



## **Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Monday, November 9, 2009**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2009. The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. and was held at Mountainside Middle School. Directors Farley, Olson, Hunt, Denholm and O'Connor were present. Also attending was Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler and Executive Directors Ralph Thayer and Wayne Leonard.

### **I. Approval of Agenda**

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda, with the addition of the Mountainside Middle School report. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

Director Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 26, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting of November 4, 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 high school's Veteran's Day Assembly. He also shared that the Mt. Spokane High School volleyball team is #1 in the state.

Executive Director Ralph Thayer announced that both high schools have been very successful this year, setting historic records in football and volleyball.

Principals Dave Stenersen and Heather Havens gave a heartwarming and beautiful tribute to Jack Lewis, Director of Transportation, as he begins the retirement chapter in his life. Mr. Stenersen read a humorous and creative poem about Jack's management of the bus department and Heather Havens thanked Mr. Lewis for his years of service with a beautiful gift from the Administrators and the Board of Directors.

### **IV. Council for Learning Improvement Mountainside Middle School**

Mountainside Middle School Principal, Craig Busch welcomed the Board, administrators and guests to the first Board meeting held in the new school. Mr. Busch invited Board members and guests to attend the Veteran's Day Assembly, November 10, 2009 at 9:00 am.

Mr. Busch introduced 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English Teacher, Drew Piper who gave a detailed report on the implementation of the school improvement plan at Mountainside. Mr. Piper said that the CLI team is made up of 17 members that meet very regularly to set goals and streamline the process so that student MSP scores will continue to improve. Mr. Piper also said that to address the AYP portion of their school report included newly stated goals for the year that will focus on reading improvements in the DLC classes. Mr. Piper concluded his report by talking about diversity awareness. Mr. Piper said that the middle school will hold a Diversity Celebration, which will include a weeklong multi-cultural celebration.

Mr. Busch gave a few follow-up comments about the weekly staff meetings held in his school. Mr. Busch said that each week the staff meeting addresses a certain subject that teachers focus on to collaborate ideas and new practices for improved student learning. Mr. Busch thanked Drew Piper for a wonderful job on his report.

**V. Continuing Business - None**

**VI. New Business**

**A. Consent Agenda - A**

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda-A. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda - B**

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda-B. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Director Olson abstained from the vote.

**B. Student Travel Request  
Mead High School Dance and Drill Team**

Executive Director Ralph Thayer reviewed the request of the Mead High School Dance and Drill Team to travel to Anaheim, California, March 25-29, 2009 to compete in the 2010 United Spirit Association Dan and Drill Nationals.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the request of the Mead High School Dance and Drill Team to travel to Anaheim, California, March 25-29, 2009 to compete in the 2010 United Spirit Association Dan and Drill Nationals. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Consideration of ATM Installations  
at the High Schools**

Mt. Spokane High School Principal John Hook reviewed background information regarding the installation of an STCU ATM machine at his school.

After lengthy discussion, Director Farley asked that the discussion be tabled until further information is obtained. Director O'Connor made a motion to table the discussion of ATM installation at the high schools. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. Reports**

### **A. Curriculum Update Standards Based Report Cards**

Director Dorcas Wylder reviewed the details and philosophies of the new on-line report card designed to better communicate to students and parents how students in elementary school progress. Ms. Wylder said that this will be the first on-line report card issued for Mead School District.

### **B. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Rockefeller shared the Facility Planning Committee Interim Plan Report and announced that more detailed information regard voter/precincts in the district, along with a funding breakdown for Technology expenditures in the district, will be reviewed at the November 18, 2009 Facility Planning meeting.

Mr. Rockefeller shared an article from USA Today regarding school districts that overreact to some student issues.

The Superintendent concluded his report by sharing a list of the Veteran's Day Assemblies throughout the school district this week.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

At 7:30 pm Director Farley called for a short break followed by an Executive Session of approximately twenty minutes to discuss Real Estate.

At 8:35 pm Director Farley 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.