



**Board Work Session Minutes
Monday, August 22, 2022**

The Board of Directors held a Work Session on Monday, August 22, 2022. The meeting began at 10:20 am and was held at District Office. Directors Burchard, Denholm, Olson, Cannon and Gray were present. Also attending was Superintendent Shawn Woodward, Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson and Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley.

I. Approval of Agenda

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

II. 2022/23 Budget Discussion

Following up on board direction from August 15th, Superintendent Woodward reported the seven elementary teachers the board requested be hired to minimize shuttling has taken place. That leaves four positions still budgeted that have not been posted/hired.

Information that included updated elementary student numbers at each school and each grade level, following the hiring of the seven new staff members, was reviewed. Following discussion, the board directed the district to hire two additional elementary positions (Evergreen kindergarten and Meadow Ridge 5th grade).

Business & Operations Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley explained the intra-district and out-of-district transfer placement process for elementary students that will take place later in the week. Dr. Hoadley will put together a grid/table that includes a projected revenue forecast for each additional student the district is able to place.

Director Gray shared that, long-term, her preference is that the district avoid shuttling with the goal of smaller class size. This will make the Mead School District more marketable/desirable for families.

Regarding Mead's Virtual Program, Superintendent Woodward noted the district, beginning second semester, will have state approval to accept more out-of-district students. In preparation for this teachers will be working first semester on frameworks so that the district does not have to pay Spokane Public Schools to use theirs.

On Wednesday (August 24, 2022) Superintendent Woodward will reach out to each board member with an update on elementary enrollment. If additional teachers that were budgeted for do not need to be hired it would be his recommendation the savings go to the fund balance.

President Burchard asked if the district has too many Admin Assistants at schools. Like all district positions, an audit will be conducted comparing district staffing levels with like districts to determine if reductions are warranted.

Superintendent Woodward reported Nutrition Services just learned the grant application providing for free meals for all students at four elementary schools (Creekside, Evergreen, Farwell & Shiloh Hills) was approved.

Elementary sports was discussed including the planned for offerings this year from SYSA and Hooptown, as well as the desire of a group of parents to personally provide funding so that the district can reinstate the program that was previously available to students.

Regarding transportation, Superintendent Woodward reported the district is running the same routes it ran at the end of the 21/22 school year. The route eliminations/adjustments made last spring will continue.

On the topic of security, it was shared that, even if the district wanted more than the current two resource officers, there are no more available. Acknowledging that reality, Superintendent Woodward talked about the possibility of exploring the hiring of Campus Safety Specialists. Technology is checking to determine if current network hardware is compatible with a potential artificial intelligence recognition program. If not, they will determine how much it would cost to upgrade the system.

III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

President

Secretary