

**Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 2007**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of October 8th, 2007 held in the library at Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman, OR

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bertó Hernandez, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Nancy Vander Does, Barney Lindsay, Pat McNamee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Daltoso

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Jacque Johnson, Daye Stone, Matt Combe, Chris Davis, Craig Bensen, Joel Chavez, John Sebastian and Mark Jones. Rhonda Lorenz was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Eric Volger; Public Forum – Sam Boardman PTO

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:08 pm in the library at Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- 2.C. Consent Agenda** - The consent agenda was approved with the removal of: Compensation Adjustment for the Business Manager and HR Director/Executive Secretary

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Pat McNamee, the Consent Agenda was approved with the removal of the item as noted above.

- A. Approved minutes of regular, & executive session of September 10, 2007
- B. Approved financial report
- C. Resignations: Faye Zimmerman, assistant cook at ACH;
- D. Employment: Tracie Mendoza, ELL assistant at IHS; Tracy Caudron, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at RHS; Erin Iveson, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at ACH
- E. Approved Attendance Variance: Released from MCSD to Umatilla SD – Calissa Perrin; Released from Hermiston SD to MCSD – Lexani Gonzalez and Kimberlee Lear
- F. Accept and Acknowledge the Sam Boardman Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization donation of \$20,500 for playground equipment. Other donors include: Good Shepherd Hospital, Pendleton Grain Growers and RDO.

Ayes Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez, Lindsay

Noes n/a

Motion passed

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

- **COSA State Funding Coalition:** Superintendent Burrows reported that he has been chosen by his peers to serve on the COSA State Funding Coalition and will be meeting regularly with legislators on school funding issues.

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- **Biodegradable Cafeteria Plates:** Mr. Burrows reported that he has sent out a district staff e-mail soliciting opinion on the possibility of moving from styrafoam containers to biodegradable products. The cost to convert would be about \$18,000, and would require an increase in meal prices. He got some pretty interesting remarks and suggestions.
- **SIOP Professionals:** The district brought in SIOP professionals on September 28th for staff development for teachers. This is the 3rd year of the 5 year program.
- **Irrigon Football Lights:** Mr. Burrows reported that the Irrigon High School football lights are scheduled to be turned on for the first time at the last home football game, November 2nd. He extended thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers who made this possible.
- **State Report Cards:** State reports cards were sent out this week and the district is pleased to announce that our schools did a great job. 100% were satisfactory; 75% are better than average; and 25% are exceptional. Of the high schools, Irrigon High School and Riverside High School were listed as “strong” and HHS was listed as “exceptional”. Kudos to the staff and students of the district.
- **2006-07 Test Results:** Programs Director, Phyllis Danielson presented the 2006-07 testing results. She stated that several factors played into this year’s testing: the state changed the benchmark numbers; and the computerized tests that were given in October, February and May were replaced with one paper and pencil test. Dirk Dirksen presented RHS test results and converted the percentages to numbers and names of students who need to pass the benchmarks. He further reported that RHS students who do not meet benchmarks are getting a double dose of reading, math and writing and are not allowed to take electives until they pass the tests.
- **Principal Reports:** Bill Kuhn commented on the principal reports from HHS, IHS, RHS and MEC. Nancy Vander Does thanked Jacque Johnson for all her hard work in getting SBE up and going.

4. Unfinished Business

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to appoint Nicole Mahoney to position #2 and Rita Van Schoaick to position #6 on the Budget Committee. Both positions are 3-year terms ending June 30, 2010.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. **New Business**

A. Cooperative Sponsorship Approval for Speech & Debate:

Motion:	Nancy VanderDoes moved to approve the Cooperative Sponsorship between Ione High School and Heppner High School for Speech and Debate for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school year.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Miles read the announcements then recessed the meeting at 8:10 pm. At 8:27 pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(h)(i) to discuss legal issues and the superintendent's evaluation. At 9:17 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session, returned to open session and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____