



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Mead School District Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

The Board of Directors held a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. The meeting began at 6 pm. Directors Cannon, Gray, Burchard, Nolan and Killman were present. Also attending was Superintendent Travis Hanson.

I. Approval of Agenda

There was no formal approval of the meeting agenda which included the six non-action discussion topics set forth below. Prior to moving into discussion of agenda topics, a flyer advertising the district's upcoming Career Crossover Trades Night at Mt. Spokane High School on September 25th from 5-7:30 pm was shared.

II. Review and Finalize 2024-25 Board Goals

Superintendent Hanson shared a draft of 2024-25 Board Goals that included goal areas identified as high priority at the June 27, 2024 Board Retreat. The four goal areas identified are:

- **Curriculum and Technology** (Strategic Plan Priority Areas 1 & 2)
- **Governance and Fiscal Stewardship** (Strategic Plan Priority Area 3)
- **District and School Culture** (Strategic Plan Priority Areas 2, 4 & 5)
- **Safety and Security** (Strategic Plan Priority Areas 3, 4 & 5)

Discussion included a few suggested revisions to the **Safety and Security** goal, reference to the community involvement component of the district's Council for Learning Improvement policy and the need for the district to develop an alternative education option for high school students.

Superintendent Hanson will incorporate revisions as discussed. Adoption of 2024-25 Board Goals will be an action item at the upcoming August 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Regarding the cell phone free component of the **Curriculum and Technology** goal, Superintendent Hanson shared he has received lots of good parent feedback on this new policy. High schools are currently working through implementation logistics. Teacher feedback has also been positive.

III. School Enrollment Procedures Study (Intra-District Transfers)

Following discussion, board consensus regarding intra-district transfers is to make no official policy/procedure changes at this time. Unique situations can be handled on a case-by-case basis. The board indicated they would like the Intra-District Transfer Review Committee, when possible, to exercise a bit more leniency in their decision making process.

IV. Athletics/Activities

Superintendent Hanson shared that the Mead School District Activities & Athletics Handbook has been updated. The revised handbook is posted on district and school websites. To make sure both parents and students are aware of handbook changes,

key revisions, as set forth below, are highlighted on the online handbook signature page.

Key revisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- *Citizenship Expectations*
 - *Inclusion of expectations for Social Media*
 - *Clarification of expectations prohibiting harassment, intimidation, bullying and hazing*
 - *Added NFHS definition of hazing, including reporting procedures*
 - *Clarification that Honor Code expectations apply to participants of any school-sponsored or school-related camp, retreat, or event – even those taking place outside the school year*
- *Added new WIAA language on the use of illegal substances (addition of “legend drugs” to the list of violating substances)*
- *Added notification of Title IX rules and new NCAA attestation requirements*
- *Modifications to appeal processes (two-step process, rather than three steps)*

The district is being very intentional with coaches, parents and students to highlight handbook changes. Superintendent Hanson noted that in his interactions with coaches there has been good engagement and a positive vibe.

Regarding the upcoming Cat Scramble golf tournament that benefits the Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School athletic programs, President Cannon shared that in conversations with the Mead High School Athletic Booster Club President he learned findings sponsors for this year’s event is more difficult than in past years. To help, he asked that board members share any sponsorship leads they may have.

V. Website Updates

Superintendent Hanson directed attention to the *Student & Family Services* webpage and the *Library Services* webpage and shared both have been updated.

VI. 2024 WSSDA Annual Conference

The upcoming WSSDA Annual Conference takes place in Spokane this year (November 21-23). The conference provides a couple of opportunities for board members to attend Educational Equity Training sessions. Educational Equity Training is a legal requirement for school board directors. Board members were asked to let the Superintendent’s Office know at their earliest convenience if they would like to attend the conference.

President Cannon additionally noted the WSSDA General Assembly takes place September 20-21, 2024.

VII. August 26 Regular Meeting (Executive Session?)

Logics around a previously scheduled Closed Session and a potential Executive Session on August 26th were discussed.

VIII. Adjourn

Prior to adjournment, summaries of tentative contract agreements between the district and bus drivers and the district and custodians were shared. Action on both tentative agreements is planned for the August 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. Board members were encouraged to reach out to Keri Hutchins or Heather Ellingson prior to August 26th with any questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

President

Secretary