



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, January 23, 2023**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023. This meeting was held in-person at Union Event Center and virtually via a Zoom link posted on the Mead School District website. Directors Denholm, Olson and Cannon were present. Directors Burchard and Gray were excused. 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 Denholm 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 Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2023, and School Site Visit of January 19, 2023, as presented. Director Cannon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Proclamation – School Board Recognition Month

January is *School Board Recognition Month* in the state of Washington. To acknowledge and thank the Mead School District Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to district students, staff and the community Superintendent Woodward, in addition to expressing his personal thanks to each board member, read a *School Board Recognition Proclamation* from Governor Jay Inslee. The Mead School District is fortunate to have school board members who are outstanding volunteers and champions for public education.

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

Noting current and newly elected Mt. Spokane High School ASB officers were in attendance to introduce themselves and report on school activities/athletics, President Denholm first opened the floor for board/staff comments.

Board/Staff Comments

Director Cannon spoke positively about the recent board School Site Visit to Skyline Elementary, noting the excellent mission information and school leadership structure shared by Principal Erik Olson that was followed by classroom visits. In talking with students Director Cannon noted they were quick to share all they are learning. Director Cannon thanked Mr. Olson and Skyline students and staff for hosting the board and shared he looks forward to upcoming school site visits.

Director Olson shared how well high school winter sports teams are doing and noted the start of spring sports is just around the corner.

President Denholm also spoke positively about the Skyline School Site Visit, noting in particular how enjoyable it was to listen to students sing about the United States Constitution.

Mt. Spokane High School Report

Prior to providing an update on Mt. Spokane High School athletics and activities, newly elected ASB officers (listed below) were introduced by outgoing officers.

Incoming Officers

President: Stetson Gilbert
 Vice-President: Ryan Lafferty
 Secretary: Bre Koscelski
 Treasurer: Ben Joireman
 Public Relations: Sam Davidson

Outgoing Officers

Cole McNamee
 Addi Zandt
 Live Olson
 Cami Hattenburg
 Abby Wallace

Newly elected Student Body President Stetson Gilbert shared it is his vision, in partnership with the other officers, to look for ways to enhance Mt. Spokane’s welcoming environment. All officers shared they are excited to give back and serve the Mt. Spokane community.

A brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School was presented by outgoing Public Relations Officer Abby Wallace. More than 400 tickets were sold to the Winter Formal and Stephanie Noble Beans, the MLK Assembly keynote speaker, reminded students that together they can be the dream. The annual Mead High vs Mt. Spokane *Glow Down, Show Down* wrestling match takes place on January 26th, followed by the *Pack the Palace* rivalry basketball games hosted at Mt. Spokane on February 2nd. Ms. Wallace concluded her report by thanking the board for their support of Mt. Spokane students.

President Denholm thanked students, ASB Advisor Nancy Butz and Principal Chelsea Gallagher for the update and their attendance at the meeting.

VI. Continuing Business - none

VII. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Olson noted the retirement of Highland Athletic Director/teacher Keith Ward and thanked him for his many years of service to the Mead School District.

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:

Darla Bennett	Mt. Spokane	Cert	.6 FTE Leave Replacement Resource Teacher 22/23 school year effective 1/17/23
Jennifer Cochran	Mead Learning Options	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement Teacher 22/23 school year (in addition to .2 FTE Continuing) effective 1/9/23

2. Hired Classified Personnel:

Karen Nelson	Nutrition Services/Mountainside	Class	2.5 hrs/day Cook III effective 1/3/23
Anna Arnott	Mountainside	Class	6.15 hrs/day Para Ed effective 12/20/22
Grace Kriegh	Highland	Class	6.5 hrs/day DLC Para Ed effective 1/3/23
Samuel Burkley	Mt. Spokane	Class	6.25 hrs/day Para Ed effective 1/3/23
Evageline Ranin	Evergreen	Class	6 hrs/day Para Ed effective 1/6/23
Angela Payne	Prairie View	Class	6 hrs/day Para Ed effective 1/6/23
Kimberly Schoonover	Mead High	Class	8 hrs/day Leave Replacement Admin Assistant effective 1/11/23 - 6/30/23

3. Hired Certificated Substitutes:

Tatyana Wilson	Kyndal Mullin	Jodi Eggleston	Elizabeth Winegarden
Jarred Nelson	Lauren Long	Sara Kelly	Rick Geisser
Randy Mickelsen	Chris Zeller		

4. **Hired Classified Substitutes:**

Shad Robles | Shari Rasmussen | Sara Welte | Candice Herndon

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, **January 23, 2023**, the Board, by a unanimous vote does approve for payment the vouchers included in the above referenced list and further described as **Warrant Numbers 109606 to 109816** in the following amounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund - AP	\$ 1,699,150.90
General Fund - PR	57,406.55
ASB Fund	51,263.95
Capital Projects Fund	140,996.46
Transportation Fund	147,293.73

