

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting May 11, 2015

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, May 11, 2015 held at Riverside Jr/Sr High School in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm.

- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Thad Killingbeck, Brian Kollman, Bill Kuhn, Mark Pratt, Barney Lindsay, Becky Kindle
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rhonda Hamby
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Cheryl Costello, Erin Stocker, Beth O’Hanlon, Erika Patton, Joel Chavez, Craig Bensen, Tina Joyce, Matt Matz, Marie Shimer, Brandon Hammond, Matt Combe
- 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 Riverside Jr/Sr High School at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no additions/deletions to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA – Charlene Baker; OSEA – Kathie Goad.

Presentations:

Mid-Columbia Bus Company – Cindy Nicholson announced that the Flatt family has sold Mid-Columbia Bus Company to Landmark Student Transportation from Canada. She explained that due to medical reasons and the fact that the third generation of the Flatt Family was not interested in continuing on with the business, they made the difficult decision to sell. The company will continue to operate under the name Mid-Columbia Bus Company and all drivers will remain the same. Cindy introduced John Turney, VP of Operations with Landmark Student Transportation. John explained that Landmark reached out to the Flatt family as they were looking to grow their business and on April 8th the change became official. At this time, the company will continue to operate as usual with the addition of Dave Lear who was hired as CEO with his focus being Mid-Columbia Bus. Dave comes with knowledge and experience in the student transportation business and will be here to support Mid-Columbia Bus and Cindy. Landmark’s Corporate Offices are in Florida and they have businesses in Canada, Missouri and Wisconsin. They are taking over all of Mid-Columbia Bus contracts. Tony and Bruce Flatt will remain with the company during the transition. Landmark Student Transportation has similar values as Mid-Columbia Bus Company with student safety and customer service being a priority.

Cindy presented Mr. Dirksen with a letter announcing 3 \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors (1 for each high school) and a \$150 donation to school library funds.

Care Coordinator, Peggy Doherty – MCSD Care Coordinators are Peggy Doherty and Michele Meisner. Peggy shared a video clip that shows what the Care Coordinator program is about as well as providing a handout to the board. Care Coordinators provide support to families, connecting them to services in the area through a referral program. Each school in the district has referral forms and a process within their building to refer students/families to the Care Coordinator team who then makes contact with families to see how they can be of assistance to them. The team also receives referrals from Department of Human Resources, Umatilla Morrow Head Start, Creative Care Preschool, Morrow County Public Health, Care Plus, and Columbia River Community Health Services.

To date, they have received 80 referrals with 53 of them coming from MCSD. The team currently has 48 open cases but is expecting a bit of a slow down with summer coming. Michele will be retiring at the end of June and they are currently recruiting for her replacement to make a smooth transition. The Care team receives referrals of all natures from head lice to eye glasses, mental health issues to the lack of health care. Each school has their own process to refer clients and they work with whatever process works best for each individual school. Peggy and Michele try to drop in at schools and either meet with administration or send them an e-mail to keep them up to date on the progress of cases. The team has received positive feedback from their clients. Mr. Dirksen shared that the program is a critical missing piece regarding student/parent support; Peggy and Michele have done a fantastic job.

Riverside Jr/Sr High School – Jenna Shimer, Isabella Ganvoa and Marie Shimer presented a power point sharing with the audience what goes on at Riverside Jr/Sr High School during the school year. Isabella and Jenna provided information about the many activities, clubs, sports and student life at Riverside. Isabella shared the many clubs, organizations, activities and sports that are available to both the junior and senior high students. Just a few of the many programs offered at RJSHS are the Firefighter Program, Police Cadet Program, and Summer Robotics Program. Jenna presented information about the Wind Challenge Program sponsored by Google and held at Columbia Gorge Community College. Jenna, other high school and junior high students attended the program where they learned about wind energy and made a windmill. The boys’ team took 2nd place for producing the most voltage out of their windmill. Students also attended many educational field trips throughout the school year as well as participating in many community events such as an opera performance in Portland, science and ag trip to the Coal Fire Plant, junior high pentagames, math competitions, Kiwanis Trick or Treat community activity, and Boardman Day of Service, just to name a few.

There are also many extra-curricular clubs/organizations and athletic teams for students to get involved in: Associated Study Body offices, class offices, Outdoor Club, Drama, National Honor Society, MECHA, Guitar Club, Chess Club, football, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, softball and the list goes on. Mrs. Shimer highlighted athletic programs at Riverside which had state placers and champions this year: boys’ soccer placing 5th, cheerleading placing 4th, wrestling placing 5th and Hans Rockwell being crowned a 4 time state wrestling champion.

Isabella shared some of the fun times shared by students and staff with the annual dodge ball tournament, Jocks vs Geezers softball games, Homecoming activities, lip sync and friendly games of ping pong in the commons.

