



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

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023. This meeting was held in-person and virtually via a Zoom link posted on the Mead School District website. Directors Denholm, Burchard, Olson, Cannon and Gray were present. Also attending were Superintendent Travis Hanson, 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 October 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and October 23, 2023 Work Session, as presented. Director Cannon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools - Public Comment on Agenda Items**

President Denholm first opened the floor for high school ASB updates. This was followed by comments from David Knaggs on the EP&O Replacement Levy. This agenda item concluded with board/staff comments. (As set forth in Policy 1430, the opportunity for Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items is provided at the end of the meeting prior to adjournment.)

*Mead High School Report*

A brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mead High School was presented by ASB President Hudson Byrd. Soccer (girls), for the second year in a row, qualified for State making it to the Elite 8, Volleyball will compete for a State Title in Yakima November 17 & 18, and Girls Cross-Country placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the recent State meet. The fall play, *Laughing Stock* (a comedy), is in the midst of a six performance run and, at the recent JEA/NSPA Fall Conference, Yearbook staff earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the *Best of Show* category. The ASB class will be hosting *Eggnog Evening* in early December. In conclusion, Hudson, on behalf of the entire Mead High School community, thanked both Denny Denholm and Bob Olson for their years of service on Mead's Board of Directors.

*Mt. Spokane High School Report*

A brief review of the academic, athletic, leadership and music events recently completed and upcoming at Mt. Spokane High School was presented by ASB President Stetson Gilbert. This year's Veterans Day Assembly, featuring veteran/school counselor Josh Cowart as keynote speaker, was very powerful. *Battle of the Bell* was a great sporting event with Mt. Spokane defeating Mead High School. All fall sports teams performed very well. Upcoming events include a *Blood Drive* and the annual holiday concert (band, choir & orchestra) taking place at *The Fox Theatre* on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Stetson, on behalf of the Mt. Spokane High School community, also thanked Denny Denholm and Bob Olson for their service to Mead School District students, staff and families.

## *Public Comment on Agenda Items*

On the topic of the replacement levy, David Knaggs spoke about the importance of the levy to students. He referenced the recent school board elections, where there was a great deal of focus on *parent voice*, and reminded that a key function of those who serve on school boards is to advocate for students. As the parent of a special needs student, he knows first-hand the importance of levy dollars as public school is the only option for his child - private schools and charter schools simply do not have the resources to meet the unique learning challenges of special needs students. In conclusion, going back to the topic of *parent voice*, he noted there are many parents who “don’t show up” and wondered, “Who will advocate for those kids?”

## *Board/Staff Comments*

Director Olson, who attended Veterans Day assemblies/events at Northwood, Mountainside and Mt. Spokane, noted in particular the moving keynote speech from Mt. Spokane Counselor/Veteran Josh Cowart and the attentiveness of students who showed the utmost respect at each of these celebrations.

President Denholm, who also attended the assemblies/events at Northwood, Mountainside and Mt. Spokane, shared that, as a veteran, he found each celebration to be emotional for him personally.

Director Gray, in acknowledgment that this was the last board meeting for both Bob Olson and Denny Denholm, expressed her thanks/appreciation for both men and their many contributions and years of service to the Mead School District community.

Director Gray additionally expressed appreciation for the partnership between the Spokane Symphony and the Mead School District. Recently she accompanied Mead 4<sup>th</sup> graders to an educational event put on by the symphony. It was wonderful to see students, who might not otherwise have the opportunity, be exposed to and enjoy the symphony.

Director Cannon, first noting he would save his comments regarding Director Olson and Director Denholm until later in the meeting, shared he recently attended several entertaining/competitive athletic events including *Battle of the Bell*, *Catmania* and a Mead High School soccer match and noted the Mead School District is home to many outstanding athletic teams/programs.

Director Burchard, on the departure of Bob Olson and Denny Denholm from the school board, expressed his personal thanks for their service. They are great gentlemen who have become his friends. Their many years of service to the Mead School District community is humbling.

## **V. Continuing Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda A**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Policy/Procedure Adoptions & Revisions**

President Denholm, prior to asking for a motion to approve Consent Agenda A, which includes policies and/or procedures that were presented for first reading revision, adoption or suspension on October 9, 2023, noted no first reading changes were recommended, and provided background/context for having policies/procedures where no first reading changes are recommended be approved as part of a stand-alone second reading Consent Agenda.

