



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, October 26, 2009**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009. The meeting began at 5:55 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Office. Directors Olson, Hunt, Denholm and O'Connor were present. Director Farley was excused. Also attending was Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler and Executive Directors Ralph Thayer, Kelly Shea and Wayne Leonard.

I. Approval of Agenda

Director Olson made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 12, 2009, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools

Mt. Spokane High School ASB President, Taylor Jordan, gave a detailed report of the social and sporting events planned so far in this school year.

IV. Legislative Session

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller introduced Washington State Senator Chris Marr, State Representative Kevin Parker and Spokane County Commissioner Todd Mielke.

Senator Chris Marr spoke first about his background, the issues and challenges facing the legislature this year as they prepare the next budget, and about his support of K-12 education.

Representative Parker addressed issues about K-12 education with regard to the "Achievement Gap" in our schools today, and his priority to fund K-12 education.

County Commissioner Todd Mielke gave a detailed report of the issues facing Spokane County with regard to growth, revenue and the implementation of state laws to keep people safe and provide for necessary infrastructure.

A few questions were asked of the guests followed by comments from the Board members.

V. Continuing Business - None

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Boys and Girls Club of America Use Contract

Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler reviewed the proposed use of a portion of the Mead Support Services building for the purpose of a Boys and Girls Club after-school program and recommended approval of a five-year contract.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve a five-year contract for the purpose of allowing the Boys and Girls Club of America to offer after-school programs in a designated area of the Mead Support Services building. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. MEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Executive Director Kelly Shea reviewed changes in the MEA collective bargaining agreement, along with staffing implications, and contract language changes. Mr. Shea requested approval of the two-year agreement, as presented.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the two-year tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Mead Education Association and the Mead School District, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Financial Report for the Month of September 2009

Executive Director Wayne Leonard reviewed the financial report for the month of September 2009. Mr. Leonard said that the net cash balance for the first month of the fiscal year was \$620,924.

B. ELL Department Report and Update

Director Millie Hill and teachers, Sara Moureaux and Petronia Balcheva, gave an interesting and detailed report on the English Language Learner Program in the Mead school District.

C. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller announced that there would be a Special Board Meeting/Work Study Session with the Facility Planning Committee on November 4, 2009, at 7:00 pm, in the District Office Board Room.

Dr. Rockefeller shared that the north side Costco has offered a special shopping night for school district employees.

The Superintendent also shared an interesting article about the Burlington-Edison School District land purchase.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:50 pm Director O'Connor called for a short break followed by an Executive Session of approximately twenty minutes to Review the Performance of a Public Employee.

At 8:35 pm Director O'Connor returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was immediately adjourned at 8:35 p.m.