

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
June 11, 2007

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of June 11th, 2007 held in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Vander Does, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee, Ken Matlack and Barney Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Berto Hernandez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Matt Combe, Tom Crane, Phyllis Danielson, Chris Davis, Joel Chavez. John Sebastian, Julie Ashbeck and Thad Killingbeck were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Dave Fowler; OSEA- No representation; ESD – No representation; Public Forum – No representation

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Budget Hearing

Tom Crane, IHS principal, reported that he has found a company where he could get lights and poles for \$25,000 and would get donated labor, a cheap rate on cement, plus \$5000 from the boosters, \$5,000 from Fund 230, \$900 from ASB funds and possible money from the Moose Lodge. Umatilla Electric will help with installation up to the meter box, then will look at the costs and then decide how much they will contribute. Mark Burrows recommended approval.

Mr. Burrows told the board that the budget is \$335,916 less than that approved by the Budget Committee. Business Manager, Rhonda Lorenz presented resolutions to be approved during the board meeting.

The hearing adjourned at 7:25 p.m.. Chairman Miles recessed the meeting, then reconvened the regular meeting at 7:40 pm.

Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda – Under New Business – Item H – to Hire the Vice Principal at Irrigon.

2.C. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved as presented:

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of regular, & executive session of May 14, 2007; the emergency meeting of May 23, 2007
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Thad Killingbeck, principal at WRE; Wade Smith, assistant superintendent; BJ Wilson, principal at SBE; Ryan Preuit, advanced math teacher at IHS; Beau Phillips, Title I teacher at WRE; Brian Frazier, 6 th grade teacher at WRE; Alissa Wood, SpEd assistant at IES; Beth Wheeler, educational assistant at ACH
D.	Promotions: Chris Davis, from assistant principal to principal at IHS; Phyllis Danielson, from IES principal to Programs Director; Joel Chavez, from ELL Director to IES principal/ELL Director; Donna Barton, from TOSA to assistant principal at RHS
E.	Recall: Cara Osmin, to Title I teacher at WRE, replacing Beau Phillips
F.	Approved Employment of Extra Duty Coaches and Non-Coaching Contracts for 2007-08
G.	Approved Attendance Variances: Collette Cason to attend Arlington SD from MCSD (renewal); Natalie Delacruz and Martin Duran to attend ACH from Umatilla SD
H.	Accept & Acknowledge donation in the amount of \$2,231.90 from Heppner PTC to Heppner Elementary School – funds to be used for Outdoor School.
Ayes	Miles, Vander Does, McNamee, Lindsay - [Matlack was out of the room; Kuhn had not yet arrived]
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

MCS D Graduations: Superintendent Burrows reported that the weekend before last, MCS D had 4 graduations – all joyful and rich in tradition, including the first graduation for Irrigon High School. Approximately \$500,000 in scholarships were earned by MCS D graduates.

Administrative Turnover: Reported that the district has experienced a turnover administratively, but has rebuilt the team. This included several internal promotions. We are interviewing for the SBE principal position Friday. Mr. Burrows then introduced Craig Bensen, the new assistant principal for Irrigon High School. Mr. Bensen comes to us from the Umatilla SD.

Susan Castillo Visit: State School Superintendent, Susan Castillo and Pat Burke from the Department of Ed were in the district to recognize both AC Houghton and Heppner Elementary Schools for their rating as an “Exceptional” School for 2007-08.

School Funding: Mr. Burrows reported that the House will vote on the 12th on the school budget - \$6.245 billion.

Election 2007: Mr. Burrows handed out the election certificates, and congratulated all returning members and welcomed new member, Dan Daltoso, who was sworn in to take effect July 1st.

Future of the CEC’s: A discussion as to the future of the Community Education Committee’s was held, noting that 11 of 18 seats remain vacant after the election, and that only one person filed, and 3 were selected by write-in votes (3 to 7 votes). The CEC election cost the district \$500

SBE Fire Damage: Mr. Burrows reported that it appears that the fire damage at Sam Boardman will exceed \$3 million dollars, and we are now down to 80 days before students arrive in the fall. Construction on the site is moving rapidly.

SBE Fire Restoration Report: Cheryl Pin from Cornerstone (project manager) and Mike White reported on the SBE fire restoration - concrete beams will be repaired instead of replaced; Most items will not be salvageable and will be replaced.

Bill Kuhn arrived at 8:05 p.m..

