



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, September 14, 2020**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020. The meeting began with an Executive Session at 5:45 pm. This was a Zoom Meeting with login information posted on the Mead School District website. Directors Green, Olson, Denholm and Cannon were present. Director Burchard was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Shawn Woodward, Chief Financial Officer Wayne Leonard and Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens. Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley was excused.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended (addition of an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate and addition of the Sale of Real Estate under New Business were changes to the agenda). Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Executive Session

At 5:45 pm Director Green called for an Executive Session of approximately 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing real estate. At 6 pm Director Green returned the meeting to Open Session.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Dawn and Brian (no last name provided), who are new to the Mead School District, provided feedback on their experience as parents of virtual learners. The lack of information communicated in a timely manner regarding the online program has been frustrating to them. From their perspective lots of information has been shared on the in-person option. When they have reached out to learn more about virtual specifics they were told, "Hey we are working on it." This lack of information has parents and kids stressed out. Moving forward it was their suggestion, rather than being silent, the district take the time and communicate they are working out details even when specifics are not yet available. As parents of virtual students this lack of communication made them feel like second class citizens.

Director Green thanked them for their comments and assured them it was not the intent of anyone to withhold information or add stress to students and families.

IV. Continuing Business - none

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Following discussion, that included a question from Director Olson about the district's ending fund balance (this will be higher than anticipated because of the spring COVID closure), and a question from Director Cannon about the payment to School Specialty (the district purchases a variety of supplies each year associated with the start of school from this vendor), Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Interlocal Agreement
Mead School District & Newport School District**

Nutrition Services Director Kim Elkins presented an interlocal agreement between Mead School District and Newport School District for board consideration. This interlocal agreement allows the district to access bids Newport School District has negotiated for a variety of food items.

Access to these bids is particularly important at this time because of supply issues associated with COVID 19.

Director Cannon 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.

**C. Approve Sale of Real Estate
9921 N. Nevada, Spokane, WA 99218**

Director Olson made a motion to approve the cash sale (purchase price \$1.55 million) of real estate located at 9921 N. Nevada, Spokane, WA 99218, and authorize Superintendent Shawn Woodward to execute all legal documents associated with said sale. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Denholm thanked Facilities & Planning Director Ned Wendle for the many hours he has spent working on the details associated with the sale of this property.

VI. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report & Discussion Items

Superintendent Woodward shared that he had hoped to be reporting on how the first day of school went but, because of the very unhealthy air quality which necessitated the cancellation of school, that won't happen until the next board meeting. He reported school has also been cancelled for Tuesday, September 15th because of very poor air quality both outside and inside school buildings.

Superintendent Woodward explained that Chromebook distribution to in-person students was planned for the first day of school. The fact that 7,000 students do not yet have their Chromebooks is the reason the district could not start school with all students remote until the air quality improves.

Travis Bown, Maintenance Director, shared specifics about how building HVAC systems are set up to circulate air and talked about how with COVID you want to bring in outside air on a regular basis (four air exchanges each hour). Bringing in outside air, when it is smoke filled, makes for unhealthy air quality inside school buildings. The district has deployed two air scrubbers at each school site to help mitigate the impact of smoke inside buildings.

Superintendent Woodward thanked Mr. Bown and his crew for the great job they have done getting ready for school and dealing with inside air quality issues.

Director Cannon asked about the possibility of all students being able to attend remotely in the event of poor road conditions because of snow. Superintendent Woodward shared that, with all students having a Chromebook, that plan is that school could take place remotely.

Director Green expressed her thanks to all district teachers, staff and administrators for all of their work to be ready for the start of school. She understands this has been an enormous task.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

President

Secretary