



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, October 12, 2009**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2009. The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. and was held at Colbert Elementary School. Directors Olson, Hunt, Farley, Denholm and O'Connor were present. 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, with the addition of two requests: Under section V.I. New Business, add two action items:

- VI.B. Mead High School Marching Band Student Travel Request
- VI.C. Mt. Spokane High School DECA Club Travel Request

Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 28, 2009, with a correction in Item IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION, which should read as follows: *At 7:45 pm Director O'Connor returned the meeting to open session. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.* Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools - None

**IV. Council for Learning Improvement Report
Colbert Elementary School**

Colbert Elementary School Principal, Jared Hoadley, welcomed the Board, Administrators and audience members. Mr. Hoadley shared that Colbert Elementary has a great school climate where students, staff and parents come together to work for the benefit of each child's educational experience. He said that the community has built a high degree of trust because their children are happy, safe at school, and learning well. Mr. Hoadley attributes this great climate to good communication, doing what they said they would do, and being honest in their follow-through.

Mr. Hoadley also announced that Colbert Elementary is the 2008-09 Blue Ribbon School winner of the top ten percent of K-6 elementary schools in the state of Washington. Mr. Hoadley proudly announced that there will be a Blue Ribbon Ceremony assembly on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

V. Continuing Business - None

VI. New Business
A. Consent Agenda A & B

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

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

**B. Mead High School Marching Band
and Color Guard Travel Request**

Executive Director Ralph Thayer reviewed the student travel request for the Mead High School Marching Band and Color Guard to travel to Gilroy, California, for the Western Band Association Competition, October 29 - November 2, 2009.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mead High School Marching Band and Color Guard to trip to Gilroy, California, for the Western Band Association Competition, October 29 - November 2, 2009. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Mt. Spokane High School DECA Travel Request

Executive Director Ralph Thayer reviewed the student travel request for the Mt. Spokane High School DECA Club to travel to Orlando, Florida, February 2-7, 2010, to attend the DECA Sports and Entertainment Marketing Conference.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Mt. Spokane High School DECA Club to travel to Orlando, Florida, February 2-7, 2010, to attend the DECA Sports and Entertainment Marketing Conference. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Student Services - H1N1 Swine Flu Update

Executive Director Ralph Thayer reviewed all communication efforts taken to inform parents, patrons, staff and students about any new information coming from the Spokane Regional Health District with regard to both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 Swine flu. Mr. Thayer said that the district webpage, school newsletters, the e-notify system and staff email are all being used to communicate flu related updates to the entire Mead community in a very timely manner.

Mr. Thayer reviewed the procedures and protocols to be used by all staff members during influenza season. Mr. Thayer said he is in constant contact with school building administrators to track absence numbers and report required percentages to the Spokane Regional Health District.

In conclusion, Mr. Thayer said that the *Mead School District Pandemic Incident Command Team*, including nurses, principals and administrative staff have been working with their specific teams to implement the medical plans and protocols during the influenza season.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller announced that Executive Director Wayne Leonard participated in a two-day seminar regarding federal stimulus money and the compliance laws recently put into effect.

Dr. Rockefeller shared information received from the Greater Spokane Incorporated K-12 Roundtable discussion around the subjects of the levy lid and levy equalization.

The Superintendent also said that state legislators are already struggling with deficits in budget planning for schools next year.

VIII. Executive Session

At 7:00 pm Director Farley called for a short break followed by an Executive Session of approximately thirty minutes to Review the Performance of a Public Employee.

At 7:35 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 7:35 p.m.