



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, February 13, 2023**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 13, 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, Cannon and Gray were present. Director Burchard was 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 23, 2023, and Board Work Session of February 2, 2023, as presented. Director Cannon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Noting there were no community members/individuals present who signed-up to speak on agenda topics, President Denholm first opened the floor for current and newly elected Mead High School ASB officers to introduce themselves and report on school activities/athletics followed by board/staff comments.

Mead High School Report

Prior to providing an update on Mead High School athletics and activities newly elected ASB officers (listed below) introduced themselves.

President:	Hudson Byrd
Vice-President:	Rylee Brower
Secretary:	Audrey Williams
Treasurer:	Hannah Schmick
Public Relations:	Mia Speai
Sergeant of Arms:	Sofia Mark (not present)

A brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School was presented by current ASB President Rylee Lupton and current Public Relations Officer Haylie Egan. The community service clothing drive, a joint-venture between Mead and Farwell benefitting Teen Closet, continues, Mead High students have qualified for the state *Poetry Out Loud* competition taking place on March 11th and 307 tickets were sold to the *Winter Formal*. To celebrate Valentine's Day hearts for all students and staff are on display throughout the school. Each heart includes the name of a student or staff member. Mead High wrestlers are the Region 4 3A Champion, girls basketball is the GSL Champion and Cheer earned high honors at a recent competition qualifying them for Nationals.

Board/Staff Comments

Director Gray, who had the opportunity to visit the Transitional K program at Shiloh Hills, was very complimentary of the program and noted she is looking forward to seeing how being involved helps students as they transition to kindergarten next year. She additionally expressed excitement that the district has plans to expand Transitional K to other schools next year.

Director Olson, noting the recent article in the Spokesman on the Mead High Cheer Program, congratulated the team on their recent success which qualified them to compete at Nationals in Anaheim, California, later in the month. The need for this trip to be approved by the board was referenced.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agendas A & B

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

Director Olson made a motion to approve Consent Agenda B, as presented. Director Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried. Director Cannon abstained. (The stipend referenced is being paid to a relative of Director Cannon.)

Consent Agenda A

1. Hired Certificated Personnel:

Ireland Mayfield	Special Services	Cert	1.0 FTE Continuing Elementary Resource Teacher effective 1/10/23
Karen Shoop-Swanson	Mead Learning Options	Cert	.2 FTE Continuing Virtual Resource Room Teacher effective 1/3/23
Claire Perry	Evergreen	Cert	1.0 FTE Leave Replacement 1 st Grade Teacher 2 nd semester 22/23 (taking a leave from Continuing position at Farwell)
Lisa Corning	Mead Learning Options	Cert	.1 FTE Leave Replacement teacher 22/23 school year effective 1/17/23 in addition to .3 FTE Continuing
Christina Wilson	Highland	Cert	.6 FTE Continuing Resource Room teacher effective 1/30/23
Crystyne Borders	Farwell	Cert	1.0 FTE Leave Replacement 1 st Grade teacher 22/23 school year effective 1/16/23
Lauren Johnson	Meadow Ridge	Cert	1.0 FTE Continuing 3 rd Grade teacher effective 8/30/22 (replaces Leave Replacement contract)

2. Hired Classified Personnel:

Anita Self	Custodial Services	Class	8 hrs/day Custodial II effective 1/9/23
Jayne Marquardt	Prairie View	Class	6.05 hrs/day DLC Para Ed effective 1/19/23
Heather Wright	Meadow Ridge	Class	2 hrs/day Cook II effective 1/30/23
Janel Starkey	Northwood	Class	8 hrs/day Admin Assistant effective 1/30/23
Robert Grimsley	Transportation	Class	4 hrs/day Bus Driver effective 1/26/23
Jaymyne Ross	Midway	Class	4.6 hrs/day Para Ed effective 2/2/23
Bethany Coski	Colbert	Class	6.25 hrs/day Classified Nurse effective 2/2/23
Bradley Butterfield	Transportation	Class	4 hrs/day Bus Driver effective 1/24/23
Jennifer Berreth	Colbert	Class	6.25 hrs/day Para Ed effective 1/30/23

3. Hired Certificated Substitutes:

Stephanie Kubej	Stephen Ainley	Isis Womack	Sally Stamm
Sara Zielinski	Nancy Kiehn	Madison Cain	Victoria Monreal
Madison Stevens	Hathan Jacobus	Sara Kielley	Miranda Holland

4. Hired Classified Substitutes:

Cathie Shinsel	Wayne Leonard	Andrea Brown	John Malina
Nicole Daley	Kristine Brown		

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, **February 13, 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 109817 to 110151** in the following amounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund - AP	\$ 1,386,970.96
General Fund - PR	10,782,788.02
ASB Fund	271,228.99
Capital Projects Fund	231,479.53

6. Accepted the Following Donations:

- \$15,000 from Highland Parent Pack (fund fun) to Highland 22/23 ASB Account
- \$1,000 from Dorian to Shiloh Hills Elementary (Tech Grant)
- \$1,000 from Tyler & Kelly Lafferty to Mt. Spokane High School (Incoming Freshman T-Shirts & Teacher Fund)

