

# Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting November 14, 2011

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 held in the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Barney Lindsay, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Thad Killingbeck, Tony Navarro, Berto Hernandez

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dirk Dirksen, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, George Mendoza, Mark Jones, Daye Stone, Joel Chavez, John Sebastian, Robert Elizondo, Craig Bensen, Jacque Johnson, and Dave Melville. Matt Combe was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Press

**Call to Order**

Chairman Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The pledge of allegiance was recited; and a quorum was established.

**Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda** – Add Suicide Prevention Meeting under Reports – Barney Lindsay. Following statement from Chairman Killingbeck on patron participation and format – the agenda was officially set.

**Public Comments**

**Delegations:** MCEA – Paul Beagle with no comment; OSEA – Kathie Goad – extending holiday greetings; ESD – no representation; Patrons – n/a

**2. Consent Agenda**

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Brian Kollman, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting; & executive session meeting of October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2011;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations: n/a
D.	Retirements; Karen Clough, HES teacher; Rose Sebastian, SBE teacher – to complete the 2011-12 school year; John Sebastian, ACH principal to complete this school year and 2012-13 school year.
E.	Extra Duty Resignations: Blaine Ganvoa, asst boys basketball coach at IJH; Jason Palmer, asst track coach at HHS
F.	Employment: Cristela Olson, ed asst at IES; John Thompson, asst custodian at IES/MEC; Susan Reagan, asst cook- WRE;
G.	Extra Duty Contracts: Jeremy LaFramboise, asst boys basketball coach -RHS; Tyler Barrie, asst boys basketball - RHS;
H./	Resolution 2011-12-05 – Accept & Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue – Oregon Traffic Safety - \$2075
I.	Resolution 2011-12-06 – To Adjust the Technology Accounts in the Budget – from 200's to 400's
J.	Approve the 2011-12 & 2012-2013 Cooperative Sponsorship between Ione and Heppner High Schools for wrestling
Ayes:	Navarro, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman, Killingbeck, Hernandez
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

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

- OSBA Convention Highlights: board members Lindsay and Killingbeck, along with Superintendent Dirksen each reported on their highlights from the recent OSBA Convention noting the following: Oregon Virtual Education (ORVED) - Allows kids to go to virtual school, but does not send all the state basic support money. Reinforcement that the district is headed in the right direction in offering college courses to our high school students now; special highlight was Mark Speckman, Willamette football coach with a message to - “figure it out”. No Child Left Behind was referred to as No Child Left Untested; Oregon is on the way to moving away from NCLB regulations, along with several other states; noted that the direction of education appears to be moving from the “testing, testing, testing” mode to a more realistic approach to what students will need when they leave high school and move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce; board appreciated the networking with the administration and other board members.
- Meeting: Barney Lindsay reported on a Suicide Prevention Meeting that he recently attended in Condon, noting that this community has suffered 4 suicides in 6 years. He noted that it was a powerful and positive self-awareness presentation and suggested that the district administration take advantage of having speakers come to MCSD to do a presentation for our administrators & staff.
- 2011 OSBA Elections: Noted that there will be two resolutions as well as two elected positions that will need action at the December meeting (just prior to the 12-15-11 voting deadline). Resolution 1 - amends the constitution to override membership and priorities – legislation is coming out every year, but action by the legislature is on a 2 year cycle. Resolution 2 – allows for consecutive terms for the secretary/treasurer of OSBA. Offices: Dave Krumbein to represent Region 2 on the OSBA board; Thad Killingbeck to represent the region on the Legislative Policy Committee. Both are running unopposed.
- Work Session was scheduled to be held at 5:30 pm preceding the next board meeting to complete the action plan for the 2011-12 adopted Board goals.
- Gear-Up Grant – noted that MCSD was the only district in Oregon to receive this 7 year annual grant in the amount of \$140,000; a coordinator will need to be hired out of the funds who will work with IJSH and RHS for the implementation and facilitation of the program – Mr. Dirksen noted that he will be attending a meeting in the near future on the specifics of the grant and program.
- Open Enrollment – handed out information on HB 3681 dealing with open enrollment which will go into effect for the 2012-13 school year. Area districts will meet to work on a plan for how to work through this new legislation. By March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 districts are to have a plan in place as to how this will be managed.
- Safety Summit: Reported that the district administration and local police, fire and ambulance, and city officials recently attended a Safety Summit at the Port of Morrow hosted by MCSD and the ESD. He noted that all schools are in the process of updating Emergency Plans.
- ELL Report Card: reported that the district “met” in all categories that are judged for ELL on the State Report Card, noting that we were 1 of 23 districts to “meet” in Oregon, out of 193 total districts. Extended appreciation to Mr. Chavez for his efforts in getting to this point with the ELL program and meeting AMAO’s. Mr. Chavez mentioned that it was the hard work of the teachers and classified staff, and the solid program in Morrow County schools even though the bar was constantly being raised. Mr. Chavez noted that Oregon’s Teacher of the Year was also an ELL teacher.
- Bargaining: We have received notification from MCEA on their intent to bargain a successor agreement and asked for 2 board members to sit on the team to negotiate salary, insurance and no more than 2 articles from the district and the association.
- Celebrations: Reported that Anna Browne is the Science Teacher of the Year for Eastern Oregon; Dave Boor recently won the 2011 Fitness Leadership Award for his work with young student athletes; reported that Jeff Searles and two students gave a technology presentation at the OSBA Convention that was very well received. Mr. Searles has had other school districts contact him to come and present at their schools.