6. **Approved Extra-Curricular and Supplemental Contracts.**

7. **Accepted the Following Donations:**

- \$4,000 from Richard Eno to MSD Resource Hub
- \$500 from Heritage Funeral to Mead HS Unified Sports
- \$28,000 from Mountainside Middle School PTO (fund run) to Mountainside 22/23 ASB Account
- \$11,000 from Highland Parent Pack (fund fun) to Highland 22/23 ASB Account
- \$37,500 from Northwood Parent Pack (fund run) to Northwood 22/23 ASB Account
- \$9,000 Tech Grant from Dorian Studios (\$1,000 per school) to Brentwood, Colbert, Creekside, Evergreen, Farwell, Meadow Ridge, Midway, Prairie View & Skyline

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

Patricia Sisson	Mt. Spokane	Class	5/31/23 - 6/2/23
Tara Murto	Mountainside	Cert	5/30/23
Alyssa Harmon	Evergreen	Cert	2 nd Semester 22/23
DeAnn Beeman	Special Services	Class	5/23/23 - 5/27/23
Tina Harvey	Colbert	Class	2/25/23 - 3/6/23
Heather Campbell	Highland	Class	2/6/23 - 2/10/23
Linda Johnson	Brentwood	Class	2/6/23 - 2/8/23

9. **Approved Requests for Retirement/Resignation:**

Johana Peacock	Meadow Ridge	Class	Resignation Effective 1/27/23 (Cook)
Ray O'Russa	Evergreen	Class	Retirement Effective 3/21/23 (Custodian)
Robert Grimsley	Transportation	Class	Resignation Effective 1/2/23 (Bus Driver)
Vasily Kravtsov	Maintenance	Class	Retirement Effective 5/20/23 (HVAC Tech)
Mickinzie Willis	Shiloh Hills	Class	Resignation Effective 1/18/23 (Para Ed DLC)
Michael Wiser	Transportation	Class	Resignation Effective 1/31/23 (Bus Driver)
Keith Ward	Highland	Cert	Retirement Effective 6/30/23 (teacher/AD)
Dianne Figueroa	Evergreen	Class	Resignation Effective 1/30/23 (Para Ed DLC)

**B. Student Travel Proposal
Mt. Spokane High School Sports Medicine**

Director of Secondary Education Darren Nelson presented a request from Mt. Spokane High School Sports Medicine to travel to Los Angeles, California, March 16-19, 2023, to participate in the AACI California Regional Sports Medicine Competition. It is estimated 12 students will participate plus Mt. Spokane Sports Medicine teacher Breann Booher. Mr. Nelson shared he will be traveling with the group as an additional chaperone. This Sports Medicine event is one of the most competitive in the nation. Students, in addition to competing in a variety of skill categories, will have the opportunity to network with health care professionals and other high school students.

Students will miss one day of school (March 16th . . . March 17th is a non-student Learning Improvement Day). The estimated per student cost is \$375 plus airfare with fundraising opportunities available.

Responding to a request from President Denholm, Mr. Nelson stated he will have the group attend a future board meeting to share competition highlights. Mr. Nelson concurred with

Director Olson that Mt. Spokane's Sports Medicine program is very successful and is easy to support.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the request from Mt. Spokane Sports Medicine to travel to Los Angeles, California, to participate in the AACI California Regional Sports Medicine Competition, March 16-19, 2023, as presented. Director Cannon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Reports

A. Financial Report for the Month of December 2022

Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson presented a brief financial report for the month of December 2022. Enrollment continues to be over budget (55 FTE). The January allotment from the state will reflect actual rather than budgeted enrollment. Expenditures are at 32.2%, which is right on target. Referring to the Fund Balance Chart provided in board packets that compares the current school year to 20-21 and 21-22, Ms. Ellingson pointed out 21-22 spikes are related to the influx of one-time COVID funds. Preliminary work continues on the upcoming 2023-2024 budget. This budget will assume flat enrollment.

The levy rate for the 2023 calendar year is \$1.64, down from \$1.96 in 2022. When the current three-year levy was approved in February of 2021, it included an estimated levy rate of \$2.00 and anticipated a 9-10% increase in yearly valuation. Valuations for 2023 increased by an unprecedented 30%, hence the drop in levy rate to \$1.64. Ms. Ellingson reminded that voters approve a dollar amount not a levy rate. The current levy expires in 2024. In response to a question from Director Cannon, Ms. Ellingson noted each year of a three-year levy has a different dollar amount.

The district's bond debt service rate in 2023 is \$1.35/\$1,000 of assessed value, down from \$1.62 in 2022. The district has \$164.5 million in outstanding bonds.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Woodward reminded board members about the upcoming second event in the district's *Future Ready* series taking place at on Wednesday, January 25th from 5:30-7:30 pm at Mt. Spokane High School. He additionally noted the need to schedule two board work sessions focused on finances. At these work sessions critical information will be presented to provide context and help the board/district determine where adjustments/reductions totaling \$3-\$5 million for the 2023/24 school year need to be made. These work sessions will also provide the opportunity to look at different levy renewal rates and consider the impact of each scenario on program offerings. Suggested work session dates were March 9 and March 23. A follow-up email will be sent to board members with meeting particulars (time, location, etc.). If the board has specific financial areas they would like to be covered at these work sessions Superintendent Woodward asked that they let him know.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

President

Secretary