

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting September 8, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, September 8, 2014 held in the Library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Mark Pratt, Brian Kollman, Rhonda Hamby, Becky Kindle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thad Killingbeck

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

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order in the Library at Heppner Elementary at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA – Richard Drake; OSEA - Kathie Goad.

2. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of August 11, 2014;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report and Employment Action for September 2014
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: BBFA, BBFB, GBNA/JFCF, GCAB, IIA;
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: IK, JFCEB, JGAB, GBN/JBA;
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: JFCEB-AR;

Ayes: Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

Great Start – Mr. Dirksen reported that school is off to a great start with encouraging news that enrollment is up approximately 100 students across the district. Staff is working hard to make contact with those students not yet attending and the district appreciates their efforts. We won't know our exact enrollment until we have completed 10 day drops. We are still using 24 additional students in a grade as our guide to add a teacher.

Care Coordinator – Our Care Coordinator is Peggy Doherty. She lives just outside of Lone and comes to us with a lot of experience. Jenny Calloway, Umatilla County Care Coordinator is working with/training Peggy and we appreciate her efforts. Peggy will be attending the Administrator Meeting Friday, September 12, 2014.

Greenways – We are in our 3rd year working with Greenways to provide our students with additional options. Mrs. Stocker and Mrs. Costello are working with ODE to ensure that all Greenways instructors are Highly Qualified.

Eastern Promise – We are up and flying with our Eastern Promise Program and have a couple students who will have their AA degree at the end of this school year. These students are working hard and have taken summer classes. This is an accomplishment for our district to have students graduate with an AA from Blue Mountain Community College.

Smarter Balanced – There is some confusion regarding terminology (formative vs summative) and testing. The formative test is a library of information we can use to help our students. The interim test will be computer based and hand scored. The summative test will be used at the end of the year.

Early Learning Hub – The Early Learning Hub has been approved by the State and is receiving funds. Approximately \$100,000 has been approved to start Professional Learning Teams. Their focus will be to develop Best Practice for teachers and parents. There are 30 teachers in the Tri-County area working on this project. There is a \$40,000 grant for the READY Program which will work to develop a program to show parents how to help their student.

The money is starting to flow for the Early Learning Hub with several grants in the works – A Dental grant; 2 million dollar grant to help with additional teacher certification; \$140,000 grant for Professional Learning Teams training. MCSD is actively involved with this and the Care Coordinator will help access these funds. Safety is another focus of the Early Learning Hub, working with students who have been removed from the home and are going into foster care. Our focus will be K-3 schools and we have a kinder teacher who has agreed to go to trainings to help develop Best Practice.

Maintenance Plan – We have a draft of our 10 year plan and are close to putting this in the paper for an RFP, approximately 3 weeks to move forward.

Lexington School – We are working with the City of Lexington and will go to their Town Hall Meeting to discuss the building. We will advertise the building for sale. If someone comes forward to purchase the building, we will work with them to ensure they have proper funding in place to take care of the building. The building is 100% asbestos free. If we cannot find a buyer, we plan to take the building down and hopefully turn the property into a park. The approximate cost to take down the building is \$60,000 with a separate contract to remove the underground tank.

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Board Goals for 2014-15 – We will continue to adjust from OAKS to Smarter Balanced. We will stay focused on the goals set: making sure to provide opportunities to students for work samples (40/40/20); 10 year maintenance plan; constant contact with community showcasing great activities, positive things happening and advertising these things.

Board Goals 2014-15

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve adoption of the 2014-15 Board Goals. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

New Business

Budget Committee Members – Becky Kindle spoke to Janet Dezelle and she has agreed to continue on the Budget Committee and will serve an additional 3 year term in position #4. Rhonda Hamby is currently recruiting a replacement for position #5.

Vice Chairman Lindsay read the announcements.

Vice Chairman Barney Lindsay recessed the regular meeting at 7:29 pm.

At 7:36 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(e)(f) – Real Estate, Exempt Public Records

At 7:51 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened.

State Archiving

Motion:	Brian Kollman made a motion to approve transferring of records for State Archiving. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Real Estate

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve the Sale Agreement with Albert Phillips. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

At 7:52 pm the regular meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Barney Lindsay, Vice Chairman

Date Approved: _____