

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, September 14, 2026

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2026, 6:00pm held at Heppner Jr/Sr High School/Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ashley Lindsay, Erin Anderson, Position #3 Vacant

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, Barbara Phillips, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Rose Palmer, Maria Ortega, Ryan Gerry, Karen Shelton, Sarah Christy, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Rachel Herron, Brandi Sweeney, Andrea Nelson, Joanna Lamb, Andrea Kendrick

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Oliver

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Becky Kindle, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Review Agenda: No Corrections noted.

Public Comment: None

Delegations:

MCEA: Andrea Nelson

OSEA: None

Presentation: Heppner Elementary and Heppner Jr/Sr High School – Principal Gerry presented on the transition process of the Elementary and Jr/Sr High as they begin to build one K-12 system. The theme of the transition is “Two Buildings. One Community. One Commitment to Our Kids”. The goal is not to make the two schools identical — it is to make them parts of the same K–12 system.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes – August 10, 2026 Work Session and Regular Meeting
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action
5. 1st Reading / Adoption of New policy: KNA
6. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies – JFCIA
7. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's – KNA (1), KNA (2)

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

Motion passed

Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe

- **The 2026-27 school year** is off and running. I have enjoyed seeing our MCSD students and staff back in buildings and classrooms during my building walkthroughs during the past couple of weeks.
- **Instructional Hours - Executive Order Update:**
The recent OSBA-Or-Ed-News Opt. article highlights growing questions about the role and authority of the Oregon State Board of Education as the state implements new requirements for the latest Executive Order regarding instructional time and continued conversations related to educational accountability. Local school

leaders are seeking clearer guidance, stronger collaboration, and greater input with consideration of the financial and operational impacts of state mandates and policy implications regarding Executive Order's. The article underscores the importance of a shared statewide vision and coordinated efforts among state leaders with input from local school districts to implement clear, achievable policies designed to provide helpful and meaningful support to school districts.

- **Immigration Policy Update:** In compliance with recent state requirements and guidance from the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA), the district has now met the September 30, 2026 deadline to adopt the immigration enforcement policy and administrative procedures. This policy establishes protocols for responding to immigration enforcement requests on school property, designates district points of contact, protects student privacy, and ensures compliance with Oregon law while maintaining a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students.
- **Financial Report** - Gabe has included the financial report in your board packets. As we begin the new school year, we will continue to closely monitor our expenditures along with our attendance and enrollment trends, as the school year progresses.
- **Enrollment Report** - Review and discuss current enrollment report from packet.
- **Maintenance & Facilities Update** - included for your review in the board packet.
- **Thank you Director Lindsay** for serving as the Board Rep and giving a great welcome address to our staff during the district wide in service which was held on 8/25/26 at the Sage Event Center.
- **Fall Sports & Extracurricular Activities** - are in full swing and we have good participation numbers across the district with our programs. I have enjoyed making my rounds to some of the different contests and events and I look forward to more upcoming contests as the Fall season progresses.
- **Closing Thanks** - Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your continued dedication and voluntary service to the students of Morrow County. Your leadership and commitment to our district are appreciated!

Executive Director of Human Resources Report – Mrs. Stocker

- The final two teaching positions have been filled for the 2026/27 school year
- Finalizing Professional Development days for both Licensed and Classified staff. PD will be based around "Trauma Informed Educators".

Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer

- The 2025-26 Integrated Plan Annual Report was presented to the Board by the Director of Educational Services, Dr. Marie Shimer.

Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner

- STAR Facility update: hoping to have the teaching position filled within the next few weeks. CCS is working on the Accreditation process.

New Business

1. School Board Vacancy Position #3 Appointment -

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to appoint Tia McNamee to the MCSD School Board, Position #3. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

Motion passed

2. Unanticipated Revenue – Resolution #2026-27-03:

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-27-03 – Unanticipated Revenue. Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

Motion passed

3. MCSD Integrated Pest Management Statement and Plan:

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the MCSD Integrated Pest Management Statement and Plan.
Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindel, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

Motion passed

4. MCSD Annual Division 22 Report - The report was presented by Dr. Marie Shimer

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the MCSD 2025-26 Annual Division 22 Report as presented by Dr. Marie Shimer. Mary Killion seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindel, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

Motion passed

Chair Kindel read the announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting – October 12, 2026, 6:00p.m., A.C. Houghton Elementary.
- OSBA Legislative Road Show – October 26, 2026, Pendleton Convention Center

Chair Kindel adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary	Date	Becky Kindel, Board Chair	Date