Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, October 12, 2026

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, October 12, 2026, 6:00pm held at A.C. Houghton Elementary School/Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman(zoom), Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Ashley Lindsay, Tia McNamee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Erin Anderson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, Barbara Phillips, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Rose Palmer, Ryan Gerry, Karen Shelton, Sarah Christy, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Rachel Herron, Brandi Sweeney, Cynthia Hodgdon, Loren Cole

OTHERS PRESENT: George Shimer

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.

Oath of Office: New Board member Tia McNamee took the Oath of Office for Position #3.

Review Agenda: No Corrections noted.

Public Comment: George Shimer with Boardman Parks and Recreation thanked the District for the collaboration with between the two entities.

Delegations:
MCEA: Cynthia Hodgdon
OSEA: Loren Cole

Presentation: AC Houghton Principal, Jill Ledbetter, presented on Attendance and why "Every day Matters" for students and their success, as well as strategies and supports to help with attendance.

Consent Agenda
1. Approve Minutes – September 14, 2026
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action

Motion: Ashley Lindsay made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mary Killion seconded the motion.
AYES: Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Ashley Lindsay, Tia McNamee
Motion passed

Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe

- **Good evening** - It is hard to believe, but the first quarter of the 2026-27 school year will be wrapping up in a couple of weeks. Our enrollment as of today is 2218, which is up 31 students from the same time last school year.
- **Financial Report** - Gabe has included the financial report in your board packet, we continue to closely monitor our expenditures with a needs vs wants mindset as we continue to monitor forecasting at the state and federal levels. Additionally, he has noted in his report that with your blessing we plan to use some of our carryover from

last year to increase the districts PERS side accounts to help offset the forecasted PERS rate hikes to better position ourselves moving forward as a buffer from the ever-increasing PERS related costs.

- **Safety Process Reminder** – We value the partnerships with our local law enforcement agency partners for our safety related planning processes including communication plans/strategies concerning safety related issues. We continue to use the "I Love You Guys" Foundation and the SRP (Standard Response Protocol) process for planned drills and emergency related planning.
- **Maintenance/Facilities & Bond Progress Reports/Updates -** included in the board packet for your review.
- **Fall Sports & Extracurricular Activities** - are in full swing and I have enjoyed making my rounds to some of the different contests and events and I look forward to more upcoming contests and post season playoff action as the Fall season progresses.
- **STAR Initiative Reminder** – Reminder that the OSAA-STAR program focuses on **Safety, Tolerance, Acceptance, and Respect** within high school sports and activities. All three of our secondary schools continue participating with this initiative to help improve our MCSD contest/game environments for all involved, including spectators with educational efforts geared towards our spectator behavioral expectations while attending our MCSD athletic and extracurricular activities/events.
- **Finally**, I want to again express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your continued dedication and voluntary service to the students of Morrow County. Your commitment, leadership and service to our district is greatly appreciated!

Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer

- Continuing to work on the implementation of the Powerschool SIS. The first attendance postcard went out to parents.

Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner

- At the recent Secondary Professional Development, the ESD worked with SPED staff on the process of transitioning students.

New Business

1. **Unanticipated Revenue – Resolution #2026-27-04**:

   Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-27-04 – Unanticipated Revenue. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

   AYES: Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Ashley Lindsay, Tia McNamee

   Motion passed

Chair Kindle read the announcements:

- OSBA Fall Regional Meeting – October 26, 2026, 5:30pm, Pendleton Convention Center
- End of 1st Quarter – October 29, 2026
- OSBA Annual Fall Convention – November 12-14, 2026, Portland Marriott
- Next Regular Board Meeting – November 9, 2026, Windy River Elementary.
- Veteran's Day – November 11, 2026

Chair Kindle adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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