

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2007

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of April 9th, 2007 held in the library at Irrigon High School in Irrigon, OR

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

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

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post ; OSEA- no representation; ESD – ; Public Forum – Barbie Abercrombie

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Irrigon High School in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Delegations

Marilyn Post representing MCEA, commented on an upcoming conference on Combating Child Abuse in our Community, to be held in Walla Walla, WA at the Marcus Whitman Hotel on Friday, May 25th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Assistant superintendent, Wade Smith noted that he would get the information out to all counselors. No representation from OSEA; No representation from the ESD; Barbie Abercrombie, representing Irrigon High School Booster Club was present to ask the board for more money for football field lights. This generated discussion about how much Booster Clubs do, and the types of projects that should be covered by district money. Additionally, the chairman asked administration to find out how much money has been spent at RHS and HHS over the years, for comparison purposes.

2.C. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved as presented:

Motion:	On a motion by Pat McNamee and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of regular, and executive session of March 12 th , 2007
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations: Tom Crane, IHS principal; Jack Thompson, HES principal; Eric Lougee, head tennis at IHS
D.	Employment: None at this time.
E.	Transfers/Promotions; Brandi Sweeney, from SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at HES to head secretary;
F.	Extra Duty Contracts: Curtis Darrow, head tennis coach at IHS; Michael Cates, assistant baseball coach at RHS; Michael Cates, assistant girls basketball coach at RJH; Veronica Ramirez, assistant track coach at IJH; Robin Graff, head football coach at RHS – for 2007-08; Michelle Morgan, head girls basketball coach at IHS – for 2007-08; Beth Wheeler, rally advisor at IHS – for 2007-08
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, Matlack, McNamee, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

FFA Presentation: Patrick Barron and Jasmine Wagner, Irrigon FFA members, were present to give the board an update on the implementation of the new ag programs, and to share some of the activities of the chapter both locally and statewide. The students were most appreciative that they have been able to be a part of this program.

School Board Award: Chairman Miles presented the School Board Award to the Irrigon High School staff, students and patrons for the successful implementation of the VoAg and Industrial Arts program. Patrick Barron, Jasmine Wagner and teacher/advisor, Lenn Greer accepted the award from Mr. Miles.

TESA Testing: Superintendent Burrows reported that he wrote a letter to State Superintendent, Susan Castillo, voicing concern and dismay over the TESA testing issue. Other area superintendents share the same sentiment, and this topic will once again be on the agenda at the upcoming superintendent's meeting.

Full Day Kindergarten: Reported that a letter has been written on behalf of the board on SB213 – fully funded kindergarten. It appears that there is not much support mainly due to the larger districts not having space and room available to accommodate full-day kindergarten.

School Finance: At this time, it appears that the governor's school finance budget is at \$5.95 billion for general support, plus \$245 million in a school improvement fund. There is no definition at this time of how that extra funding will be divided.

Junk Food Bill: Reported that the "junk food" bill has passed the house, and if it gets through the senate it will limit what items can be in vending machines in the schools. Elementary schools could only have juice and water. High school vending machines can have diet soda and energy drinks only.

Food Service Management RFP: The food service management RFP is out and as of now we have a couple of vendors that will submit proposals. Jack Thompson, Nancy Vander Does, Linda Kenny, Rhonda Lorenz, Greg Lynch and Mr. Burrows will score the vendors on April 25th.

Administrative Vacancies: Screening for interviews for the 2 vacant administrative positions will be coming up the week of April 25th. Screening committees have been recommended for appointment by the board.

Principal Reports: Principal reports were reviewed. Thank you notes to be sent to Betsy Shane and Ashley Wolfe.

Site Councils: Board member Kuhn asked about Site Councils and school improvement plans and whether or not they align with district goals. Mr. Smith said that those are posted on the school websites.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Adopt 2007-08 School Calendar: Following discussion concerning the length of the Christmas break, the time that the students get out of school in June, Hispanics leaving school for extended periods of time to return to Mexico, the additional time that parents have to pay for daycare and the lack of input from parents on the calendar options...the following action was taken:

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved and Bill Kuhn seconded to adopt Calendar Option B with a post-Labor Day start and one week at Christmas.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Lindsay
Noes	Vander Does and Hernandez
Motion passed	

B. Deed ACH Property to the Irrigon Community Parks & Recreation Maintenance District

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved and Berto Hernandez seconded to deed the ACH property to the Irrigon Community Parks & Recreation Maintenance District
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. Old Irrigon School Building – Deed & Resolution 2006-07-11

Motion:	Pat McNamee moved and Nancy Vander Does seconded to take back the title to the school building from the City of Irrigon and pass Resolution 2006-07-11 to convey the building with restrictions to the non-profit group.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Abstention	Kuhn
Motion passed	

5. New Business

A. Appoint Screening Committees for IHS & HES Principal Selection:

Irrigon High School Principal Selection: Craig Miles, Pat McNamee, Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Julie Ashbeck, John Sebastian, Phyllis Danielson, Chris Davis, Gary Hunt, Blaine Ganvoa, Karen Lunders, Barb Huwe, Dan Young and Sara Bevington.

Heppner Elementary Principal Selection: Nancy Vander Does, Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Julie Ashbeck, Daye Stone, Sharon Morris, Karen Smith-Griffith, Robin Jones, Carri Grieb, James Pappas, and Brandi Sweeney.

B. Increase Meal Prices for 2007-08

Motion:	On a motion by Nancy Vander Does and a second by Pat McNamee meal prices were increased by 25 cents per meal for 2007-08.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Miles read the announcements. Mr. Miles recessed the meeting at 8:35 pm. At 8:53 pm, Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(h) & ORS 40.225 to discuss personnel and legal issues. During executive session, sub-section (d) was added to discuss negotiations updates. At 9:20 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session, returned to open session and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____