



**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, April 11, 2022**

The Board of Directors held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022. This meeting was held in-person and virtually via a Zoom link posted on the Mead School District website. Directors Denholm, Olson, Cannon and Gray were present. Director Burchard was excused. Also attending were Superintendent Shawn Woodward, Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson and Assistant Superintendent Jared Hoadley. Assistant Superintendent Heather Havens was excused.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with Vice-President Denholm asking all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda

Director Cannon made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, as presented. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

Director Cannon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Director Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Remarks for the Good of the Schools - Public Comment

Vice-President Denholm first opened the floor for board comments followed by comments from the two individuals who signed-up to speak.

Board Comments

Director Cannon positively commented on the clothing bank started by the Evergreen Elementary PTO. To provide a permanent place to house items donated to the clothing bank a shed will be built by Mead School District high school students in conjunction with the Spokane Homebuilder's Association. Director Cannon expressed his appreciation to the PTO for addressing this need and shared he is excited to see the shed once construction is completed.

Director Gray, referencing Education Support Professionals Week (March 14-18), expressed her belated thanks and appreciation for the incredible job Mead's classified staff do to support students.

Vice-President Denholm related a conversation he had, on behalf of the board, with a representative from the State Auditor's Office where the auditor shared, "It is a joy to work with the Mead School District because they are so organized." The Mead School District, like all school districts in the state, is audited annually. During Vice-President Denholm's 20+ years serving as a school board director he can only recall two times when a reminder management letter regarding a concern was issued at the conclusion of an audit. The audit cost (approximately \$30,000) is a line item in the district's budget each year.

Public Comments

Doug Turner, a resident of the Mead School District, inquired about the status of the district's special education audit, standardized testing and charter school funding. Regarding charter schools, he stated they work and that when it comes to education one size does not fit all. In particular he referenced MEAD as a charter school. He shared the public does not believe the

district is transparent when it comes to the flow of information including access to school board meeting minutes, etc. Superintendent Woodward will contact Mr. Turner to provide responses to the questions presented. Mr. Turner expressed appreciation for this and requested minutes be taken and shared following the meeting or, in the alternative, the information provided possibly be posted on social media. Superintendent Woodward noted if the topics brought forward by Mr. Turner were future board meeting agenda items the information shared would be included in the meeting minutes.

Ron McInerney, a district resident, who is a product of the Mead School District, father of five and grandfather of eight children who are Mead School District students, took issue with being reminded as he entered the meeting that public comments, per board policy, should be limited to meeting agenda items. He stated he should be able to come and address the board on any topic. He additionally shared concerns with the *Public Comment Sign-In Sheet* noting a first name only should be sufficient and questioned the necessity of providing a phone number, address and comment topic. These guidelines/requests for information seem restrictive and dampen openness. He hopes the board wants to hear from the community. He suggested the opportunity for Public Comment also be provided at the conclusion of board meetings so those in attendance can comment on what has been presented.

V. Continuing Business - none

VI. New Business

A. Consent Agenda

In response to a question from Director Gray, Chief Financial Officer Heather Ellingson explained the payment from the ASB fund to Disney Destinations LLC/Resort is for a trip to Disney World by Mead High School performing arts students. A trip of this type takes place once every four years. The payment covered hotel, food and tickets for approximately 100 students. Director Cannon, sharing he was able to travel with performing arts students on a similar trip in the past, noted this is a flow-through payment and does not involve district funds. Each student covers their own trip expenses by making a payment to the school’s ASB account.

Ms. Ellingson, with regard to knowing what are true expenses versus flow-through payments, shared she can answer specific questions on a case-by-case basis.

Director Olson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Director Cannon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Hired Classified Personnel:

James Henry	Evergreen	Class	6 hrs/day Para Ed effective 3/28/22
David Porter	Warehouse	Class	8 hrs/day Custodian effective 4/4/22
Pamela Carlson-Hafner	Prairie View	Class	6 hrs/day Para Ed effective 4/11/22
Caitlyn Jacobsen	Warehouse	Class	8 hrs/day Seasonal Custodian effective 4/4/22

2. Approved AP Vouchers for General Fund, Capitol Projects, Private Purpose Trust & ASB.

Vouchers audited and certified by auditing officers as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this day, **April 11, 2022**, the Board, by a unanimous vote does approve for payment the vouchers included in the above referenced list and further described as **Warrant Numbers 105379 to 105621** in the following amounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund - AP	\$ 927,857.83
General Fund - PR	10,512,019.91
ASB Fund	103,718.41
Capital Projects Fund	55,974.92

3. Approved Requests for Unpaid Leave (i.e., parenting, medical Good of the District, etc.):

Rachel Petrie	Brentwood	Class	May 5-9, 2022
Andrea Anderson	Mountainside	Cert	1.0 FTE 1 st semester 22/23 school year
Greg Conley	Mt. Spokane	Cert	1.0 FTE 22/23 school year (updated leave request from .4 FTE to 1.0 FTE)
Breanna Weishaar	Special Services	Cert	.4 FTE (of 1.0 FTE) 1 st semester 22/23 school year

