



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, July 27, 2026**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, July 27, 2026. This meeting was held in-person and virtually via a Zoom link posted on the Mead School District website. The meeting began at 6:00pm and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Gray, Nolan, Cannon, Killman and Woodworth were present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Travis Hanson and Assistant Superintendent Jay Jordan.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with Director Gray asking all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda

Director Cannon made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Director Killman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

Director Nolan made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Director Cannon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Board/Staff Comments

No comments from the board or staff.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

No individuals signed up to comment on agenda items.

V. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Gray acknowledged our community partners and read aloud the donations listed in the Consent Agenda and thanked those individuals and organizations for their generosity and support of the Mead School District.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Hired Certificated Personnel:

Kelly Meyer	Learning Services	Cert	1.0 FTE Principal Asst-Elem effective 7/1/26
Ryan Bodecker	Northwood MS	Cert	1.0 FTE Assistant Principal effective 7/1/26
Claire Bouten	Mt Spokane HS	Cert	0.8 FTE Teacher effective 8/26/26
Haley Maxfield	Colbert	Cert	1.0 FTE Principal effective 7/1/26
Alecia McAdams	Mead HS	Cert	1.0 FTE Assistant Principal effective 7/1/26

2. Hired Classified Personnel:

Meloday Schafer	Mead HS	Class	7 hrs/day Cook Asst Mgr effective 8/24/26
Morgan Irish	Mead HS	Class	5 hrs/day Para Ed effective 8/26/26

3. Hired Certificated Substitutes:

Tirza Wibel			
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4. **Hired Classified Substitutes:**

Timmy Hill			
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5. **Hired Coaches:**

Kaydee Fisher	Mead High School
Tessa Hodgson	Mead High School
Donavon Hodgson	Mead High School
Jacquelyn Hatzke	Highland Middle School
Trek Davis	Mountainside Middle School
Jeramiah Kerbs	Highland Middle School
Steven Rupe	Highland Middle School
Jolisa Wenkheimer	Highland Middle School
Matthew Bush	Northwood Middle School
Joshua Allen	Northwood Middle School
Tanai Downard	Mead High School
Zachary Johnson	Mead High School
Jody Harkness	Mead High School
Nathan Overbay	Highland Middle School

6. **Approved AP Vouchers for General Fund, Capital Projects, Transportation Vehicle, Private Purpose Trust and 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, **July 27, 2026**, the Board, by a unanimous vote does approve for payment the vouchers included in the above referenced list and further described as **Warrant Numbers 127972 to 128375** in the following amounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund - AP	\$ 2,885,615.71
General Fund - PR	\$13,262,633.33
ASB Fund	\$ 142,827.27
Trust Fund	\$ 3,000.00

7. **Approved Co-Curricular, Supplemental & Extra-Curricular Contracts.**

8. **Accepted the Following Donations:**

- \$1,000.00 from Osaic Foundation for Mead Learning Option's Outdoor School
- \$750.00 from Puget Sound Vizsla Club for Mead HS Boys Cross Country
- \$12,714.57 from Mead HS Sports Booster Organization for various sports programs
- \$10,000.00 from Mead HS Band Wagon for the Band's Disney trip

9. **Approved Unpaid Leaves (i.e. parenting, medical, good of the district, education etc.):**

Theresa Yoerger	Mountainside MS	Class	7/6/26-9/28/26
Stephanie Covell	Highland MS	Cert	0.2 FTE (1.0 Contract) 26/27 school yr
Tanya Holmes	Highland MS	Class	Every Wed 9/23/26-2/3/27
Monica Wood	Brentwood	Class	3-4 hrs/week 9/28/26-12/18/26
Andrea Jiminez	Human Resources	Class	6/30/26
Janet Palmer	Mt Spokane HS	Cert	0.2 FTE (1.0 Contract) 26/27 school yr
Julie Allen	Skyline	Cert	0.2 FTE (1.0 Contract) 26/27 school yr

10. **Rescinded Unpaid Leaves (i.e. parenting, medical, good of the district, education, etc.):**

Jordyn Andrade	Creekside	Cert	0.4 FTE (1.0 Contract); Returning to full 1.0 FTE 26/27 school yr
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11. **Accepted the Following Resignations/Retirements:**

