

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, April 14, 2025

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, 6:00 pm held at Heppner Jr/Sr High School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman (Zoom), Mary Killion, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay (Zoom)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Becky Kindle, Rosa Delgado

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, Barbara Phillips, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Rose Palmer, Maria Ortega, Jami Carbray, Sarah Christy, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Karen Shelton, Laura Winters, Ryan Gerry, Rachel Herron, Brandi Sweeney, Autumn Morgan, Dave Fowler.

OTHERS PRESENT: Griffin Beach, Gus Peterson

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Richard Cole, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Review Agenda: No additions or corrections were noted.

Delegations:

MCEA – Dave Fowler

OSEA – Bart Prouty

Presentations – Heppner TSA Chapter – TSA students reported on their trip to the National TSA Conference in 2024, held in Orlando Florida. Some of the events they competed in were Parliamentary Procedure, Audio Podcasting, Game Board Design, and Technology Problem Solving. They were also able to attend Universal Studios and Disneyworld while they were there. It was a great experience with lots of networking and workshops with other chapters from states throughout the US.

Travel Request – Heppner TSA

Motion: Erin Anderson made a motion to approve the Heppner High School TSA Chapter travel request to the TSA National Conference in Nashville, TN. Mary Killion seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay.

Motion passed

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes of the Regular meeting of March 10, 2025;
2. Approve Financial Report;
3. Approve Enrollment Report;
4. Approve Regular Employment including classified, professional exempt, and confidential staff extension

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay.

Motion passed

Superintendents Report

- Our enrollment as of today is 2,222, which is up 1 from the same time last school year and down 5 from last month's report. We are currently +8 with our inter-district transfers to date for this school year.
- Bond Update/Acknowledgment: I would like to thank the District Leadership Team & PAC groups commitment, dedication and diligent work with the MCSD Bond Campaign process. I would also like to once again thank our leadership team partners including; Wenaha, Wright Public Affairs, Mike Gorman, Piper-Sandler and the IMESD Communications Team for their work with the approval and vetting process for bond related informational fliers, PPT slideshow and video.

- SSF Update – As a reminder the total SSF allocation in the Governor’s proposed budget recommendation remains steadfast at \$11.36 billion, which is what we will be budgeting on and planning for in the next biennium.
- Financial - Gabe has once again included the financial report for your review. We are currently in the budgeting process planning and preparing for the 2025/26 school year, with the May 12th budget committee meeting date rapidly approaching. We continue to monitor our expenditures as we await the final SSF/Budgeting outcome for the next biennium as well as our MCSD Bond results in May of 2025. As a reminder from our previous reports, we will be incurring additional unanticipated PERS rate increase that will take effect in the 2025-26 fiscal year. Additionally, our decreased enrollment from the start of this biennium will result in less SSF revenue as a result of adjustments that reflect our current enrollment numbers.
- Boardman Property – We continue to explore options of seeing what it might be worth if listed based on current property/market trends for the area as previously discussed.
- I want to thank our MCSD staff members and our building administrators and for their continued diligent work and focused efforts with student learning. There are a lot of positive things happening in our MCSD schools and classrooms and I commend them for their commitment to student success across the district!
- Spring has sprung and our spring athletics and extracurricular activities are in full swing across the district. Lots of activities to keep up with this time of year, as a reminder please check the school websites for the most current and up-to-date schedules and information.
- And finally, I’d like to once again acknowledge and thank each of you for your dedication, commitment and continued voluntary service to the students and staff of MCSD!

Board member Mary Killion asked if the District has looked into any other potential uses for the Boardman Property and expressed the concern that the district may need it in the future. Superintendent commented that the district is looking into possible trading of property and for now just looking at what the property is worth at this time.

Executive Director of Human Services

- We are currently very busy with staffing for the 2025/26 school year. Includes accepting resignations and working with Mr. Combe and Mrs. Shimer to see which building positions will need to be filled.
- Personnel support – working on tuition reimbursements, and collecting transcripts for staff that have obtained additional degrees.
- In May we will start planning Elementary PD for next year

Director of Educational Services

- **Health Adoption 2025-2032** – At the Elementary and High School Level there was only one state approved curriculum, Middle School had 2-3 options. The review committee for the 7-12 curriculum was made up of all teachers that currently teach Health. At the Elementary level whole staff surveys were completed, administration had conversations with staff and then made recommendations. Curriculum chosen for Elementary is The Great Body Shop for a cost of \$93,402, and for 7-12, Comprehensive Health for a cost of \$58000.
- **Integrated Plan Update 2025-27** – The plan combines several large grants including High School Success and SIA-Student Improvement Act grants. The process includes gathering feedback and engagement from community stakeholders, focal groups, parent groups, student groups and staff. This is done through student and parent surveys; buildings also did reflections on data and looked at how the data has been impacted by the plan. Superintendent Combe attends community meetings, discusses MCSD programs and gets feedback. STEAM days were taken out of the plan, those funds have been allocated elsewhere in the plan. No objectives or goals were changed in the update. Mrs. Shimer allowed for questions and public comment. Director Kollman inquired who puts the plan together, and thanked Mrs. Shimer for her hard work and a job well done.

Director of Special Education

- Working on end of year and preparing for the 2025/26 school year.
- Community Counseling Solutions will be opening an acute and long-term residential facility in Boardman for elementary age students. The district will be partnering with CCS to provide education for students in the long-term facility.

New Business

1. Resolution #2024-25-12 – Unanticipated Revenue

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve resolution #2024-25-12 for unanticipated revenue. Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay.

Motion passed

2. Health Curriculum Adoption – Elementary – The Great Body Shop, 7-12 Comprehensive Health

Motion: Erin Anderson made a motion to approve the proposed Health Curriculum Adoption. Mary Killion seconded the motion.

Ayes: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay.

Motion Passed

3. Integrated Plan Update – The 2025-27 Integrated Plan Update was approved by the board after an opportunity was given for public comment.

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the 2025-27 Integrated Plan Update. Erin Anderson seconded the motion

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay.

Motion passed

4. Riverside Jr/Sr High School Gym Floor Replacement – Two bids were received for the replacement of the RJSHS Gym floor. It is recommended the District accept the bid from Bransden Flooring.

Motion: Ashley Lindsay made a motion to approve the bid from Bransden Flooring for the replacement of the RJSHS gym floor.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Mary Killion, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay.

Motion passed

Chair Cole read the announcements:

- OGEC - Statement of Economic Interest filing deadline, April 15, 2025
- STEAM Friday – April 26, 2025
- Regional Board Training/Public Meeting Law, May 1, 2025, 5:30pm – 7:30pm @ IMESD/Zoom
- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9, 2025
- Budget Committee Meeting, May 12, 2025, 5:30p.m., A.C Houghton Elementary
- Next Regular Board Meeting, May 12, 2025, 6:00p.m., A.C. Houghton Elementary

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Date

Richard Cole, Board Chair

Date