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

## Consent Agenda A

### 1. Approved the Following 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Policy/Procedure Adoptions, Revisions or Suspensions:

- Policy/Procedure 1400 Revision (Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum)
- Policy/Procedure 1420 Revision (Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda)
- Policy 1630 Revision (Evaluation of Superintendent)
- Procedure 1630 Suspension (Evaluation of Superintendent)
- Policy 1805 Adoption (Open Government Trainings)

## VI. New Business

### A. Consent Agenda B

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

## Consent Agenda B

### 1. Hired Certificated Personnel:

Karen Shoop-Swanson	Mt. Spokane HS	Cert	1.0 FTE Continuing Special Ed Teacher effective 10/2/23 (no longer @ Mead HS)
Kimberley Smith	Creekside & Midway	Cert	.4 FTE Leave Replacement 1 <sup>st</sup> semester PE teacher (Creekside) effective 9/22/23-1/26/24 + .2 FTE Leave Replacement Combo Support Teacher 23/24 school year effective 9/25/23-6/14/24
Hope Hocutt	Meadow Ridge	Cert	.4 FTE Leave Replacement Music Teacher 23/24 school year (in addition to .6 FTE Continuing)
Katie Semko	MLO	Cert	.1 FTE Leave Replacement Teacher 23/24 school year effective 9/25/23-6/14/24 (in addition to .4 FTE Continuing)
Kathryn Jordan	Learning & Teaching	Cert	.4 FTE Leave Replacement Teacher 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (9/5/23 - 1/26/24) + .4 FTE Leave Replacement Teacher 23/24 school year effective 10/16/23 - 6/14/23
Heather Mackey	Farwell & Meadow Ridge	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement Combo Support Teacher (Midway) 23/24 school year effective 9/28/23-6/14/24 + .4 FTE Leave Replacement math support/specialist support teacher 23/24 school year effective 10/4/23-6/14/24
Lisa Corning	MLO	Cert	.1 FTE Leave Replacement teacher 23/24 school year effective 10/3/23-6/14/24 (in addition to .2 FTE LR 23/24 + .7 FTE Continuing)
Erin Glasser	MLO	Cert	.4 FTE Continuing Teacher effective 9/5/23 (in addition to .6 FTE Continuing)
Jill Wright	MLO	Cert	.4 FTE Continuing Teacher effective 9/18/23
Kacy Kracke	Skyline	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement Combo Support Teacher 23/24 school year effective 10/2/23-6/14/24
Jacob Zachman	Special Services/Shiloh Hills	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement Resource Room Teacher 23/24 school year effective 10/16/24 (in addition to .6 FTE Continuing)
McKenna Russell	Farwell	Cert	1.0 FTE Leave Replacement 1-2 Combo Teacher 23/24 school year effective 10/18/23
Suzanne Swenland	Evergreen	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement Combo Support 23/24 school year effective 10/9/23 (in addition to .4 FTE Leave Replacement 23/24 school year)
Tija Smith-Wallis	Northwood	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement Spanish Teacher 23/24 School Year effective 11/13/23 (in addition to .8 FTE Continuing)
Jacob Fry	Northwood	Cert	1.0 FTE Leave Replacement PE Teacher 23/24 School Year effective 11/1/23 (taking leave from .4 FTE Continuing @ Creekside)
Correna Cockrill	Special Services	Cert	1.0 FTE Leave Replacement Resource Room Teacher 1 <sup>st</sup> semester 23/24 school year effective 11/1/23
Opal Harbert	Mead Learning Options	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement (23/24 School Year) + .1 FTE Continuing effective 10/4/23 (in addition to .4 FTE Continuing)
Suzanne Swenland	Shiloh Hills	Cert	.2 FTE Leave Replacement (23/24 School Year) K math teacher effective 9/8/23 (in addition to .4 FTE Leave Replacement 23/24 School Year)

