

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
December 12, 2005

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of December 12, 2005, held in the library at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matlack, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Berto Hernandez, Nancy Vander Does, Pat McNamee.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bill Kuhn

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, John Sebastian, Dirk Dirksen, Ron Anthony, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Thad Killingbeck, Jack Thompson, Joel Chavez, Matt Combe and Phyllis Danielson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Dave Fowler; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Carol Clupny; Public – Roster

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Irrigon Elementary School library in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda – New Business – PA System at Irrigon; Board representation at CEC Meetings

3.0 Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Ken Matlack and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A	Approve minutes of November 14, 2005 Regular Meeting; November 14, 2005 Executive Session;
B	Approve Financial Report
C	Resignations: Nelda Longoria, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at IHS
D	Termination: Jack Donovan, facilities coordinator at Boardman schools
E	Employment: Sharon Hendrickson, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at IES, replacing Diana Orr; Venice Jackson, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at RHS & WRE, replacing Heather Shaner;
F	Extra Duty Contracts: Dawn Dyer, assistant girls basketball coach at RJH; Dean Peck, assistant basketball coach at RHS; Jodi Chapa, drama advisor at HHS;
G.	Accept MidCo Bus Company Community Grant Donation of \$500.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Public Forum: Heard from several patrons on perceived student safety concerns and other issues at north end schools. Mr. Burrows reminded patrons of the complaint process, speaking with the teachers, principals, the superintendent, as well as the board. Mr. Miles noted that the policy calls for conflict resolution at the lowest level. Mr. Burrows asked that patrons contact him anytime and was happy to give out his phone number. Ms. Vander Does stated that she was excited to see so many in attendance, and urged folks to get involved at school. She stated that there is currently an open position on the Irrigon Community Education Committee.

4.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

1. **National Board Certification:** Superintendent Burrows reported that one of our teachers, Lea Mathieu, has recently received National Board Certification. Completion of this program automatically deems recipients as being “highly qualified” under No Child Left Behind legislation. Ms. Mathieu will be present at the January meeting to report on the process and make a presentation on the school where she will be working next year while on sabbatical leave.
2. **Bridges to Achievement:** Mr. Burrows reported on the OSBA program to improve school achievement. The superintendent, assistant superintendent, business manager, board secretary and several administrators along with the board members have participated in preliminary surveys. We expect to meet with OSBA sometime in January to go over the results and prepare for more activities with the others in the consortium (Echo and Pilot Rock).

Chairman Miles recessed the meeting at 8:45 pm and reconvened at 8:58 pm.

3. **SIOP Training & Texas Trip:** Mr. Wade Smith reported on how the district-wide SIOP training is going for our teachers, noting that is a “best practices” staff development program. He, along with ELL director, Joel Chavez, and teachers, Dave Fowler and Theresa Proctor-Reece reported on their recent trip to Texas to watch SIOP in action. It was quite impressive.
4. **OSAA League Reorganization:** Mr. Dirksen presented information and reported on the new OSAA League Reorganization, noting that Riverside High School will remain a 3A school.
5. **MEC Update:** It was noted that the numbers continue to rise at the Morrow Education Center. There are students who have made enough progress that they may possibly be able to return to their referring schools, and due to increased ELL numbers at the MEC, they now have a new ELL educational assistant, Noe Melendez.

5. Unfinished Business

- A. **Appoint Budget Member to Position #5 (McNamee).** Mr. McNamee does not yet have a candidate for appointment to this vacant budget committee position. He hopes to have that taken care of by the January meeting.
- B. **Adopted Misc. Policies and AR’s:** After several questions relating to the Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and another policy on Field Trip chaperones, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Pat McNamee made a motion to accept as a second reading and adopt new policies and revisions to existing policies as noted. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion. <i>[Tobacco Policy and AR; Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse Policy and AR; Field Trip revision; and revisions to the Alternative Ed policy and AR]</i>
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Minutes (Continued)

6. New Business

A. City of Irrigon Utilities Easement:

Motion:	Nancy Vander Does moved to authorize the superintendent to negotiate with the City of Irrigon on a Utilities Easement. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

B. Accepted JFC- Discipline-Suspension-Expulsion policy as a 1st reading.

C. Board Member Representation on the CEC Committees

Motion:	A motion was made by Nancy Vander Does to assign two permanent board members to each of the three CEC's, with the Chairman rotating between the various communities. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	Lindsay
Motion passed	

D. PA System at Irrigon High School: After discussion about the PA system not working at Irrigon High School, it was suggested that Mark work with Ron Anthony to get this taken care of, and to make it a priority for the budget process.

Chairman Miles read the announcements, thanked everyone for coming and recessed the regular meeting at 10:35 pm. At 10:45 pm Chairman Miles called Executive Session to order under ORS 192.660(2)(b) personnel issues. At 11:30 pm Executive Session concluded, the regular meeting reconvened and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____