



**Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Monday, May 24, 2010**

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The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2010. The meeting began at 6:06 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Administration Office. Directors Denholm, Farley, Hunt, Olson and O'Connor were present. Also attending was Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler, and Executive Directors Wayne Leonard, Kelly Shea and Ralph Thayer.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller requested a modification of the agenda, Item V.B., a correction to Resolution 10-05, no change in content, but correction of a typographical error.

Director Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda, as modified. Director Denholm 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 May 10, 2010, as presented. Director O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Remarks for the Good of the Schools**

Mt. Spokane High School ASB President Brock LaBenne gave a short report on the social and sporting events on the end-of-school calendar for Mt. Spokane High School.

Mt. Spokane High School Principal John Hook gave a short history about the school's Debate Program and introduced Debate Coach, Anya Gumke. Mr. Hook introduced Mt. Spokane student, Rachel Smith, State Champion in Interpretive Reading.

Rachel performed a short interpretive reading, 'I have a Dream' by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 'Coming of Age in Mississippi' by Anne Moody, and 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou, which was her winning entry in the state championship.

Mr. Hook shared some information about a new book by Mead parents and teachers, Bruce and Holly Holbert, being published called 'Sincerely, your student', which is a collection of 68 essays based on letters received from well-known personalities regarding the impact of teachers on their lives.

Secondary Education Director, Danette Driscoll, thanked the Board for their participation in this year's Student-Led Conferences.

**IV. Recognition**

**A. Spokane County Sheriff's Department  
Safety Resource Officer Appreciation**

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller welcomed Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich and Safety Resource Officers, Jeff Bergeron and Chris Young. Dr. Rockefeller read a Proclamation of Appreciation to recognize Sheriff Knezovich and Deputies Bergeron and Young for the significant roll they play in Mead School District to actively keep our children safe and assist staff members in the on-going safety training. The Superintendent thanked the officers, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for their dedication and commitment to the staff, students and families of the Mead community.

Executive Director of Student Services, Ralph Thayer, spoke briefly about the partnership in communication and safety provided by Deputies Bergeron and Young. Mr. Thayer explained about the planned 'table-top' exercise that prepares district personnel, emergency medical teams and crisis intervention teams who work alongside our safety resource officers to practice protocols needed in the event of an emergency.

**B. NEWASA Community Leadership Award  
to honor Coach Bob McCray**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and students, Superintendent Tom Rockefeller thanked former teacher and coach, Bob McCray, for his many years of service to Mead School District. Dr. Rockefeller honored Mr. McCray with the NEWASA Community Leadership Award recognizing his outstanding leadership in the education community and for the young people of Washington.

**V. Continuing Business**

**A. Public Discussion  
2010-2011 Modified Education Program**

Director Farley opened the 2010-2011 Modified Education Program discussion to the audience.

Kathy Loucks, President of PSE, asked if the information submitted on Resolution 10-05 was the same information that was reviewed at the last Board meeting.

Superintendent Rockefeller said yes, there was no change in content. There only corrections made for minor typographical errors.

**B. Resolution 10-05  
2010-2011 Modified Education Program**

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller reviewed the minor modifications made to Resolution 10-05 which will cover an overall budget shortfall of approximately \$1.2 million for the next school year.

Director Denholm made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-05, as modified, representing approximately \$1.2 million in budget reductions. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Evergreen Elementary  
Improvement Plan and Schoolwide Title I**

Evergreen Elementary Principal Jon Iverson reviewed his school's improvement plan that has 100% approval and commitment from the Evergreen staff. Mr. Iverson introduced Joyce Skovern, June Lambert, Randa Brose, Penny Schroeder, Gail Fetcho, Tina Heimbigner and Mark Shulkin. The teachers spoke about their role in preparing the final draft of the improvement plan and their plans for action to meet their stated goals.

After the presentation, Director O'Connor made a motion to approve the Evergreen Elementary Schoolwide Title-I plan, as presented. Director Denholm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Usage Fee Discussion**

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller reviewed discussion of the proposed usage fee to be assessed for activity participation in order to offset disparity in the cost of running activity programs for students.

After a short discussion, Dr. Rockefeller indicated that he would bring a formal proposal, with an outline of specific fees and charges, to the next Board meeting. This was an informational report. No action was taken.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Consent Agenda - A**

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda-A, with the correction that Item 8, Carla Nuxoll's letter is a request for retirement, not resignation. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda - B**

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

### **B. First Reading Policy Revision Policy 3940/4210 - Weapons on School Property**

Executive Director Ralph Thayer reviewed revisions made to Policy 3940, Weapons on School Property, as required by changes in state law. After discussion, the Board requested some minor language changes that will be brought back for second reading at the June 8, 2010 Board meeting. Mr. Thayer said that the policy will follow the WSSDA sample policy language and will be renumbered to Policy 4210/Community Relations.

This was an informational report. No action was taken.

### **C. Mead High School Property Appraisal**

Facilities Director John Dormaier reviewed the request to ratify the selection of Auble, Jolicoeur & Gentry as the appraiser for the market value of the 9.6 acres of real property to be purchased from Spokane County, and requested authorization for an updated appraisal of the property.

Director Denholm made a motion to ratify the selection of Auble, Jolicoeur & Gentry as the appraiser and authorize an updated appraisal of the property. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. Reports**

### **A. Financial Report for the Month of April 2010**

Executive Director Wayne Leonard presented a brief report on the financial report for the month of April 2010. Mr. Leonard indicated the year-to-date revenues for April were 71.35% and expenditures were 66.86% of budget projections. Mr. Leonard also indicated that the net cash and investment balance was \$6,548,973.57. This was an informational report. No action was taken.

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

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller reviewed the latest edition of Mead Matters and announced acceptance of Mead's three-year Technology Plan by OSPI. Dr. Rockefeller also shared graduation information for all secondary schools.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

At 7:30 pm Director Farley called for an Executive Session of approximately one hour to conduct a student discipline hearing and to review the performance of a public employee.

At 8:45 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 8:45 p.m.