

**Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2014**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, January 13, 2014 held in the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Julie Ashbeck, Andy
Fletcher, Craig Bensen, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Tina
Joyce, Joel Chavez, Mark Jones, Matt Matz, Erin Stocker,
Mark Jones. Brandon Hammond was absent

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

Call to Order

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no changes to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA – Dave Fowler & Brenda Kittelson; OSEA – Kathie Goad – thanks the board for all that they do and reported that there is a new OSEA consultant – Tracy Miller; IM-ESD – Cheri Rhinhart – ESD is working on the local service plans, and noted that districts will vote on their plans in February. There will be some additional services from the ESD - specifically truancy assistance; health care; grant writing; early learning hub; and Eastern Promise.

Introduction of New Staff – MEC: Mark Jones introduced Elizabeth Gutierrez, new educational assistant at MEC.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Becky Kindle the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of December 9, 2013;
- B. Approved Financial Report and Enrollment/Attendance Report for January 2014
- C. Resignations/Retirements: TaMara Thornton, science teacher at IJSH; Sara Bevington, school secretary at IES
- D. Employment/Promotions/Transfers: Chad Schultz, increase hours from .75 FTE to 1.0 FTE – asst custodian at ACH; Michelle Osborne, from asst cook to head cook at IJSH; Billie Barker, SpEd asst at IES to SpEd asst at WRE; Barb Phillips, from ed asst at IES to secretary at IES; Stacy Oglevee, from ed asst at RHS to head cook at IES; Dennis Force, assistant custodian at ACH, replacing Steve Brown; Becky Davis, SpEd asst at IES; Nicole Pearson, ed asst at IES
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Jared Purcell, asst girls basketball coach at RHS; Phil Joyce, asst boys basketball coach at IJH;
- F. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: GCL/GDL – Staff Development; ING – Animals in School Facilities; KBA – Public Records; GBEDA – Drug & Alcohol Testing – Transportation Personnel;
- G. Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulations: ING-AR – Animals in School Facilities;
- H. Approved Resolution 2013-04-03 to Accept Unanticipated Revenue - \$1400 to Riverside High School from Chris Rauch.

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

3. Reports & Presentations

School Board Recognition Month: Mr. Dirksen took a minute to publicly thank the board for the countless hours that they volunteer in the service of all Morrow County students, staff and patrons. He also reported that there will be cake and coffee at the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Evaluation: Mentioned that this is the time of year when the board will evaluate the superintendent. The process will be the same as in the past, with a self-reflection and rating sheet going to the board before the end of January. There will be a work session prior to the board meeting on February 10th, 2014 at 6pm for the preliminary evaluation, with the final evaluation taking place during the regular board meeting.

American Tower Contract: Reported that the draft of this contract was sent to OSBA legal for opinion on the towers making sure that we have covered everything with the least amount of exposure and liability. AT&T is building 800 cell towers in the PNW.

Local Service Plans: Mr. Dirksen reported that he has seen the new Local Service Plan brochures and is comfortable with what they are presenting. Action to be taken in February.

Division 22 – Statement of Assurances: Mr. Mendoza reported that the district is in compliance with Division 22 Standards for Elementary and Secondary Schools. This is the rules and regulations covering every aspect of district operation. This Statement of Assurances is presented to the public each year in January, and then submitted to ODE later in the year.

Technology Update: Reported that the district is looking at infrastructure for wireless devices – this has been completed at RHS and IJSH – moving ahead with mobile devices at those schools. Mr. Dirksen also reported that we have 2 new servers installed to handle upgrades as we move forward.

MEC Report – Randal Olsen, alternative ed/online instruction coordinator spoke highly of his staff at MEC. He reported that even though some of these kids are tough kids, most are finding their niche in their educational careers; he reported on Accelus and Greenways online opportunities. He noted that there have already been 2 students who have graduated and should have another 2 on track to graduate by this spring.

Administrator Reports: Notations regarding After School and Summer School programs; principal projections to get students to benchmark. Mentioned that the board likes the format of principal reports.

Unfinished Business

2014-15 School District Calendar – following discussion as to the tally of votes for Pre and Post Labor Day Starts, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Brian Kollman made a motion to adopt Calendar Option B (Post-Labor Day Start) for 2014-15 school year. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Kindle, Hamby, Pratt
Noes:	Lindsay
Motion Passed	

New Business

Approval of 2012-13 Audit – Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Dirksen presented highlights of the audit, and also answered questions about going out for an RFP for accounting services at some point. Currently the district is very pleased with the service that they get from Oster Professional Group.

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to accept the 2012-13 District Audit as conducted by the Oster Professional Group. Rhonda Hamby seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Killingbeck, Kindle, Pratt, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements; Superintendent Dirksen read the governor’s proclamation to the Board, then recessed the meeting at 7:53 pm to enjoy cake and coffee to honor the board.

At 8:07 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(b) to discuss a personnel issue. At 8:15 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened, and it was announced that Cheryl Costello will be the replacement for the portion of Julie Ashbeck’s job as Executive Secretary to the Superintendent and Board. At 8:16 pm the regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____