### **Reports & Presentations (Continued)**

- Online Opportunities; OR Virtual Education being offered through NW Regional ESD. Heppner High School and the Morrow Education Center are already doing several online courses. Some of the courses offered through ORVED are courses such as Writing 121 and Math 111.
- Renewable Energy: reported that a meeting was recently held in The Dalles at Columbia Gorge Community College for course possibilities for students interested in the renewable energy (windmills) field. They are currently offering an introductory course to see if students are interested in this particular career path.
- Eastern Promise: reported that there is still some work to do with the PLC's and the professors getting together and being able to offer the dual credit options for courses.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

- George Mendoza reported on the Common Core State Standards that will be fully implemented by 2014. He noted that the district will be moving in this direction now, noting that this will only improve test scores now. This is what students are being expected to learn, and is meant for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He noted the difference between the traditional (simplistic) classroom and the Common Core Classroom (collaboration with others – more rigorous and focused approach). Mr. Mendoza will send the power point to the board members.

### **Principal Reports**

- Chairman Killingbeck reported that he likes the format of the new Principal Reports noting that they are now more aligned to specific board goals.

### **Unfinished Business.**

**Budget Committee Appointments** – No action was taken at this time.

### **Adoption of Policies**

Barney Lindsay moved, seconded by Becky Kindle to adopt policy JE – Attendance & JED Student Absences & Excuses.

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Killingbeck

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

### **New Business**

- Directed administration to move forward with an informational meeting to establish the School Health Advisory Committee for the purpose of assisting the district in the selection of curriculum relating to health education. From this meeting the Committee will be formed and will consist of: board, administration, teachers, faith community, health community, and parents.

**Announcements: Chairman Killingbeck read the following announcements:**

- Thanksgiving – HOLIDAYS November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Next Board Meeting, Irrigon Elementary, 7 pm December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Last Day of School for Students/Staff December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Christmas Break December 19<sup>th</sup> – January 2, 2012

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:27 pm – Tony Navarro excused himself from Executive Session and left the meeting. At 8:37 pm Mr. Killingbeck reconvened the regular meeting and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 332.061(1) to hear a report on two student expulsions; and under ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Personnel. Executive session ended at 9:10 pm; the regular meeting was reconvened and the following action was taken:

**Resignation**

Barney Lindsay moved, seconded by Berto Hernandez to accept the resignation of Jessica Ramirez for medical reasons, with no adverse reporting to TSPC for breaking her contract.

Ayes: Hernandez, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Killingbeck

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

Chairman Killingbeck adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

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Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

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