



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Mead School District Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 4, 2010

The Board of Directors held a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. The meeting began at 6:01 p.m. and was held at the Mead School District Office. Directors Farley, Denholm, Olson, Hunt and O'Connor were in attendance. Superintendent Tom Rockefeller, Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler and Executive Directors Kelly Shea and Ralph Thayer were also in attendance.

I. Approve Agenda

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller requested that an additional item be added to the agenda for the Board members to consider dates and times for the Audit Exit Interview.

Director Denholm made a motion to approve the modified agenda to include a discussion to set the date and time for the Audit Exit Interview. Director Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Budget Reduction Review and Discussion

Superintendent Tom Rockefeller presented new information regarding the 2010 budget received from the WASA Superintendent's Conference. Dr. Rockefeller stated that many hours had gone into the study of the proposed budget reductions. The Superintendent asked Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler to review proposed budget reduction amounts.

Assistant Superintendent Dan Butler briefly detailed the draft budget summary, by categories and amounts. Mr. Butler said that the district has faced budget reductions for the past three years. He said that with this year's reduction of \$1.2 million the district is now facing reduction in staffing.

Director Farley opened the discussion to the audience and asked for questions or comments.

- Jocelyn Merhab, President of MEA, introduced the incoming MEA President, Toby Doolittle and incoming MEA Vice-President, Melissa Martin.
- Melissa Martin, Farwell Elementary, read a statement from MEA describing the integrity, conviction and honor of the collective bargaining agreement.

Tom Rockefeller commented that after speaking with the State Superintendent Randy Dorn and Governor Gregoire the point was clearly made that if the legislature continues to hand down unfunded mandates school districts face an untenable financial condition.

- Melissa Pitts – Social Worker – Prairie View Elementary School – read a statement regarding services provided to students and families that extend outside the normal workday.
- Julie Bohman – Librarian – Mountainside Middle School – read a statement on behalf of all Mead Librarians to communicate the need for maintaining the para-educator time in the libraries that enhances student support.
- Karen Hayett – Librarian – Brentwood Elementary School – read a statement emphasizing the need for para-educator support in the libraries.
- Kim Perdue – Challenge Teacher – Evergreen Elementary School – read a statement describing the need for clerical support in school libraries so that teachers can teach. Mrs. Perdue also believes that access to books is a social justice issue.

Director Denholm inquired about the use of volunteers to assist in the checking-out of library books that could be in violation of the HPPAA Laws.

Dr. Rockefeller indicated that he would look into HPPAA Laws requirements.

Director Farley asked for final comments. No further comments were made by any members of the audience.

Director Farley requested that a resolution be brought to the regular Board Meeting on May 10, 2010, indicating specific budget reductions for review by the Board before proposed action is taken.

III. Adjourn

At 6:45 pm the meeting was adjourned. No other business was discussed and no action was taken.