TAG Presentation: Wade Smith provided a slide show of the TAG trip to Seattle. Ashley and Kelsie Wolff assisted and presented the board with a written reflection on the trip. The students went to the Flight Museum, Aquarium, Safeco Field, Pacific Science Center, U of WA, Pike’s Place.

Craig asked how much was awarded in scholarships at the graduations: \$283,000 at Irrigon and \$125,000 at HHS. RHS scholarship information was unavailable at the time of this meeting.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Language Arts Textbook Adoption: Wade Smith reported on the LA textbook adoption and noted that the books were in the hall for review. The district is sending a team of 7-12 teachers to Monmouth for a week of training on how to use the books.

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved and Nancy Vander Does seconded to adopt the Language Arts textbooks as recommended by administration.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Lindsay, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. New Business

A. Canvass Election Results: By consensus, the board canvassed the 2007 election results as presented by the County Clerk. The future of the Community Education Committees was discussed at length. Eleven out of 18 seats remain vacant on the 3 committees following the election, with only one person filing. Three were selected by write-in votes (3 to 7 votes). After discussion the recommendation is to request a meeting with the CEC chairs before dismantling the committees altogether. Bill Kuhn was appointed to the committee, along with Mark Burrows and the CEC chairs to meet and review the viability and future of the committees.

B. Swear-in Board Member: Dan Daltoso was sworn in to Position #4 on the Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

C. 2007-08 Board Meeting Calendar:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved and Ken Matlack seconded to adopt the 2007-08 Board Calendar as presented. It was later decided to switch the RHS and SBE so that the board could see the repaired building.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Lindsay, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. New Business (Continued)

D. Approved Annual Organization Details for 2007-08

Motion: Ken Matlack made a motion, seconded by Pat McNamee to approve the Annual Organizational Details for 2007-08, as presented. The election of board officers will take place at the August meeting.

Designate the Following Positions as Confidential: Mark Burrows – Superintendent/Clerk; Phyllis Danielson, Director of Programs & SpEd Coordinator; Rhonda Lorenz – Deputy Clerk/Business Manager; Joel Chavez – ELL Director; Julie Ashbeck – Personnel Director/Exec Secretary
Designated Custodian of Funds: Mark Burrows & Rhonda Lorenz
Set the Borrowing Limit at \$2,000,000
Set Fidelity Bonds at \$75,000 for Rhonda Lorenz and Mark Burrows
Designated Facsimile Signatures for Checks for Mark Burrows, Rhonda Lorenz and Board Chair
Designated Mark Burrows as the Budget Officer
Designated the following to Apply for and Sign on Local/Private/State and Federal Grants: Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck
Designated the Heppner Gazette Times and the East Oregonian as the Newspapers of Record
Designated District Legal Counsel: Doug Hojem of Corey, Byler, Rew, Lorenzen and Hojem, LLC and Andrea Hungerford
Designated Insurance Agent of Record: Nancy Snider of Wheatland Insurance
Designated Depositories for District Funds: State Investment Pool; Bank of Eastern Oregon; Banner Bank, Wells Fargo, US National Bank
Designated Auditors for 2006-07: Oster Professional Group of John Day

Ayes Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Lindsay, Vander Does
Noes n/a
Motion passed

E. Appointed the SBE Screening Committee

Motion: Pat McNamee moved and Nancy Vander Does seconded to appoint the SBE Screening Committee as recommended: Dan Daltoso, Mark Burrows, Julie Ashbeck, Thad Killingbeck, Mark Jones, Jessica Campbell, Maribel Torres and Sylvia Barrera.

Ayes Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Lindsay, Vander Does
Noes n/a
Motion passed

F. Chartwells Food Service Management Contract

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Nancy Vander Does the board approved the superintendent to sign the Chartwells Food Service Management contract upon approval from the state and resolution of language issues.

Ayes Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Lindsay
Noes n/a
Motion passed

5. **New Business (Continued)**

G. Adoption of 2007-08 Budget

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to approve Resolution 2007-08-01 to Amend the Approved Budget; Resolution 2007-08-02 to Adopt the Budget; Resolution 2007-08-03 to Appropriate the Budget; and 2007-08-04 to Impose and Categorize Taxes. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

H. Hire Irrigon High School Assistant Principal

Motion:	Ken Matlack moved to hire Irrigon High School Assistant Principal, Craig Bensen. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Barney Lindsay made a statement thanking board member, Ken Matlack for his service on the board.

Chairman Miles read the announcements. Mr. Miles recessed the meeting at 8:55 pm. At 9:05 pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(d) to discuss negotiations. At 9:25 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session, returned to open session and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda Lorenz, Acting Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____