2. **Hired Classified Personnel:**

Andra Arment	Transportation	Class	8 hrs/day Admin Assistant effective 9/28/23
Denise Arnold	Mead HS	Class	8 hrs/day Data Processor effective 10/16/23
Detlef Arronge	Transportation	Class	4 hrs/day Itinerate Driver effective 9/26/23
Scott Atkins	Transportation	Class	4 hrs/day Itinerate Driver effective 10/16/23
Elizabeth Bennett	Farwell	Class	6.5 hrs/day TTK Para Ed effective 9/28/23
Katie Booher	Mt. Spokane	Class	8 hrs/day Admin Assistant effective 10/16/23
Heidi Boydston	Farwell	Class	6.25 hrs/day Para Ed effective 10/5/23
William Brooks	Transportation	Class	4 hrs/day Bus Driver effective 9/26/23
Susan Frasier	Transportation	Class	4.5 hrs/day Bus Assistant effective 10/16/23
Robert Grimsley	Transportation	Class	8 hrs/day Transportation Technician effective 11/1/23
Michelle Johnson	Highland	Class	5.93 hrs/day DLC Para Ed effective 10/2/23
Stephanie Kuest	Highland	Class	6.15 hrs/day DLC Para Ed effective 10/6/23
Madison Lee	Mt. Spokane	Class	6.5 hrs/day Para Ed effective 10/5/23
Angelica Lontz	Highland	Class	6.5 hrs/day Para Ed effective 10/3/23
Debra Myrick	Transportation	Class	4 hrs/day Bus Assistant effective 10/16/23
Emily Nelson	Mt. Spokane	Class	6.15 hrs/day Para Ed effective 10/12/23
Michelle Nunez	Northwood	Class	3 hrs/day Cook II effective 9/26/23
Mari Rosales	Mt. Spokane	Class	8 hrs/day Data Processor effective 10/19/23
Jennifer Schneider	Colbert	Class	4.5 hrs/day DLC Para Ed effective 10/5/23
Kody Waddell	Custodial Services	Class	8 hrs/day Custodian II effective 9/26/23
Heather Woodard	Northwood	Class	6.04 hrs/day DLC Para Ed effective 9/28/23
Samuel Wygren	Transportation	Class	5.5 hrs/day Bus Assistant effective 10/19/23

3. **Hired Certificated Substitutes:**

Julie Mitchell	Jonathon Pehrson	Tymen Grant	Kristina King
Sydnee Cummins	Riley Reed	Chris Knott	Chase Parkhurst
Lauren Kethner	Rebecca Boor	Kaylee Unwin	Hailey Richter
Kennedy Conrad	Kimberly Tutt	Mary Heim	Maren Cummings
Chris Knott	Charles Hatcher	Joanna Erdman	Taylor Buckstrom
Halle Maroney			

4. **Hired Classified Substitutes:**

Ryan Harbison	Erin Shannon	Alan Pocan	Jamie Sutton-Powers
John Hedy	Alixandra Sandord		

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, **November 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 113501 to 114109** in the following amounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund - AP	\$ 2,253,174.82
General Fund - PR	11,514,569.38
ASB Fund	251,152.64
Capital Projects Fund	94,117.07

6. **Approved Supplemental, Co-Curricular & Extra-Curricular contracts.**

7. **Declared the following Items as Surplus:**

- 2003 Bluebird RE School Bus  
Bus 130  
State No. 21297  
Vin No. 1BABKBXA04F215713  
Plate No. C209C  
Mileage: 80135

8. **Accepted the Following Donation:**

- \$50,000 from Mountainside Middle School PTO to Mountainside ASB (Fund Run Proceeds)
- \$5,000 from Wenspok Resources, LLC (Wendy's) to Mead HS Band Program
- \$600 from Bloomsday Road Runners Club to Mead HS Boys Cross-Country Program
- \$6,000 from CFlett Homes to Mead HS for Baseball Scoreboard
- \$750 from Bloomsday Road Runners Club to Mead HS Cheerleaders

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

Wayne Botner	Transportation	Class	10/3/23 - 3/3/24
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Brandon Camp	Maintenance	Class	11/2/23 - 12/5/23
Amy Hood	Evergreen (1.0 FTE)	Cert	10/23/23 - 1/4/24
Rachel Markum	Shiloh Hills (.6 FTE)	Cert	11/21/23 - 1/2/24
Naysha Summers	Mead High	Class	9/1/23 - 1/31/24
Melissa Kehr	Special Services (.6 FTE)	Cert	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (23/24)
Laura Nelson	Farwell (1.0 FTE)	Cert	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (23/24)
Claire Spring	Mead HS (1.0 FTE)	Cert	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (23/24)
Christian Eaton	Mead High	Class	Wednesdays through 12/13/23
Craig Phillips	Warehouse	Class	11/16-17/23
Elizabeth Jackson	Creekside	Class	11/1/23 - 2/27/24
Samantha Rose	Creekside	Class	11/20-21/2023

**10. Approved Requests to Rescind Leave (i.e., parenting, medical, Good of the District, etc.):**

Jamie Kissler	Special Services	Cert	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (23/24)
MacKenna Jones	Mead HS	Class	11/1/23 - 11/13/23