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

Lori Campbell	Northwood	Class	2/13/23 – 6/30/23
Lydia Coski	Farwell	Class	5/9/23 – 5/16/23
Emily Gillin	Mountainside	Cert	3/9/23 – 3/14/23
Courtney Alder	Creekside	Class	4 hrs/day, 3 days/week 2/13/23 - 4/18/23
Sierra Hill	Colbert	Class	2/15/23 – 2/28/23

8. Approved Request for Public Service Leave:

Molly Cain	Shiloh Hills	Cert	1/31/23 – 2/2/23
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9. Approved Requests for Retirement/Resignation:

Michael Wallace	Transportation	Class	Resignation effective 1/31/23 (Bus Driver)
Scott Huffman	Mountainside	Cert	Resignation effective 2/4/23 (Teacher)
Jeff Miller	Midway	Class	Retirement effective 4/14/23 (Custodian)
Jermaine Tuggle	Highland	Class	Resignation effective 2/20/23 (Cook)
Kimberly Wallace	Transportation	Class	Resignation effective 8/31/23 (Bus Assistant)
Jani Nelsen	Transportation	Class	Resignation effective 2/28/23 (Bus Driver)
Jillian Madsen	Transportation	Class	Resignation effective 2/17/23 (Admin Asst)
Shelby Baskett	Prairie View	Class	Resignation effective 2/15/23 (Para Ed)
Thea Carter	Mead Learning Options	Cert	Retirement effective 6/30/23 (teacher)
Lisa Homb	Mountainside	Class	Retirement effective 3/31/23 (Bookkeeper)

10. Approved Release from Employment During Probationary Period:

Joni Kent	Brentwood	Class	Behavior Intervention Tech (release effective 2/13/23)
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Consent Agenda B

1. Approved Extra-Curricular Contract:

Max Cannon	Fall Marching Band (Mead High School)	\$300.00
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**B. Student Travel Proposal
Mt. Spokane High School Yearbook**

Director of Secondary Education Darren Nelson presented a request from Mt. Spokane High School Yearbook staff (eight students) and advisor Susan Best to travel to San Francisco, California, April 20-23, 2023, to attend the JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention. This is an opportunity for students to attend sessions on various journalism and yearbook topics, take part in national competitions, bond with fellow Mt. Spokane High School Yearbook students and meet professionals in the journalism/publishing community.

The estimated per student cost is \$650. The remaining costs associated with the trip (hotel for all participants plus advisor expenses) will be covered by the Mt. Spokane High School Yearbook ASB budget. Students will leave after school on April 20th and, therefore, will only miss one day of school, Friday, April 21st. Ms. Best will need a substitute for that same day.

Mr. Nelson noted a request from Mead High School to attend this same convention will be presented at an upcoming board meeting. Both schools will travel together and share chaperones.

President Denholm complimented Mr. Nelson on the recent improvements made in the trip approval process noting, in particular, the timeliness of trip approval submissions.

Director Cannon made a motion to approve the request from Mt. Spokane High School Yearbook to travel to San Francisco, California, to attend the JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention, April 20-23, 2023, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Woodward shared election trend and tax rate history information prepared by Cory Plager, Managing Director at DA Davidson. Mr. Plager reviewed this information with Superintendent Woodward, Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson, Business Services Director Adina Grimsley and Business & Operations Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley at a recent meeting. Superintendent Woodward presented this information as a precursor to the upcoming March 2nd and March 23rd Board Work Sessions on the 23/24 budget.

Information shared included the following:

- Mead School District election voting history. Of particular note was the historically low levy pass rate of 52.4% in 2021, as compared to recent past history. This lower pass rate is consistent with school districts across the state and coincides with revisions to the state's school funding model as a result of the McCleary decision.
- A graph, spanning 20+ years, illustrating the Capital Projects Levies success rate in the state.
- A graph, spanning 20+ years, illustrating the School Bond success rate in the state.
- A graph, spanning 10+ years, illustrating Mead School District Tax Rate History. Of particular note is the declining tax rate over time with the 2023 rate being the lowest in recent history.
- A table that included 2023 tax rates for all Spokane County school districts.

Director Cannon concurred with Superintendent Woodward that the restructuring of how the state funds public schools following McCleary is a major contributing factor to the decline in community support for school ballot measures. Recalling the district surveyed the community following the last levy renewal election asking *WHY* they voted *FOR* or *AGAINST* the measure, he suggested it would be good for the board/district to review that feedback.

Superintendent Woodward shared he and Heather Ellingson are in the process of preparing for the upcoming March 2nd Work Session and reminded the board to let him know if there are any specific topics and/or information they would like to see included in the budget presentation.

VIII. Executive Session

At 6:20 pm President Denholm called for an Executive Session of approximately one hour to evaluate the qualifications of potential superintendent candidates.

At 7:30 pm President Denholm returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

President

Secretary