4. Declared the Following Items/Buses as Surplus:

Item
LaserJet Printers (HP 1320 Model (2006)
Scanners (2011)
17"-19" Monitors (2014)
iPad Air (3)
MacBook Air - 13" (Early 2014-Mid 2017)
MacBook Pro - 15" (Mid 2009)
Document Cameras (2007)
Chromebook - Dell 3120 (Mid 2015)
Chromebook - Dell 3180 (Mid 2017)
Desktop Computers - HP Optiplex (2017)
NEC TDM Phones (Digital Handsets) (2012)
Flat Panel TVs (Damaged Beyond Repair) (2017)
Short Throw Projector & Cart (2015)
Projectors (2016)
2000 Bluebird General Education School Bus
Bus No: 54
State No: 18655
Vin No: 1BABNBXA9YF087906
Lic No: B9047C
2005 International Special Ed School Bus
Bus No: 91
State No: 21664
Vin No: 4DRBUAFNX5A978749
Lic No: C2058C
2005 International Special Ed School Bus
Bus No: 99
State No: 21665
Vin No: 4DRBUAFN65A978750
Lic No. C2059C
2000 Ford Explorer
Vin No: 1FMZU71X7YZC16348
Lic No: 82622C

5. Approved Requests for Retirement/Resignation:

Fred Jakubek	Transportation	Class	Retirement effective 5/1/22 (Bus Driver)
Carol Dever	Mead High	Cert	Retirement effective 6/30/22 (teacher)
Chris Covell	Transportation	Class	Retirement effective 3/31/22 (Bus Driver)

**B. Student Travel Proposal
Mt. Spokane High School Debate**

Darren Nelson, Director of Secondary Education, presented a request for one qualifying member of the Mt. Spokane High School Debate Team (Ella Sessions), plus Debate Coach/Teacher Jessica Klingback, to travel to Washington DC, May 25-30, 2022, to participate in the Speech & Debate Grand Nationals Tournament. Ms. Sessions and Ms. Klingback will travel with the debate teams from Gonzaga Prep and Mead High School.

Ms. Sessions' parents will cover the cost of her travel expenses (\$1,300 approx.) with Ms. Klingback's travel expenses covered by debate ASB funds. Ms. Sessions will miss three days of school and Ms. Klingback will need a sub for these same three days (May 25-27).

Director Gray made a motion to approve the presented trip from the Mt. Spokane High School Debate Team to travel to Washington DC, May 25-30, 2022, to compete at the Speech & Debate Grand Nationals Tournament. Director Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Reports

A. Facilities Use/Rental Update

Facilities & Planning Director Ned Wendle presented summary financial information on indoor facility rental (e.g., gymnasiums) and Union Stadium rental by outside organizations. This included a breakdown of district costs (supervision, cleaning, restocking, administrative duties) and recovered costs through rental fees. The amount received for gym rental by non-profit groups (Youth Club Sports, AAU, YMCA, YWCA, SYSA, Church Youth Groups, etc.) since November 2021 is \$35,023.94 and the total received from all rental categories, including non-profit groups, is \$65,023.83.

The total received for Union Stadium rental since December 2020 is \$57,987.27. The current annual district cost directly associated with operating Union Stadium is \$293,340.00 (custodial, maintenance, administration, water, sewer, garbage, utilities). In addition to the rental income received it was noted the costs to operate Union Stadium are offset by the fact that the district no longer pays to play football games at Albi, hold marching band practices at Albi or host graduation at GU's McCarthy Athletic Center.

Superintendent Woodward shared this information is being presented now so that the board has time to consider whether or not they want to make adjustments in fees prior to approval of 22/23 rental fees in August.

Vice-President Denholm noted the need for the board to carefully consider the amount charged so that it is not "too much" or "too little." Director Olson shared it would be nice to provide access to facilities free of charge but there are expenses that must be considered and it is important to try to break even. Director Cannon thanked Mr. Wendle for this information noting August will be here before you know it. Vice-President Denholm referenced a possible board work session to talk about fees where the public would have the opportunity to provide input.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Woodward shared a student enrollment forecast report from Davis Demographics. This report includes current enrollment (K-12) of 10,370, which is projected to be 12,100 in 2030. In particular Superintendent Woodward highlighted the significant projected influx of middle school students that peaks at approximately 2,900 students in 2026 (current middle school enrollment is 2,466).

This enrollment data will help inform the work of the upcoming Facilities Planning Committee. Mr. Wendle will facilitate on behalf of the district in the fall. Superintendent Woodward indicated, if the board so desires, more detailed information from the Davis Demographics Report can be shared at an upcoming meeting.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

President

Secretary