Jenna presented information to the board about the Boardman/Irrigon FFA Program and requested permission for FFA to travel to National Convention in Kentucky in October 2015. The board approved the request for FFA to attend National Convention.

Boardman/Irrigon FFA Trip

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn, and a second by Brian Kollman, the board approved the request for Boardman/Irrigon FFA to attend National Convention in the fall of 2015.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Kindle, Pratt, Kollman, Lindsay, Kuhn, Hamby
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

Mr. Kuhn had additional questions relating to the procurement policy. Beth O’Hanlon will follow-up with OSBA and report back to Mr. Kuhn. He also noted that policy DJ needs to reflect not exceeding \$75,000. The correction was noted. The board inquired about staff training relating to district policy JHCDA Prescription Medication and auto-injectable medication. IMESD provides staff training.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Becky Kindle, and a second by Mark Pratt, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2015;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report, Employment Action (classified/confidential, extra duty coaching/non-coaching);
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: DJCA
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: DJ, GBM, GBDA, JFG, JHCD, JHCDA
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR’s: DJ-AR, JFG-AR, JHCD.JHCDA-AR
- F. 2015-16 Substitute Teacher pay \$173.76 per day

Ayes: Killingbeck, Kindle, Pratt, Kollman, Lindsay, Kuhn
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

- Teacher Appreciation Week was May 4-8, 2015.
- Crystal Apple Award winners are: Claude Birt, Art Teacher at Riverside Jr/Sr High School; Rhonda Boor, Title I Teacher at Windy River Elementary; Rebecca Evans, Educational Assistant at Heppner Elementary; Nancy McElhany, Library Tech at Sam Boardman Elementary. Mr. Dirksen thanked them for their dedication.
- Mr. Dirksen introduced new administrators for 2015/16: Tracey Johnson, Principal at A.C. Houghton and Ryan Keefauver, Principal at Irrigon Jr/ Sr High School. He thanked them for the work they are already doing in preparation of the upcoming school year.
- PERS – The Supreme Court ruling is expected to raise PERS costs. We are expecting higher employer contributions in years to come.
- OSBA Summer Board Workshop is scheduled for July 17-19, 2015 in Bend.
- Senator Jeff Merkley will hold a Town Hall meeting Saturday, May 16th at 10:00am at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School. He is interested in hearing from the public.
- Mr. Dirksen expressed his appreciation all across the county for the help that has been given to our students. From the Care Coordinator, County Health Department, Early Learning Centers to the Police Department, we are fortunate to have the collaboration with agencies across our county.
- Eastern Promise credits earned are fantastic. Very pleased with success of this program.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

OSBA Summer Board Conference: Summer conference will be held July 17-19, 2015 in Bend, OR. Any board members interested in attending should contact Cheryl as soon as possible.

Resolution #2014-15-08 Increase in Meal Prices for 2015/16: There will be a \$0.10 increase in student meals/milk and a \$0.25 increase in adult meals. There is no change in the breakfast program prices. Students who qualify for reduced price meals will not be charged for 2015/16.

Resolution #2014-15-08 Increase in Meal Prices for 2015/16

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn, and a second by Becky Kindle, the board approved the increase in meal prices for 2015/16.

Ayes: Killingbeck, Kindle, Pratt, Kollman, Lindsay, Kuhn
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

2015-16 Board Meeting Calendar: The 2015/16 Board Meeting Calendar was presented to the board. The first meeting of the 2015/16 school year will be August 10, 2015.

2015-16 Board Meeting Calendar

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn, and a second by Becky Kindle, the 2015/16 Board Meeting Calendar was adopted.

Ayes: Killingbeck, Kindle, Pratt, Kollman, Lindsay, Kuhn
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

Class of 2015 Graduation: Board representatives for the Class of 2015 graduations will be:

- Irrigon Jr/Sr High School – Barney Lindsay
- Riverside Jr/Sr High School – Mark Pratt
- Heppner Jr/Sr High School – Becky Kindle

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements:

Teacher Appreciation Week	May 4-8, 2015
Senator Jeff Merkley Town Hall Meeting	May 16, 2015
Crystal Apple Awards – Pendleton Red Lion	May 20, 2015
Memorial Day Holiday	May 25, 2015
Seniors Last Day	May 29, 2015
Graduations	
• Irrigon Jr/Sr High School – 7:00pm	June 5, 2015
• Riverside Jr/Sr High School – 10:00am	June 6, 2015
• Heppner Jr/Sr High School – 2:00pm	June 6, 2015
Next Board Meeting – Heppner Elementary School	Monday, June 8, 2015

Chairman Thad Killingbeck thanked everyone for their presentations and adjourned the regular meeting at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____