

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

December 11th, 2006

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of December 11th, 2006, held at the Irrigon Elementary School library in Irrigon, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matlack, Nancy Vander Does, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Berto Hernandez, Pat McNamee (arrived at 7:25 pm).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Tom Crane, Phyllis Danielson and Jack Thompson. Wade Smith, Joel Chavez and Thad Killingbeck were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Marilyn Post ; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Mike Palmblad; Public Forum – no representation

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:15 pm in the library at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions/Corrections/Deletions to the Agenda: Approval of Cooperative Sponsorship for golf and baseball between Ione and Heppner High Schools was added to New Business.

Delegations: Marilyn Post (MCEA) was present – she extended best wishes to the board for the holidays; No representation from OSEA; Mike Palmblad (ESD) reported that the ESD is pursuing the purchase of Hermiston Day Care and has recently expanded their regional services to LaGrande. He also noted that the service plans will be coming to districts sometime in January;

2.C. Consent Agenda - After clarification about the role of the Pendleton Academy, the following action was taken:

Motion:	On a motion by Ken Matlack and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of November 13 th , 2006 regular meeting and executive session
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations: Wayne Whitley, RHS science teacher – at the end of the 2006-07 school year;
D.	Extra Duty Contracts: Jesse Garrett, head boys basketball coach at IJH; Eric Keller, assistant wrestling coach at IHS; Kelly Doherty, assistant girls basketball coach at RHS; Brian Harmon, head wrestling coach at HHS; Ken Bailey, head wrestling coach at HJH;
E.	Attendance Variance: Jacob Axtel, from MCSD to the Pendleton Academy for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year.
F.	Approved Visa's with \$500 limits for RHS, HHS and IHS
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, Matlack, Lindsay - (McNamee not present for this vote)
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

- 1. School Board Award:** Chairman Miles presented the Board Recognition Award to the Irrigon Elementary School staff and students for their efforts and success with the Accelerated Reader Program. Library tech, Ellen Hendergart received special mention for her facilitation of the program. Several students were in attendance to be recognized, as well.

2. **Chalkboard Conference:** Mr. Burrows reported on the Chalkboard Conference that was recently held in Salem. This program addresses alternative ways to compensate educators based on district and school performance and board goals. This concept is being presented later in the agenda as a compensation program for our administrators in lieu of any cost of living adjustments. A representative from the teacher's union also attended with Mr. Burrows and Mr. Smith.
3. **Irrigon Teacher of the Year:** Mr. Burrows reported that Forrest McKinnis of the Morrow Education Center has been awarded the Irrigon Teacher of the Year for 2006-07. This is the first time that any teacher from the alternative education program has been recognized.
4. **Testing:** Mr. Burrows reported that the first round of testing is complete and we should have the preliminary results in the very near future. He also mentioned that the federal government has denied Oregon's request for a growth model as well as their request to delay the RIT cut scores.
5. **School Funding:** Mr. Burrows reported that the governor announced a \$6.06 billion dollar education budget, which is 20% more than he asked for in the last biennium. OSBA, COSA and OEA are lobbying for \$6.3 billion.
6. **New Graduation Requirements:** The superintendent reported that ODE is pushing for new graduation requirements aimed at all students entering into higher education following graduation. Mr. Burrows handed out an article from the latest issue of School Administration and asked that they be thinking about this for discussion later in January.
7. **RFP for Food Service:** After seeing vendor presentations at the OSBA convention in November, the district is putting out a Request for Proposal for food services – leadership and food supply. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead.
8. **Communications Audit:** Mr. Burrows reported that we have the results of the communications audit done by OSBA through the Bridges Project, and wanted to schedule a work session with an OSBA to review the survey. The board then scheduled a work session for Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 pm at Heppner Elementary School.
9. **Principal Reports:** Board members commented on several items in the principal reports including: the “No F’s” program at RHS; After School Programs at various schools; HES street issue (Stansbury Street); and the Saturday tutoring program, which will be a January agenda item.

4. **Unfinished Business** – None at this time.

5. **New Business**

A. Adoption of 2007-08 Budget Calendar

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to accept the 2007-08 Budget Calendar with modifications to move the first budget meeting from May 21 st to May 7 th , and other dates moved accordingly. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	Lindsay
Motion passed	

5. New Business

B. Performance Compensation Program for Administrators

Motion:	Nancy Vander Does moved to implement the performance compensation program for administrators, in lieu of any cost of living increases. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. Cooperative Sponsorship for Golf & Baseball Between Ione High School and Heppner High

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to approve the cooperative sponsorship for golf and baseball between Ione High School and Heppner High School for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years. Ken Matlack seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Miles read the announcements. There being no further business the chairman recessed the regular meeting at 8:11 pm. At 8:25 pm, Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(m) and ORS 332.061(1) – student expulsion.

At 9:00 pm Chairman Miles adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved:_____