Jonathan Fick	Mead HS	Cert	Resignation effective 8/25/26 (Teacher)
Joseph Murray	Mt Spokane HS	Class	Resignation effective 6/16/26 (Para)
Darin Wiseman	Brentwood	Class	Resignation effective 6/16/26 (Para)
Necola McGregor	Shiloh Hills	Cert	Retirement effective 8/25/26 (Teacher)
Michelle Gable	Human Resources	Class	Retirement effective 1/4/27 (HR Specialist)
Nicole Daley	Mead HS	Class	Resignation effective 8/7/26 (Para)
Jenne Hatcher	Mt Spokane HS	Cert	Resignation effective 8/25/26 (Teacher)
Anna Downs	Farwell	Class	Retirement effective 8/25/26 (Para)

VI. Reports

A. Financial Report for June 2026

Ms. Ellingson presented the financial report for June 2026. She noted there isn't a lot to report on enrollment this time of year. The downward enrollment trend the district has experienced over the last few years continues to be alarming and makes budgeting and staffing difficult, especially at the secondary level. At the high school level, approximately 150 FTE students left Mead and Mt. Spokane High Schools this year but many of them (approximately 100) entered the ALE program. This shift complicates staffing at the high schools and at Mead Learning Options and makes it challenging to continue the same robust class offerings. The high schools are working diligently to align staffing to enrollment given these challenges.

Ms. Ellingson shared that June's cash flow is showing an anomaly. Historically, the district hits the lowest point for cash flow in June. This is not the case this year due to the timing of the payment of invoices, specifically due to the payment for elementary chromebooks.

As 2025/2026 concludes, she anticipates ending the year better than budgeted primarily due to the timing of curriculum purchases. Much of the curriculum expense budgeted for 2025/2026 will hit in future years which will impact the 2026/2027 budget. Ms. Ellingson stated that in August she will likely be proposing a budget for 2026/2027 that uses assigned fund balance and prepaid expenses and this budget model was sent to the board earlier this month for review. She will send out an updated version to the board prior to the August Regular Board Meeting. While the budget may not look balanced, it can be considered as such when one takes into account that money is being set aside for curriculum purchases.

Lastly, Ms. Ellingson noted that in the coming years, it will become increasingly important to set aside funds to ensure availability for ongoing commitments, especially as the Capital Projects fund is drawn down.

B. Minimum Basic Education Compliance Report

Learning & Teaching Assistant Superintendent Jay Jordan, as required by the State Board of Education, reported the district is in compliance with all minimum state basic education requirements and that the appropriate report confirming said compliance will be submitted to OSPI this week. The report is lengthy and goes through all of the requirements that the state has for public school districts including, among other things, confirmation of 180 school days, compliance with minimum instructional hours and assurance the district meets all state graduation requirements.

C. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hanson reported there is a lot going on in preparation for the upcoming school year including the following:

- Hiring is going on throughout the district, all leadership positions are in place, and instructional positions are being finalized.
- There is a MTSS conference coming up in Wenatchee and a district team is planning to attend. This is work that has become a particular focus of the Learning & Teaching Department and combines with inclusionary practices work. In that vein, on August 13-14, the district is facilitating a large internal boot camp for approximately 75 elementary teachers throughout the district to come together to discuss inclusionary practices and bring about some conformity in how the district is doing inclusionary work. By way of

review, this was a topic in bargaining last summer. There is a lot of work to be done around the ways in which students with special education needs are being served.

- A leadership retreat is taking place on August 5-6.
- On August 17, the district is bringing in the organization, Proactive Coaching, and inviting all coaches regardless of which season they coach to participate in this workshop. The day will include conversations about culture and proactive strategies that create winning cultures and help kids learn the right lessons. Time will be built in for coaches to talk together, reflect on why they do this work and how to communicate well with the athletes and parents. Other districts who have brought in Proactive Coaching have given excellent feedback.
- School begins in August this year. The “Welcome Back” day for staff is scheduled for August 20. Board members are invited to attend.

Additionally, there is significant work happening at the Fairwood building to house a transition program for DLC students. Andrea Staton, Director of Secondary Special Services, is heading this up and implementing Phase 1 this year with the goal to have a full-fledged program in a few years. This program will provide DLC students with the skills needed to be successful outside of the Mead School District.

Lastly, information will be going out no later than next week inviting people to be a part of the Facilities & Long-Range Planning Committee that the board commissioned at the May 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. A wide range of the Mead community is desired including families with students in the district, business owners, retirees, and those who might not have students in the district. Interested parties will apply to an online form and the hope is to select committee members no later than early September.

VII. Remarks for the Good of the Schools – Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No one signed up to comment on non-agenda items.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

President

Secretary