



Board Work Session Minutes Monday, February 10, 2025

The Board of Directors held a Work Session on Monday, February 10, 2025. The meeting began at 6:00 pm and was held at District Office. Directors Cannon, Gray, Burchard, Nolan and Killman were present. Also attending was Superintendent Travis Hanson.

I. CHAS Health Clinic Discussion

Family & Student Services Director Josh Westermann, along with Kelley Charvet (CHAS Administrative Officer), Janine Wilkes (CHAS Senior Director of Clinic Operations), Nathan McCloskey (CHAS PA-C) and Lisa Horn (Shiloh Hills Principal), shared information on the CHAS clinic housed at Shiloh Hills and answered board questions regarding this co-located program.

Mr. Westermann explained the intent of this school-based health center and additionally reviewed the other wrap-around services available to Mead students that are designed to ensure high levels of learning for all students. These include ways the district addresses food insecurity, homelessness, transportation, poverty, social/behavioral needs and mental health. As a system the district seeks to build partnerships designed to remove learning barriers. Information on the number of students identified as homeless and the number of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch, both of which are trending upward, was also reviewed.

Clinic benefits and clinic concerns were discussion topics. These included:

- Impact, negatively or positively, on the Shiloh Hills school nurse.
- Tension between serving student needs and parental rights/parental consent particularly for those over the age of 13.
- Liability concerns.
- Promotion/advertisement particularly around serving middle school and high school students and parental consent.
- Policy 6112 (*Rental or Lease of District Real Property*) and whether or not the provisions of this policy are applicable in this situation.
- Clinic funding sources and fiscal sustainability.

Principal Lisa Horn shared the clinic is beneficial to not only students and staff but also the larger Shiloh Hills community. Parking has not been an issue. She is more passionate about the clinic now than at the outset. Having the clinic co-located at Shiloh Hills has made a positive impact on the community.

CHAS practices a family first approach. At the Shiloh Hills clinic, in 2024, 33% of those seen received primary care services with the other 67% receiving behavioral health services. Dental care is available one day each week. Additional data, including percentages of those served in a variety of age categories, was also shared. Gender affirming care is not available/offered at the Shiloh Hills clinic or any CHAS clinic co-located in a school.

Director Cannon shared, when the proposal to co-locate a clinic at Shiloh Hills was originally proposed/discussed, the idea was to provide a service to the community, like the partnership between Spokane Public Schools and libraries, not to make a profit. The clinic is located in one classroom at Shiloh Hills (871 square feet).

Regarding two recent clinic advertisements, Josh Westermann noted the content, that raised parental consent concerns, was approved/drafted by him not CHAS. In the first instance the

notice should have stated the Shiloh Hills clinic was open to all district *elementary* students ... not all students. The second advertisement referenced the ability of students to obtain sports physicals at the clinic. This email was sent to parent, not student, email addresses. There was no intent to in anyway circumvent parental consent/rights.

Director Burchard shared his appreciation to CHAS for the services they are providing and expressed his support for the clinic co-located at Shiloh Hills.

Director Nolan asked that the board receive copies of the information/data shared by CHAS, as well as answers to his liability questions. He additionally suggested continuing the CHAS clinic conversation at an upcoming board meeting.

On the topic of surplus property, there was a brief discussion centered on the Mead Learning Options program and the Pittsburgh Learning Center (old Northwood) building.

II. January 27, 2025 Public Comment Update/Discussion

The district's *Guidelines for Public Comment at Board Meetings* document was reviewed with particular attention directed to the *Public Comment Constraints* section.

Discussion centered primarily on the best way to address/follow-up on Public Comments that are, upon further investigation, found to be inaccurate or in need of clarification. When that is the case the board will, at the next Regular Board Meeting, as part of approving minutes, provide clarification on Public Comments from the prior meeting. This clarification will then be noted/included in the current meeting minutes.

III. Annual Goals Update/Discussion

Superintendent Hanson, regarding 2024-2025 Board Goals, shared the following:

- The Tech Committee has a *Parent Night* scheduled to take place in May.
- Regarding the district's *Cell Phone Policy*, there are minimal to no issues at the middle school level. After a successful fall roll-out, it is time for a reset/reboot of the policy at both high schools. This will include, as was done before the start of school, sending communication regarding expectations to parents.
- A part of the March 21st Learning Improvement Day agenda will be providing time for elementary, middle and high school teachers to, working in teams, identify curriculum priorities. The data generated will help inform priorities moving forward. The recently passed levy includes monies for the purchase of new/updated curriculum.
- The Balanced Calendar Committee (approximately 20 individuals) recently held their first meeting. The importance of having a good cross-section of individuals, including single parents, on the committee was emphasized. A district-wide survey will go out on this topic in April or May. The calendar is already set for the 2025-2026 school year so any modifications would not come into play until, at the earliest, the 2026-2027 school year. A phased approach to modifications is anticipated.

IV. Legislative Session Update

There is proposed legislation that would require all school libraries be staffed with a certificated teacher holding a library/media endorsement. In Mead four of the ten elementary librarians have this endorsement. The other six do not. Middle school and high school libraries are not currently staffed with certificated teachers. Therefore, should this legislation become law, the cost to the district would be \$750,000 to \$1 million. On February 11th Superintendent Hanson will be testifying before the legislature on the impact to the district should this legislation, in its current form, become law.

V. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Hanson shared a Termination Appeal Hearing has been set for June 23, 2025. This is a closed hearing. Board members should be available on that date in the event one or more of them is called to testify.

VI. Executive Session

At 8:15 pm President Cannon called for an Executive Session of approximately 45 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee and discussing pending/potential litigation with legal counsel.

At 9 pm President Cannon returned the meeting to Open Session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

President

Secretary