**11. Accepted Requests for Retirement/Resignation:**

Rick Biggerstaff	Mead HS	Cert	Retirement effective 6/30/24
Jessica Gustafson	Skyline	Class	Resignation effective 11/24/23
Jeanne Helfer	Mt. Spokane	Cert	Retirement effective 6/30/24
Cindy Richman	Northwood	Cert	Retirement effective 10/31/23
Raymond Roberts	Maintenance	Class	Resignation effective 10/31/23
Theresa Ward	Transportation	Class	Retirement effective 10/31/23
James Tucker	Mountainside	Cert	Deceased 10/14/23

**B. Resolution 23-14  
EP&O Replacement Levy**

Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson presented Resolution 23-14, EP&O Replacement Levy, for board consideration. Since early last spring the board has engaged in numerous conversations about district finances and the levy replacement rate. A \$2.50 replacement levy rate was approved on May 8, 2023 and, following board authorization on October 9, 2023, the OSPI Pre-Ballot Approval Form was submitted and received approval on October 10, 2023. The adoption of Resolution 23-14 is the next step in replacement levy process. The district worked with legal counsel in the preparation of this resolution.

Every three years the Mead School District seeks voter approval of an excess levy for enrichment and operations support. The levy approved by voters in February 2021 expires at the end of the 2024 calendar year. Resolution 23-14 sets the levy amount for voter approval at \$29,340,000 for 2024, \$30,510,000 for 2026 and \$31,730,000 for 2027 and a special election date of February 13, 2024. The estimated tax rate for the enrichment levy each year is \$2.50. Ms. Ellingson explained the rate will never be greater than \$2.50 (it could be less) and reminded that only the approved dollar amount can be collected - it does not fluctuate based on changes in assessed valuation.

Local funds represent approximately 13.6% of the Mead School District operating budget. The levy supports small class sizes, activities (band, choir, drama, orchestra), athletics (middle and high school), increased learning opportunities (AP, STEM and highly capable), reading, music and PE specialists, counselors and social workers, nurses, bus transportation and much more.

Director Gray made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-14, EP&O Replacement Levy, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion.

*Roll Call Vote*

- Director Gray - Aye
- Director Cannon - Aye
- Director Olson - Aye
- Director Burchard - Aye
- Director Denholm - Aye

The motion, by roll-call vote, received unanimous approval. A copy of Resolution 23-14 is attached.

## **VII. Reports**

### **A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Hanson congratulated Mt. Spokane's Slow-Pitch Softball Team on being 3A State Champions.

Regarding the replacement levy, Superintendent Hanson shared he has already presented, or will soon present, information on the ballot measure to the staff at each district school. Employees have been very receptive to the information shared with many signing up for either one time or regular payroll deductions to support the efforts of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). While the district can only share factual information about the replacement levy, the CAC advocates for passage of school district ballot measures.

In recognition of this being the last board meeting for both Bob Olson and Denny Denholm, Superintendent Hanson shared it is impossible to overstate the contributions of these two gentlemen to the students, staff and families of the Mead School District. The district had the opportunity to celebrate Bob's service in August at the district's *Welcome Back Day*. This evening both are celebrated. Their combined service will be forever woven into the story of the Mead School District.

Director Denholm served on Mead's board for 25 years. Superintendent Hanson noted Denny's enthusiasm and charm, along with his dedication to seeing kids succeed both inside and outside of school. In particular, he referenced the late evening call he received last February from Denny about the open Mead superintendent position. Thanks and appreciation were also extended to Denny's wife Genia.

In asking Director Olson to present Denny with a special commemorative Mead School District plaque, like Denny had presented to Bob at the August *Welcome Back Day*, Superintendent Hanson noted it was personally gratifying, on behalf of the entire Mead School District community, to say "thank you" and express gratitude for the countless hours invested by Denny that have impacted so many.

### **VIII. Remarks for the Good of the Schools – Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Director Cannon added his personal thanks to both Director Olson and Director Denholm. While they have not always agreed on everything, he shared it has been a privilege to serve on the board with both of them. He has tremendous respect for their dedication and appreciates their many years of service.

Director Olson shared it has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Mead School Board, noting he would "do it all again." He expressed thanks to his wife Fran, their three children and grandchildren. Regarding the upcoming replacement levy, he reminded that the 10,000 students who attend Mead schools are depending on the community to pass the measure. In conclusion, he shared that he "loves the Mead School District."

MEA President Toby Doolittle, on behalf of students and staff, extended thanks to both Director Denholm and Director Olson. Their service has had a profound impact on many. Regarding the number of folks in attendance to show their appreciation, Mr. Doolittle noted the crowd included many retirees. Thanks were also extended to Jamie Stacy and David Knaggs for putting themselves out there and running for school board positions.

