

# Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2014

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, October 13, 2014 held in the Library at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thad Killingbeck, Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Mark Pratt, Brian Kollman, Rhonda Hamby, Becky Kindle

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Cheryl Costello, Erin Stocker, Andy Fletcher, Tina Joyce, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Brandon Hammond, Mark Jones, Craig Bensen, Joel Chavez

**OTHERS PRESENT:** as per roster

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**Call to Order:**

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order in the Library at Windy River Elementary at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

**Delegations:** MCEA – None; OSEA – None; IMESD – Talking Points. The next Board meeting, principal’s reports will include information regarding technology grants and professional development relating to those grants.

**Presentation:** Anna Browne, Windy River Elementary teacher gave a presentation on Science. Anna is a member of the State Science Adoption Board; this is a 3 year commitment. In January the Board met to adopt Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) as the new Oregon Science Standards. They met again in February to create a crosswalk document showing how the NGSS standards align to the existing standards. In March, ODE met and adopted NGSS as the Oregon Standards. Anna showed the Board an example of the new NGSS Science Standards. Previous standards only listed what students should know. NGSS translates this to required performances that can be assessed to determine whether or not the student has met the standard. Each standard lists connections to other disciplines like Common Core Standards in English/LA and Math.

Anna explained the many science programs the district is currently participating in:

- Girls in Science: Windy River Elementary has been participating in this program for about 9 years. Last year the district took 20 students and plans to take 14 this year to participate in this program (October 25<sup>th</sup>);
- Saturday Science: This program rotates communities and will be in Boardman at the SAGE Center this year Saturday, November 8th. Applications have just become available and will be going out to everyone soon with 100 students from across Morrow County and surrounding regions invited to attend;
- Oregon Ag in the Classroom: This is a great website (<http://aitc.oregonstate.edu/>) with all kinds of activities, free resources and kits to borrow. Anna attended one of their board meetings to express the need for additional training for educators;
- Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center (NEOAHEC) sponsors local health education and science exploration projects that include:
  - MedQuest – Riverside had a student participate in this program last summer.
  - Brain Awareness – A program through OHSU and is available for teacher training every March on the EOU campus.

As a Board member, Mrs. Browne will be working to help manage the funding and programs that NEOAHEC sponsors.

In the spring, Anna will pilot a Friday Science Club at Windy River Elementary that will incorporate STEM activities that meet the new Oregon science standards. She will be looking to apply for a “mini” grant to fund some of the supply costs of the program. Mrs. Browne is actively involved in science and hopes to get people excited about the new science standards and let them know it is not scary but exciting and will be fun. She is eager to help teachers learn to use the free resources available for science and getting away from just using a textbook.

Mr. Mendoza reported that the concept is to focus on getting other teachers focused on science and math. We would also like to see Robotics programs in all of our schools.

**Early Graduation Request:** Mr. Bensen introduced Kelsie Stuart, a junior at IJSHS who is requesting to graduate with the Class of 2015. Mr. Dirksen highly recommended approval of this request. Bill Kuhn requested a commitment from Kelsie to follow through and graduate.

#### **Early Graduation – Kelsie Stuart**

Motion:	Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the early graduation request of Kelsie Stuart. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

#### **2. Consent Agenda**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn, and a second by Rhonda Hamby, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of September 8, 2014;
B.	Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report and Employment Action for October 2014
C.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: None
D.	Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: IBBFA; BBFB; GBNA/JFCF; GCAB; IIA
E.	Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: GBC-AR; GBNA/JFCF-AR; ING-AR
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

#### **3. Reports & Presentations**

**OSBA:** Mr. Dirksen reported on his recent attendance at the OSBA Regional Fall Meeting October 7<sup>th</sup> in Pendleton. There are Board members scheduled to attend the meeting being held in Condon, October 21<sup>st</sup>. This is one of the clearest mission statements they have had - Promise of Oregon. Mr. Dirksen invited the Board to watch the video that is available on the OSBA website regarding this mission statement.

**Funding:** There is currently \$6.65 billion in state school funding (pressure in the college area). The state is not looking at cutting any ESD funding. They are looking at \$250-\$275 million in additional funds due to full day kindergarten. We hope to know the real numbers by June in regards to kindergarten funding. The state plans to oppose any educational reform that does not have funding tied to it. Any safety improvements the state plans to bring up, OSBA will make sure funding comes along with it.

**OSBA Annual Convention:** The OSBA Annual Convention – The Promise of Oregon will be held November 13-16, 2014 at the Portland Marriott. The Board is signed up to attend. After attending the Fall Regional Meeting, Mr. Dirksen is excited to attend the Annual Convention.

**Technology:** Next month's report from principals will include information on grants and professional development.

**Enrollment:** Mr. Dirksen is happy to report that enrollment across the district is up 100 students from one year ago in October. Enrollment appears to be headed back up. There are new homes being built in Boardman.

**IMESD:** Hermiston is considering opting out of the IMESD. This will not have an impact on us this year and not much change next year. As soon as Mr. Dirksen has more information he will inform the Board. Mr. Dirksen encouraged the Board to contact any IMESD Board members with any questions or concerns.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Appoint Budget Committee Members:** Position #4 Janet Dezelle and Position #5 Shannon Boor.

**Appoint Budget Committee Members**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve appointment of Budget Committee Members. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

**Achievement Compact:** Mr. Dirksen explained to the Board that the estimations and information they have regarding the Achievement Compact are very similar, no surprises. The 4 year graduation rate and 5 year completion will never be high enough until we are at 100%. Mr. Dirksen recommends approval of the Achievement Compact. Mr. Mendoza reviewed the Achievement Compact spreadsheet with the Board. He explained the timelines, factors, and categories that go into the Achievement Compact. When a district is doing well, they want to follow that practice and replicate it.

**Achievement Compact**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve the Achievement Compact. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

**New Business**

**Promise of Oregon:** Mr. Dirksen read The Promise of Oregon and made a recommendation to the Board to adopt the Promise.

**Promise of Oregon**

Motion: Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve the Promise of Oregon. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

Ayes: Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby

Noes:

Motion Passed

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements:

OSBA Fall Regional Conf. Pendleton	October 7, 2014
OSBA Fall Regional Conf. Condon	October 21, 2014
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	October 30, 2014
Next Board Meeting – Irrigon Jr/Sr High School	November 10, 2014
Veteran’s Day Holiday	November 11, 2014
OSBA 68 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – Portland	Nov. 13-16, 2014

Chairman Thad Killingbeck adjourned the regular meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

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Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

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