

**Unofficial Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 14, 2007**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 held in the library at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman, OR

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Vander Does, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee, Berto Hernandez, and Barney Lindsay

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ken Matlack

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Tom Crane, Phyllis Danielson, Chris Davis, Joel Chavez, Thad Killingbeck.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA- Debbie Erlenbusch; ESD – Cheri Rhinhart; Public Forum – Paulo Lopez, Meredith DeHaven

**Call to Order**

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Chartwells Presentation:** Representatives from Chartwells were in attendance to answer questions and concerns relating to the food service management proposal for MCSD. Debbie Erlenbusch, representing OSEA classified employees voiced concern about the potential for contracting out union jobs in food service.

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved and Nancy Vander Does seconded to allow the superintendent to enter into a contract with Chartwells for Food Service Management.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**Delegations**

Marilyn Post representing MCEA, commented on the SIOP staff development that Mr. Smith has brought to the district. She noted that she is already seeing the fruits of that labor. Cheri Rhinhart – ESD, commented on the alternative education program in the consortium, noting that it currently is serving about 400 students. She also commented on the data projectors and the possibility of getting more of them into the classroom. Pablo Lopez (through interpreter, Joel Chavez) inquired about the busing of students for migrant programs and pre-school migrant program; Meredith DeHaven, talked about the funding for Irrigon High School, noting that she felt money was always being sent to the south end of the county from the Irrigon community. Mr. Miles pointed out that \$1.5 million has been spent in Irrigon; about \$300,000 in Boardman and \$100,000 in Heppner recently.

**2.C. Consent Agenda** - The consent agenda was approved as presented:

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Pat McNamee, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of regular, and executive session of April 9, 2007; and the Budget meeting of May 7, 2007.
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations: Robert Marshall, health teacher at IHS; Jo Burt, SpEd assistant at RHS; Rosa Escobedo, ELL & SpEd 1:1 assistant at SBE/WRE;
D.	Employment: Matt Combe, HES principal for 2007-08; Anabel Sosa, ELL assistant at SBE/WRE; Missy Cutsforth, ELL assistant at Irrigon schools; Cindy Velasquez, ELL assistant at RHS; Charlene Baker, SpEd teacher at IHS; Sean Wilcox, SpEd teacher at IHS
E.	Transfers: Colleen Grigg, from IHS SpEd teacher to RHS science teacher for 2007-08
F.	Extra Duty Contracts: Maribel Torres, rally advisor at RHS for 2007-08
G.	Approved the employment of Classified/Confidential employees for 2007-08 school year
H.	Approved attendance variances: Tristan Montez from Hermiston SD to ACH for 2007-08; Mandy McClatchey, from MCSD to Hermiston SD for 2007-08
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, McNamee, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

### 3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

**School Board Award:** Chairman Miles presented the School Board Award to the Windy River Elementary School staff for facilitating the first annual Morrow County School District Writing Festival. This project, headed up by teacher Anna Browne, involved all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the district. It was a huge success.

**State Superintendent:** Superintendent Burrows reported that State Superintendent Susan Castillo will visit the district May 24<sup>th</sup> to present the Exceptional School Award to AC Houghton and Heppner Elementary Schools.

**Senior Interviews & Portfolio Presentations:** Mr. Burrows reported that he has been attending some of the senior interviews and portfolio presentations, which is a new state requirement for graduation. He was very impressed with our seniors, and invited the board to contact the high school administration if they were interested in serving on these panels to score the presentations.

**School Finance:** Reported that he recently attended the statewide superintendent's conference. Representatives from government and lobbyists were saying that the news is positive for the financial projections. \$6.245 million budget. May 15<sup>th</sup> financial projections will be out.

**Junk Food Bill:** Reported that the "junk food" bill has passed the house, and is moving through the Senate with a "do pass" recommendation. This will limit what items can be in vending machines in the schools. Elementary schools could only have juice and water. High school vending machines can have diet soda and energy drinks only.

**Old Irrigon Building:** Reported that the district has accepted back the Old Irrigon Building to reconvey it to the IMAC group with restrictions. Jerry Brazeale has signed a contract to begin construction, and is anxious to convey the building back to us. We have been working with the Irrigon City attorney to get a lease completed, hopefully in June.

**Crystal Apple Awards:** Reported the following Crystal Apple award winners: Carma Barron and Kathy Simonis were the teachers honored, and Lorna Botefuhr and Beth Wheeler were the classified staff. Additionally, RHS principal, Dirk Dirksen received the Doug Flatt Memorial Award, given to an outstanding administrator in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

**Irrigon High School Facilities:** Tom Crane, IHS principal presented a three-year plan for the high school facilities. Requested that before the budget is approved, that the administration has the opportunity to be a part of the budget process as it relates to their individual buildings.

**Secondary Remediation Plan:** Mr. Dirksen reported on his plan for remediation at the secondary level, and passed out what a class schedule would look like for the 2007-08 school year and 2008-09 school year. Basically, they would be giving up an elective in order to take another core content area in order to reach benchmark.

**Principal Reports:** Principal reports were reviewed, and questions were asked of Mrs. Danielson as to what "conditionally met" meant in her Board report.

### 4. Unfinished Business

None at this time.

5. New Business

**IHS Field Trip Request**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Nancy Vander Does the board approved the Irrigon High School principal and counselor to take a group of students to Washington DC and New York City next spring break.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**LA Textbook Adoption** - The district LA textbook adoption committee has finished their work and are ready to make a recommendation for adoption. The materials are out for view by the patrons at the District Office. Action to be taken at the June meeting.

**Board Representation at Graduation:** Morrow Education Center – Nancy Vander Does; Irrigon High School – Ken Matlack; Heppner High School – Barney Lindsay; Riverside High School – Berto Hernandez.

Chairman Miles read the announcements, then recessed the meeting at 8:25 pm. At 8:45 Executive Session was called under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(d)(h)(m) & ORS 40.225 & ORS 332.061(1). At 10:10 Executive Session ended, the regular meeting reconvened and was immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

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Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_