President Denholm recognized/introduced his wife Genia sharing this was the very first meeting she ever attended in his 25 years as a board member. He expressed his thanks to Bob Olson who he served with for the entire 25 years. Bob has helped him be both a better person and a better board member. He acknowledged/thanked his four children, all Mead School District graduates, who were watching via Zoom. Denny shared he is proud to have served as a Mead School District

board member noting he believes Mead is the best district in the state. In conclusion, he referenced the many friendships rekindled throughout the election process, thanked those who have reached out to him with personal notes and phone calls and noted how very fortunate the district is to have Travis Hanson as its superintendent.

Jamie Stacy sang a song with words affirming a job "well done" and shared Bob Olson and Denny Denholm led with empathy, compassion and love. She noted their willingness to do what is right in the midst of adversity and that their encouragement to run for school board to support children was what motivated her to enter the race. Even though she was not elected she shared she does not need a board seat to serve.

**IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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**President**

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**Secretary**

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 13, 2024, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for three years commencing in 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$29,340,000, in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$30,510,000, and in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$31,730,000, for the District's General Fund to pay expenses of educational programs and operations; designating the District's Chief Financial Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Spokane County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2024 is the last year of collection of the District's current three-year General Fund renewal enrichment and operations tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 20-13, adopted by the Board on November 23, 2020, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 9, 2021.

(b) With the expiration of the District's current three-year General Fund renewal enrichment and operations tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's General Fund for the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 will be insufficient to permit the District to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of programs, services, and staff not funded by the State of Washington (the "State"), all as more particularly set forth in Section 3 of this resolution, during such school years, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$29,340,000 be made in 2024 for collection in 2025, \$30,510,000 be made in 2025 for collection in 2026, and \$31,730,000 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027 for the District's General Fund to provide the money required to meet those expenses.

(c) The District's proposed three-year General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy authorized in this resolution provides for approximately the same educational programs and operations purposes as the District's expiring three-year General Fund renewal enrichment and operations tax levy.

(d) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes for support of (*i.e.*, to pay or fund) educational programs and operations expenses.



(e) The District has received approval of its educational programs and operations tax levy expenditure plan from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under RCW 28A.505.240 as required by RCW 84.52.053(4), a copy of which is on file with the District.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Spokane County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the “Auditor”), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 13, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the District’s voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement General Fund educational programs and operations tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for three years commencing in 2024 for collection in 2025 of \$29,340,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$30,510,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$31,730,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by law at the time of the tax levy.

Section 3. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes up to the amounts provided in this resolution to meet the educational needs of its students and pay expenses of programs, services, and staff not funded by the State, including, but not limited to, elective and advanced courses, special education, nurses, counselors, technology support, safety, security, performing arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities, during the school years 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

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Section 4. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Mead School District No. 354 adopted Resolution No. 23-14, concerning a proposition to fund educational programs and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for programs, services, and staff not funded by the State (including elective and advanced courses, special education, nurses, counselors, technology support, safety, security, performing arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities):

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$2.50		\$29,340,000
2026	\$2.50		\$30,510,000
2027	\$2.50		\$31,730,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 23-14. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES

LEVY . . . NO

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 15, 2023; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to levy excess property taxes for support of educational programs and operations expenses.

Section 6. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Chief Financial Officer (Heather Ellingson), telephone: 509.465.6048; email: [heather.ellingson@mead354.org](mailto:heather.ellingson@mead354.org); and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Jim McNeill), telephone: 509.777.1602; email: [jim.mcneill@foster.com](mailto:jim.mcneill@foster.com), as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. Execution: General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the President

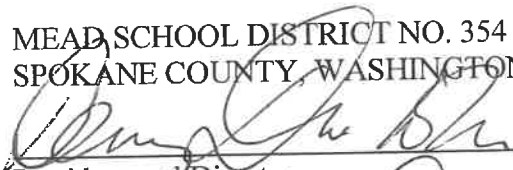
of the Board (the "President"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Chief Financial Officer, the President, and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

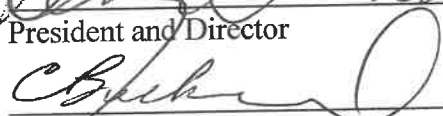
Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.


MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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President and Director

  
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Vice President and Director

  
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TRAVIS W. HANSON  
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

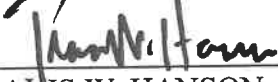
I, TRAVIS W. HANSON, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Mead School District No. 354, Spokane County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 23-14 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at its regular meeting place on November 13, 2023 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 354  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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TRAVIS W. HANSON  
Secretary to the Board of Directors