

Board Brief

Brief notes from the Mead School District Board of Directors Meeting

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Mead School District Board of Directors Meetings are held in person and virtually via Zoom. Links to live and recorded board meetings are available at www.Mead354.org. This brief is a highlight of topics discussed at the meeting below. Full minutes from all board meetings can be found here: <u>Board Meeting Minutes</u>.

Meeting Date: June 13, 2022 | Meeting Agenda | Minutes from 5/23/22 Meeting

Business Items

- Director of Student Services Josh Westermann presented the third reading of Policy and Procedure 4133 School Safety and Security Services Program. The policy and procedure covers clear expectations of a School Resource Deputy's roles and responsibilities, grievance process and evaluation. It also includes language that covers hiring placement and avenues to confirm that an SRD has completed required training. Full text of the item can be found in the meeting agenda. The Board approved the item unanimously.
- Director of Student Services Josh Westermann presented the second reading of revised Policy and Procedure 3241 Student Discipline. The policy and procedure defines types of discipline and how they are implemented in a consistent way across the district, including exclusionary discipline and preventative/restorative discipline. The policy and procedure were each reviewed by district general counsel prior to the first reading to the Board. The policy and procedure will be brought back as an action item at the next Board meeting.
- Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens presented a recap and answered questions about an action proposal for Wednesday Late Start beginning in 2022-23. The proposal asked the Board to consider altering the Wednesday start time for all schools in the district. The altered schedule would include a 10-minute early start on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and a 40-minute late start on Wednesdays. The time gained by teaching staff on Wednesdays would be dedicated to teacher collaboration time. During this collaboration time, teachers are able to develop professionally and collaborate with colleagues to improve instructional practice. The presentation also included accountability measures for teachers, considerations for the impact on families and shared creative solutions for students and families who might need additional support during the late start time. The goals for this change would be greater growth and achievement for students. The item was approved by the Board with a 3-1 vote.

Business Items (cont.)

- Director of Special Education Jay Tyus brought forward Policy and Procedure 2161
 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students. The Board requested time
 to further review and ask questions about the policy and procedure at a second reading
 at the next meeting.
- Director of Special Education Jay Tyus brought forward Policy and Procedure 3246
 Restraint, Isolation and Other Reasonable Uses of Force. The Board requested time to
 further review and ask questions about the policy and procedure at a second reading at
 the next meeting.

District Reports

- Superintendent Shawn Woodward reported on the district's graduation ceremonies and the success of the students in Mead Learning Options programs, Mead High School and Mt. Spokane High School.
- Director of Secondary Education Darren Nelson presented a report on the current issues
 of restroom vandalism and vaping. Technology, supervision and systems are under
 consideration for review and improvement to help curb current inappropriate behavior in
 restrooms. The district is currently testing out new technology for sensors and door
 access, working on adding more supervision in schools and changing systems in place
 for check-in/check-out procedures.