

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting May 12, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, May 12, 2014 held in the cafeteria at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Thad Killingbeck, Bill Kuhn, Becky Kindle, Barney Lindsay & Mark Pratt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Kollman, Rhonda Hamby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Julie Ashbeck, Cheryl Costello, Erin Stocker, Andy Fletcher, Tina Joyce, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Joel Chavez, Matt Matz, Mark Jones, Craig Bensen

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

Call to Order:

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order in the cafeteria at A.C. Houghton Elementary at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no additions, corrections or deletions to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA - Brenda Kittelson - Brenda introduced herself as President Elect and commented that the year is moving along at the speed of light; OSEA - Kathie Goad - Kathie agreed with Brenda's comment regarding school moving along; IMESD - Cheri Rhinhart - May is a great month to celebrate staff with the Crystal Apple Awards Banquet being Wednesday, May 21st at the Red Lion in Pendleton. Cheri complimented the district on their use of technology, you are doing many great things: fiber optics, repurposing computers; the ESD is proud to be a part of this. The ESD will be putting out a survey regarding grants and a survey of customer satisfaction, please take time to complete these as they help the ESD in moving forward with the services provided. MCSD is fully committed to technology. Barney inquired about the upcoming Chrome Book class; is this open to staff only or others as well? The class is open to anyone, just visit the website and sign up.

Early Graduation request: Matt Combe introduced Erica Nelson, a sophomore at Heppner Jr/Sr High School who would like to graduate early (June 2015). Erica explained to the board her reason for requesting permission to graduate early. Bill Kuhn asked Erica if she is taking advantage of the Eastern Promise program; and Barney asked her if she would feel like she will miss out of some of the high school experiences, and does this concern her? Music therapy is a limited field; Erica most likely will not go to an Oregon college so Eastern Promise credits would not transfer. Barney expressed that the board is hopeful that Eastern Promise will help our students to gain college credits and that the board understands your dreams, supports you and your parents and wishes you well, we will miss you.

Early Graduation Request – Erica Nelson

Motion: Brian Kuhn made a motion to approve the request for early graduation by Erica Nelson. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.

Ayes: Killingbeck, Kuhn, Kindle, Lindsay, Pratt

Noes:

Motion Passed

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Barney Lindsay, and a second by Becky Kindle, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of April 14, 2014;
- B. Approved Financial Report and Enrollment Report for May 2014;
- C. Classified/Confidential Recommendation List: Recommendation to Re-Hire for 2014-15;
- D. Extra Duty Coaching: Fall & Winter List Recommendation to Re-Hire for 2014-15;
- E. Extra Duty Non-Coaching List: Recommendation to Re-Hire for 2014-15;
- F. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: JEFB – Interdistrict Transfer of Resident Students (Rescind and Replace); JECB – Admission of Nonresident Students (Rescind and Replace);
- G. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: JECF-AR – Interdistrict Transfer of Resident Students (Adoption); JHFF-AR – Sexual Conduct Complaint Form (Adoption); IKF-AR – Graduation Requirements 7 Day Period (Revised); IKF-AR-2 Graduation Requirements 8 Day Period (Revised);

Ayes: Killingbeck, Pratt, Lindsay, Kuhn, Kindle

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

Presentation of Longevity Pins & Introduction of New Staff: Principal Mark Jones introduced his recipients and congratulated them for their years of service: 10 years: Angela Dames & Deb Sherman; 15 Years: Darlene Marquardt, Melodee Tovey. Gabriela Balcazar, who has 15 years of service, was unable to attend. New Staff to AC Houghton are Ofelia Cisneros, Educational Assistant and Dennis Force, Custodian.

Principal Erin Stocker introduced and presented a pin for 35 years of service to Bob Carson. Erin worked with Bob at AC Houghton for many years. Bob is now a teacher at Irrigon Elementary School.

3. Reports & Presentations

Presentation - AC Houghton staff Brenda Kittelson, Kaira Rysdam and Trixie Pullen gave a power point presentation. The group presented information on the use of RTI, Easy CBM and Universal Screener. They discussed Core RTI principles, progress monitoring, and monitoring for growth. They explained the nuts and bolts of each program and how they work together. The presenters were passionate about the need for all staff to work together as a team, using data driven information to reach and help students be successful. There is evidence this process is working, it is exciting to see the progress and growth. Hermiston is also using this system. Bill Kuhn thanked the team for their presentation and expressed that it is great to see them so excited about this program. George Mendoza congratulated the team for their attitude of commitment to MCSD and is very proud of our district.

