

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, November 12, 2024

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 6:00 pm held at Heppner Elementary School/Zoom.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Coiner, Jill Miller, Pierce Miller, Maren Knowles, Brian Knowles, Genessa Knowles, Lynn Calvert, Coy Patterson.

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Richard Cole, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Public Comment

None

Delegations:

MCEA – Dave Fowler

OSEA – Bart Prouty

Presentation – Heppner Elementary School: Representatives of the Heppner Elementary School Site Council (Harper Coiner, Kathryn Knowles, Pearl Miller, Cooper Patterson, Sage Calvert) presented to the board. Highlights included: Heppner and why it is special; Why the students chose to be on Site Council; What the Site council is doing; The 2024-25 school year and what they have enjoyed; What’s ahead for the rest of the 2024-25 school year.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

- A. Approved minutes of the Regular meeting of October 14, 2024, and Special meeting of November 4, 2024;
 - B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report, Employment Action;
 - C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: JGAB, KK
 - D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: GCDA/GDDA(Rescind), GCDA/GDDA (Readopt), JGA, KG-Form
- Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay, Delgado

Noes:

Motion Passed

Superintendent Report – Matt Combe

- District enrollment as of today is 2230, which is up 12 from time last school year. We are also +8 (incoming vs outgoing) with our inter-district transfers to date.
- CBAC Update – The feedback period on the CBAC’s initial proposal has begun with a good number of feedback responses already coming in. The informational fliers and posts are being widely shared out through the communities as well.
- Financials - Gabe has included the financial report for review. We continue to monitor our needs vs wants spending as we progress through the fiscal year with a continued effort to reduce our overall spending as we await the SSF/Budgeting number estimates for the next biennium as well as the MCSD Bond results in May of 2025. As a reminder from my October report, we will incur an additional unanticipated PERS rate increase that will impact all PERS agencies and will take effect for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

- SSF Update - The COSA funding group's advocacy work continues on reprioritization of K-12th grade State School Funding continues leading up to the legislative session beginning in January of 2025.
- The Heppner Daycare has reached out to me and would like to continue exploring the tennis court area near HES as a potential option to build their new site. They are willing to come present to you again in December with updated information regarding timelines if this is something that we want to consider?
- Student Threats - We continue to value the partnerships with our local law enforcement agency partners and SRO's, which includes collaboration with our safety related planning processes and communication plans and strategies concerning safety related threats. As a reminder, once our law enforcement agency partners are aware and involved with substantiated safety related threats they become the lead agency in charge of the investigation process, including collaboration with MCSD on safety plans/protocols, messaging, etc.
- Fall athletic and extracurricular activities have wrapped up and we are already transitioning into the winter season. I have enjoyed making my rounds and look forward to more upcoming contests/events as the winter season and contests begin.
- 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 of MCSD.

Executive Director of Human Resources Report - Erin Stocker

- All licensure of new staff, licensed and restrictive, is in place.
- EOU - College of Ed Advisory Council. Being on the council puts Erin in front of the professors that place students helping ensure the placements we want are in place. This helps with the retention of staff. Fall meeting helps in knowing what student teachers are coming our way.
- Principals are working on meeting with staff, looking at fall data and setting goals. Hope to have all goals set by Thanksgiving Break. Goals are finalized in late Fall as we wait for student data to set the goals.
- Elementary Admin meeting on November 15 – Finalize Elementary PD plans. After Friday's meeting we will start working on the logistics of the PD days.

Director of Educational Services Report- Marie Shimer

Marie Shimer presented the MCSD 2023-24 Integrated Plan Annual Report to the Board. During the 2023-24 school year the district implemented its first year of a 4-year Integrated Plan that combines the common goals and requirements of six state and federal initiatives into a roadmap for supporting the success of our unique students and community.

Highlights of the report included:

- Progress: Initiatives in the SIA grant have been implemented with the CARE program, the addition of Instructional Coaches, and the planning of teacher-driven professional development.
- Challenges: are funding based. ODE timelines for submitting Grants can be narrow. The funds from these grants are very specific in what programs they can be used for and are not guaranteed every year. The district tries to be as efficient as possible but never knows what will happen the following year.
- Strengths: Long term growth targets and projections. These targets were set in 2022-23 and established annual growth goals.
- Year 2 Funding Overview
- 2023-27 Integrated Plan Snapshot

Special Education Coordinator Report

- SPED departments are working on making sure students are meeting their goals. ODE used to require reports annually and this has changed to every three years.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business -

• **Resolution #2024-25-05 – Unanticipated Revenue**

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-25-05 for unanticipated revenue. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay, Delgado
Noes:
Motion Passed

• **BEO Account Administrator Change – Remove Beth O’Hanlon and add Gabriel Hanson.**

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the removal of Beth O’Hanlon as the BEO Account Administrator and add Gabriel Hanson as the BEO Account Administrator. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay, Delgado
Noes:
Motion Passed

• **OSBA Resolution #1 – Amends the OSBA Dues Schedule**

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to vote, Yes-adopt, OSBA Resolution #1, Amending the OSBA dues schedule. Erin Anderson seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay, Delgado
Noes:
Motion Passed

• **OSBA Resolution #2 – Create OSBA Members Pride Caucus and designate seat on OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee**

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to vote, No – do not adopt, OSBA Resolution #2 creating an OSBA Pride Caucus. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay, Delgado
Noes:
Motion Passed

• **OSBA Resolution #3 – Adopts the Proposed Amendments to OSBA Bylaws**

Motion: Ashley Lindsay made a motion to vote, No – do not adopt, OSBA Resolution #3 adopting OSBA proposed Amendments to OSBA by laws. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay, Delgado
Noes:
Motion Passed

Chair Cole read the announcements:

- Thanksgiving Holiday – November 27-29, 2024
- Next Regular Board Meeting – December 9, 2024 – Riverside Jr/Sr High School.

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Richard Cole, Board Chair

Date Approved: _____

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