

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9th, 2006

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of October 9th, 2006, held in the library at Riverside High School in Boardman, OR

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Jack Thompson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Joel Chavez, Tom Crane, Thad Killingbeck and Phyllis Danielson.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post ; OSEA – no representation; ESD – No representation; Public – Noe Melendez

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the library in Riverside High School in Boardman, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The board and patrons then viewed RHS Social Studies and Math departments.

3.0 Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Pat McNamee and a second by Ken Matlack, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of September 11 th , 2006 regular meeting;
B.	Approved Financial report
C.	Resignations: None
D.	Promotions/Transfers: Virginia Garcia, ELL assistant at WRE to ELL assistant at RHS; Kelly Fox from head custodian at HES to south end facilities coordinator; Dan Van Liew, from south end facilities coordinator to head custodian at HES; Mike Doherty from assistant to head custodian at HHS;
E.	Employment: Pam Barrera, ELL assistant at MEC; Ana Rosa Madrigal, ELL assistant at SBE;
F.	Attendance Variances: From MCSD to Umatilla SD: Kattarina Korpela; Maahna Corella; Dawn and George Eddy.
G.	Surplus: Old HHS bleachers and an air conditioner at the DO
H.	Appoint Dee Burch to Heppner CEC – Position #3
I.	Recognize and accept \$45,000 donation from the Kilkenny Family and others, to purchase new bleachers at Heppner High School
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, McNamee, Matlack, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Noe Melendez was present to report to the board about an issue at Sam Boardman Elementary School. The incident had to do with a delay by the school photographer and students being left unattended. Mr. Wilson reported that the issue had been addressed and a plan in place to make certain it is not repeated in the future.

3.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

1. **School Board Award:** Chairman Miles presented the School Board Award to the staff of Riverside High School for the Junior High Accountability program that was implemented in the summer of 2006. Those specifically mentioned were: Dirk Dirksen, Donna Barton, Shane Fritz, Brooke Barton, Tom Grimes and Dawn Callow.
2. **Enrollment Report:** Mr. Burrows reported on that the district is up another 12 students compared with September 2006, standing at 2,274 students.
3. **Old Irrigon School Building:** Mr. Burrows reported that he had met with a citizen group that is interested in turning the old building into a cultural arts center. They will need to have board consensus to move forward with application for non-profit status, as well as being able to apply for grants. The City of Irrigon has consensus, also. This is also an agenda item under New Business.
4. **School Report Cards:** Mr. Burrows told the board that we have 2 elementary schools that have received "Exceptional" status – A.C. Houghton and Heppner Elementary. He also noted that Heppner High School has received a "Strong" rating, which is a great accomplishment for a high school.
5. **Professional Learning Communities:** Assistant Superintendent Wade Smith reported on the Professional Learning Communities, and the work that the Hermiston SD and Morrow County School District have been doing together. On October 13th, all teachers will participate in a workshop centered around this concept. They will get together in groups to share lesson plans, ideas, and build professional relationships.
6. **Access to Heppner High School:** The plan to upgrade Morgan Street are underway. Mr. Burrows has met with Rep Greg Smith, the City of Heppner officials, County Court and Ferguson Engineering to begin the process.
7. **School Safety:** In light of the school shootings around the nation in the past few weeks, Mr. Burrows directed principals to go over safety procedures and lockdowns with their staff. Mr. Killingbeck will give a report at the November meeting.
8. **Juvenile Arrests:** Board member, Ken Matlack reported on recent arrests concerning students and said that there likely could be retaliation from other students in other towns.
9. **Parking at IHS:** Mr. Matlack reported that the City of Irrigon has an ordinance regarding parking on the side street at IHS. He noted that citations will be given. He discussed further a plan to change this situation. Mr. Crane and Mr. Matlack will work on possible solutions.
10. **Bridges Project:** Mr. Burrows mentioned that the district has received the results of the Bridges communication survey taken by OSBA. More information will be forthcoming as we receive it.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Budget Committee Appointments

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Pat McNamee, Dean Mason was re-appointed to Position #7 on the Budget Committee. He will serve a three year term ending 6/30/09.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

4. **Unfinished Business (Continued)**

B. Revision to DJB – Sale and Rental of Equipment

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Pat McNamee, Policy DJB – Sale and Rental of Equipment was revised as presented.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. Revision to 2006-07 Board Goals

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Ken Matlack, Board Goal #2 will be changed to reflect a 5% increase in student participation in activities.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

D. Use of Facilities: Mr. Matlack inquired about the process used in determining who uses the facilities, the cost of the use and the insurance required. Rhonda Lorenz will check with insurance carrier as to insurance limits.

5. **New Business**

A. Ballot Measures: After a preliminary work session regarding the financial impact on the district if Ballot Measures 41, 45, and 48 are passed, the following action was taken:

Motion:	<p>Barney Lindsay made a motion to adopt Resolutions 2006-07-06 (Measure 41 – Federal Deduction) and Resolution 2006-07-08 (Measure 48 – State Spending Limit) opposing these measures. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion. A newsletter to be prepared and sent to patrons from the board regarding this.</p> <p>Ken Matlack moved to amend the above referenced motion to take action separately on Measures 41 & 48. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion to amend the original motion. Yes: Vander Does, Matlack, Lindsay, McNamee, Hernandez, Miles. No: Kuhn. Motion to amend passed.</p> <p>Bill Kuhn moved to approve Resolution 2006-07-08 (Measure 48 – State Spending Limit) to oppose this measure. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous</p> <p>Bill Kuhn moved to approve Resolution 2006-07-06 (Measure 41 – Federal Deduction) to oppose this measure. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion. Yes: Kuhn, McNamee, Hernandez, Miles, Lindsay, Vander Does. Matlack abstained. Motion passed.</p>
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Berto Hernandez left the meeting

B. Old Irrigon School Building: The board had consensus to support the citizen group so they could move forward in establish non-profit status, and applying for grants.

Minutes (Continued)

C. Resolution of Support

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved, and Bill Kuhn seconded to send a letter of support to the Milton-Freewater School Board and local papers for their upcoming bond election to upgrade and expand facilities.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Miles read the announcements. There being no further business the chairman recessed the regular meeting at 9:10 pm. At 9:15 pm, Executive Session was opened under ORS 192.660(2)(d) – negotiations and (h) – legal. At 9:30 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session and returned to open session, where he appointed Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay and Pat McNamee to the bargaining team for licensed negotiations. He adjourned the regular meeting at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____