Teacher Appreciation Week - Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week and we had the opportunity to congratulate our teaching staff. Mr. Dirksen visited with Mr. Carson who has taught for 35 years; it is refreshing to see he is still excited to be here.

Award - Riverside Jr/Sr High School & Heppner Jr/Sr High School received the Bronze Award from US News & World Report. To reach for the Silver Award we need step up our AP classes.

Counselor - We are adding a counselor position for 2014-15. The position will be 3 days at ACH & IES and 1 day at Heppner. We have a need for more support.

Crystal Apple Award – MCSD award winners are: Karen Brown, Teacher RJSHS; Brandi Sweeny, Head Secretary HES, Jane Ginther, Educational Assistant ACH; Marissa Turner, Special Education Teacher at IJSHS. Congratulations to all recipients.

Kindergarten – Mr. Dirksen compliment the board decision that was made many years ago regarding full day kindergarten. MCSD was proactive in 1995 in the implementation of full day kindergarten. George Mendoza shared that our district was asked to present at a state wide conference on full day kindergarten, Jill Ledbetter and Mark Jones presented. We are considered a leader in this area and are receiving requests from other districts for information. MCSD is ahead of the game.

Eastern Promise - Barney Lindsay thanked high school principals for their continued work with the Eastern Promise program. Barney also asked (as a parent and board member), if the board could we get a report back on test results after the next go around.

Unfinished Business:

Budget Committee Vacancy - Rick Stokoe, Boardman Chief of Police has been recommended to replace Joe Taylor who has moved to Ione. We are pleased that Mr. Stokoe is willing to volunteer for this position. This position is a 3 year term beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

Budget Committee Member

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| Motion: | Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve Rick Stokoe as a Budget Committee Member. Mark Pratt seconded the motion. |
| Ayes: | Kuhn, Killingbeck, Kindle, Lindsay, Pratt |
| Noes: | |
| Motion Passed | |

New Business

Meal Price Increase – An increase in District Meal Prices for the 2014-15 is necessary because the Federal “Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act” which reauthorized the National School Lunch program requires the District to increase meal prices to meet Federal equity pricing requirements. Complying with the equity in pricing will necessitate raising the Elementary school and Junior/Senior school lunch prices from \$2.25 to \$2.35 and \$2.50 to \$2.60 respectively, milk prices will stay the same at \$0.40, Adult meal prices will stay the same at \$3.00. No increase is proposed in breakfast prices at all levels. Free and reduced prices remain the same for 2014 – 15.

Resolution #2013-14-10 – Meal Price Increase

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| Motion: | Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve Resolution #2013-14-10. Becky Kindle seconded the motion. |
| Ayes: | Kuhn, Killingbeck, Kindle, Lindsay, Pratt |
| Noes: | |
| Motion Passed | |

MCEA Contract - Mr. Dirksen entered into an agreement with MCEA regarding re-opener language for 2014-15. Mr. Killingbeck thanked Mr. Dirksen for his work with MCEA and creating a positive environment related to negotiations.

MCEA Contract – Re-opener Language for 2014-15

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| Motion: | Barney Lindsay made a motion to approve changes to the MCEA contract for 2014-15. Becky Kindle seconded the motion. |
| Ayes: | Kuhn, Killingbeck, Kindle, Lindsay, Pratt |
| Noes: | |
| Motion Passed | |

Chairman Thad Killingbeck read the announcements. He thanked district teachers and expressed his gratitude for the highly qualified teachers we have in Morrow County School District.

Board Representatives at graduation:

- Heppner Graduation – Becky Kindle
- Riverside Graduation – Thad Killingbeck
- Irrigon Graduation – Barney Lindsay

Brenda Kittelson invited the audience to view the artwork in the halls as they leave. The work was produced by AC Houghton students with the ACH Artist In-residence.

Chairman Thad Killingbeck recessed the regular meeting at 7:55 pm.

At 8:10 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.662(2)(h) to discuss legal matters.

At 8:22 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened.

At 8:23 pm the regular meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____

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