



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, December 12, 2022**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022. This meeting was held in-person and virtually via a Zoom link posted on the Mead School District website. Directors Burchard, Denholm, Olson, Cannon and Gray were present. Also attending were Superintendent Shawn Woodward, Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson and Assistant Superintendents Heather Havens and Jared Hoadley.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with President Burchard asking all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Director Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools – Public Comment

Noting the Mt. Spokane High School ASB President was in attendance to report on school activities/athletics, President Burchard first opened the floor for board/staff comments.

Board/Staff Comments

Referencing the recent weather that resulted in a couple of late-start days and a couple of snow days, Director Cannon noted an email from the district to families that shared unplowed residential streets contributed to the decision to cancel school on one day in particular. With the goal of working to develop a plow plan that takes into consideration school bus routes, Director Cannon shared representatives from the district and representatives from Spokane County will meet in the near future. This will be a great opportunity for both groups to work collaboratively to keep school open and get kids to school safely.

Director Gray shared she recently attended orchestra concerts at Northwood and Mead High School and was very impressed with the high caliber of performances.

President Burchard acknowledged it has been a challenging past few weeks due to the weather and shared the district is doing all it can to keep kids safe and in school whenever possible.

Mt. Spokane High School Report

ASB President Cole McNamee presented a brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School. Regarding Fall Sports, it was the most successful GSL season in Mt. Spokane's history. Volleyball, football and boys cross country were all GSL champions. The school has high hopes for a similarly successful Winter Sports season. MLK week will begin on January 9th with several events/activities around the theme, *Together We Can Be the Dream*, taking place. The week will conclude with an all-

school assembly on January 13th where Stephanie Noble Beans will be the keynote speaker. ASB elections will take place following Winter Break.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

In response to a question from Director Gray, Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson explained the nearly \$133,000 payment from the Transportation Vehicle Fund was for the purchase of one bus. This year Transportation plans to purchase 4-5 buses. The depreciation schedule for buses is 13 years. Director Olson noted the very generous/significant donation of \$5,000 from Northern Quest to Midway Elementary for the purchase of STEM items.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Hired Certificated Personnel:

Allison Hentges	Mt. Spokane	Cert	.6 FTE Leave Replacement Science teacher 2 nd semester 22/23
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2. Hired Classified Personnel:

Kimberly Kolodrub	District Office	Class	8 hrs/day HR Support Specialist effective 11/28/22 (no longer working in Special Services as support personnel)
Joni Kent	Brentwood	Class	7 hrs/day Behavior Intervention Tech effective 11/21/22

3. Hired Certificated Substitutes:

Lindsey Bench	Michell Sicilia	Christie Ulmer	Violet Martin
Heidi Roulston	Rebecca Goold	Caitlin Hanan	Heather McCullough

4. Hired Classified Substitutes:

Madison Zwiefelhofer	Joshua Horn	Rick Williams	Sierra Hoseid
Ann Reyes	Elizabeth Jackson	Bethany Coski	Tyler Saunders
Delaney Ferguson	Wayne Hicks	Anika Jones	Davis Moses

5. Approved AP Vouchers for General Fund, Capitol Projects, Private Purpose Trust & ASB.

Vouchers audited and certified by auditing officers as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this day, **December 12, 2022**, the Board, by a unanimous vote does approve for payment the vouchers included in the above referenced list and further described as **Warrant Numbers 10966 to 109374** in the following amounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund - AP	\$ 740,483.35
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ASB Fund	81,352.41
Capital Projects Fund	71,838.39
Transportation Fund	132,999.45

6. Approved Co-Curricular, Extra-Curricular and Supplemental Contracts.

7. Accepted the Following Donations:

- \$1,000 from CoBank to Brentwood Elementary for Buddy Bench
- \$5,000 from Northern Quest Resort to Midway Elementary for STEM Items

8. Approved Request for Unpaid Leave (i.e., parenting, medical Good of the District, etc.):

Cene Tamashiro	Copy Center	Class	One Friday per month through 22/23 school year
Shelby Baskett	Prairie View	Class	Tuesdays/Thursdays through 22/23 school year
Ena OConnor	Transportation	Class	12/16/22 - 4/9/23

9. Approved Requests for Retirement/Resignation:

Niya Lutjemeier	Highland	Class	Resignation effective 12/31/22 (Para Ed)
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VII. Annual Reorganization of the Board of Directors

Per policy the board annually, in December, selects new officers.

President Burchard called for nominations for the position of President of the Board to be followed by nominations for the position of Vice-President.

President Burchard nominated Denny Denholm for the position of President. This nomination was seconded by Director Olson. Director Gray nominated Michael Cannon for the position of President. By a vote of three to two Denny Denholm was selected to serve as Board President.

Director Gray nominated Michael Cannon for the position of Vice-President. Director Olson nominated Chad Burchard for the position of Vice-President. The board first considered the nomination of Michael Cannon with two board members voting in favor and three opposed. This was followed by consideration of the nomination of Chad Burchard who, by a vote of three to two, was selected to serve as Board Vice-President.

VIII. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Woodward expressed his appreciation to Facility & Planning Director Ned Wendle and Maintenance Director Travis Bown for the great job they have done leading snow removal efforts throughout the district.

Regarding weather related school closures or delays, Superintendent Woodward explained that in a district the size of Mead some areas may have only one inch of snow while others are dealing with six inches of snow/slush. He shared that altering a school day must be made for the entire district, not just one specific area. He understands, no matter what decision is made (close, delay or stay open), not everyone will be happy. The district does the very best it can and is very intentional/careful when it comes to calling for a snow closure or delay. The decision making process starts the night before with both the Transportation Director (Tony Davis) and Assistant Director (Scott Cole) out driving roads at 3 am.

Acknowledging all that is involved by Transportation Department employees in safely transporting students to and from school in wintery conditions, Superintendent Woodward thanked district bus drivers (80-90 individuals) for the outstanding job they have done the past few weeks driving in, at times, less than ideal conditions. He additionally extended thanks to the following Transportation Department office staff and mechanics:

Administration - Tony Davis (Director) & Scott Cole (Assistant Director). Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Cole are in new Transportation Department leadership positions this year and are doing a fantastic job.

PBIS Coordinator - Robert Lecouix

Office Staff - Renee Wendle, Alicia Noble, Jewell Mann, Jillian Madsen & Tammi Pratt

Mechanics - Daniel Ovens, Josh Oglesbee, Mike Oglesbee, Paul Weiss, Ron Rasmussen & Brian Ranger

Sharing that on one day in particular buses were involved in 13 vender-benders, mostly in residential areas where cars slid into buses, Superintendent Woodward noted that transportation drivers and staff handled the additional stress from these incidents very well. All were minor accidents and there were no injuries.

Superintendent Woodward plans to visit the Transportation Department crew in early January. He invited board members to join him.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

President

Secretary