” Superintendent Woodward stated he is “super proud” of the work accomplished to date.

Meat Eats: On the first day of the Mead Eats program the district served 1866 meals (breakfast & lunch) to 900+ students. The number of meals served has steadily increased and, as of April 13, 2020, 3826 meals were provided to nearly 2000 students. Thanks to our Nutrition Services Department and Transportation Department for the success of the Mead Eats program. Meals are available for pick-up Monday-Friday from 11 am – 12:30 pm at twenty locations throughout the district.

Discussion included a question about what happens to excess food. Superintendent Woodward will check into that and get back with board members.

Mead Cares: The district currently provides childcare for approximately 60 children of first responders and healthcare workers at two locations. There is a site coordinator assigned to each location and district para-educators, on a rotating basis, provide care to small groups of children.

If other first responders and/or healthcare workers find they need childcare the district will look to expand Mead Cares.

Mead Learns: On April 13, 2020, the district transitioned from providing remote, optional enrichment activities to new active learning. This includes instruction from every teacher to students. Baseline teaching expectations have been established. The district understands the amount of instruction might feel a bit overwhelming for some families, especially those with several children, while for others it may not seem like enough. In addition to the baseline instruction provided by teachers, Learning Services has compiled additional grade specific learning resources that are posted on the district's website. Instruction includes a weekly face-to-face component and, for families who do not have internet access, paper packets are being provided.

Technology/Chromebooks: Technology Executive Director Doug Edmonson shared that, to date, the district has sponsored five Chromebook deployments where 3000+ devices have been checked-out. Families still needing a device can sign up online. Another deployment is planned for the week of April 20. Mr. Edmonson recognized the work of the Technology Department staff as it relates to the deployment of Chromebooks noting, "They have been working their tails off!" For families who do not have internet access the district will be exploring the possibility of having school buses equipped with hotspots deployed throughout the district, possibly at Mead Eats distribution locations.

Graduation: Superintendent Woodward is meeting with both high school principals, Doug Edmonson (Technology Executive Director) and Heather Havens (Learning Services Assistant Superintendent) to talk about/plan a virtual graduation for the Class of 2020. When details are firm information will be communicated to graduating seniors and their families.

Discussion included talking with other school districts in our region to see what they are doing for graduation.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

President

Secretary