



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, June 8, 2020**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 8, 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, Assistant Superintendents Jared Hoadley and Heather Havens and Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard. Assistant Superintendents Ralph Thayer and Kevin Peterson were excused. This meeting was recorded. The recording is posted on the Mead School District website.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Cannon made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Denholm 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 May 26, 2020, as presented. Director Burchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools**

Director Burchard, as a board member and father of a graduating senior, expressed his sincere praise and appreciation for the special “Grad Week” activities that took place June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Stage Walk & Diplomas), June 4<sup>th</sup> (Elementary Cap & Gown Drive-Thru) and June 5<sup>th</sup> (virtual graduation ceremonies aired on SWX). Both Mead High and Mt. Spokane demonstrated great team work and did a phenomenal job organizing and pulling off both the all-day diploma distribution events and the SWX graduation ceremonies. In some respects “Grad Week 2020” was better/more meaningful than the graduation ceremony that traditionally takes place at McCarthy Athletic Center.

Teaching & Learning Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens shared that Shiloh Hills will be using surplus high poverty dollars to “make-over” an old van provided by Transportation into a “Shiloh Hills On Wheels” mobile library. This vehicle, staffed by volunteer Shiloh Hills teachers, will, throughout the summer, visit apartment complexes in the Shiloh Hills attendance area where students can check-out books, read with staff and enjoy a special snack. The van will be available for other schools to borrow.

Director Green, who watched the Mead High and Mt. Spokane virtual graduation ceremonies on SWX, commented that they were “so very well done.” Both had the same cadence as traditional graduation ceremonies.

To honor and thank staff members retiring this year, Director Green read aloud the names of the 28 individuals who, collectively, have served the Mead School District for 574 years. Their years of service range from 42 years to 2.5 years. Director Olson shared that Mead High teacher Rhonda Schalock, who lives in Chewelah, has traveled 700,000+ miles to and from work during her 42-year tenure in the Mead School District.

**IV. Continuing Business - none**

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

Director Olson, regarding the \$500 donation Birdy's Sports Bar made to Mead High School for a banner that will be displayed on the softball field, requested that Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley make sure the banner simply says "Birdy's" and does not include a reference to them being a sports bar serving alcohol.

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

### **B. Resolution 20-5 Support of Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) in Opposing Legislation that Reduces Local Effort Assistance Funding**

Director Green presented Resolution 20-5, Support of Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) in Opposing Legislation that Reduces Local Effort Assistance Funding, for board consideration. Because of the anticipated adverse impact on state finances due to COVID-19, the Washington State Directors Association (WSSDA) is concerned the state legislature will reduce promised funding for K-12 schools. An item of particular worry is Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funding.

Local Effort Assistance funding (also known as levy equalization) provides resources necessary to ensure equitable access to educational opportunities for students in property-poor districts. For the 2019/20 school year the Mead School District budget includes \$6.8 million from LEA funds. If LEA is reduced or eliminated as a means of lowering state K-12 funding it would have a profound impact on the programs and services the Mead School District offers students. Adoption of Resolution 20-5 expresses support for WSSDA's proposal to oppose legislation that reduces LEA funding.

Following discussion, Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-5, Support of Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) in Opposing Legislation that Reduces Local Effort Assistance Funding, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. First Reading Policy & Procedure 3424 Adoption Opioid Related Overdose Reversal**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley introduced nurses Carrie Dinwoodie and Ruth Erb who presented the adoption of Policy & Procedure 3424, Opioid Related Overdose Reversal, for first reading consideration. If adopted this would be a new policy/procedure for the Mead School District.

Senate Bill 5380 requires school districts in the state of Washington to obtain and maintain at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication doses in each of their high schools. For Class 1 school districts like Mead this law goes into effect in the fall of 2020.

WSSDA Sample Policy & Procedure 3424 were used as templates for the presented first reading drafts.

The district has received a prescription for Naloxone from the State Health Officer and is working with the Rayce Rudeen Foundation to obtain a free supply of two doses per high school and alternative sites that serve students in grades 9-12 before the start of school. The Rayce Rudeen Foundation has additionally indicated they will help pay for training staff in the administration of Naloxone.

Discussion focused primarily on training. In cases of a suspected drug overdose 911 is always called and if Naloxone is accidentally given for something other than a drug overdose there are no harmful side effects. The district is procuring nasal applications of Naloxone that are pre-dosed.

No first reading changes were recommended. Adoption of the policy/procedure will be brought forward as an action item at the June 22, 2020, school board meeting.

#### **D. Participation Fees (2020-2021)**

Student Services Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley presented for board consideration the continuation of athletic participation fees for middle and high school students for the 2020/2021 school year. For the past ten years the school board has approved participation fees. A copy of the proposed Participation Fee Plan was shared, which included no increase in fees for the upcoming school year. The annual middle school fee is \$35.00 and the annual high school fee is \$45.00.

Director Olson made a motion to approve participation fees for 2020/2021, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Establish Summer Board Meeting Dates**

During the summer the Mead School District Board of Directors typically meets once in July and once in August.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board to schedule three summer board meetings - Monday, July 20 @ 2 pm, Monday, August 10 @ 4 pm and Monday, August 24 @ 4 pm.

#### **F. Board Legislative Representative**

Per Policy 1220, Board Officers & Duties of Board Members, the board will select one of their members to serve as Legislative Representative. The Legislative Representative assumes office July 1<sup>st</sup> in even years and serves for a two-year period.

Following discussion, Director Burchard nominated Director Cannon to serve as Legislative Representative. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Cannon stated "he would love to serve" in this capacity.

### **VI. Reports**

#### **A. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items**

Superintendent Woodward shared that OSPI is delaying release of guidance on the reopening of schools in the fall until Friday, June 12. Once guidance is received and reviewed, Superintendent Woodward will record a video message with pertinent reopening information that will be shared with Mead families. Area superintendents have signed a joint letter in support of having reopening based on the current COVID-19 phase individual counties are in rather than a blanket plan for the entire state.

The two district task forces (elementary & secondary) that will work on Mead's reopening plans will meet once guidance from OSPI and health officials has been received. The district is hopeful OSPI guidance will include more than just recommendations and that each school district will have options to individualize reopening plans.

Director Green shared that while parents feel teachers have done a good job, they (parents) are tired of being teachers.

The district is hopeful 85% of students/families will want to return for face-to-face instruction. For those families who feel more comfortable remaining at home the district plans to have a

robust online learning option available. The district will be surveying families for input throughout the reopening planning process.

At the next board meeting Superintendent Woodward plans to share a draft of the five strategic plan priority areas and associated target objectives, plus a draft of the district scorecard, with the goal of having the board adopt/approve the scorecard and priorities in July.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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**President**

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**Secretary**