

# Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting December 8, 2014

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

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- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Mark Pratt, Rhonda Hamby, Becky Kindle
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Thad Killingbeck, Brian Kollman
- STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Cheryl Costello, Erin Stocker, Beth O’Hanlon, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Craig Bensen, Joel Chavez, Matt Matz
- OTHERS PRESENT:** as per roster
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**Call to Order:**

Vice-Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order in the Library at Heppner Jr/Sr High School 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 – Dave Fowler; OSEA – None. OSEA wished Happy Holidays to the board via e-mail from Kathie Goad.

**Early Graduation Request:** A letter from Stephanie Madrigal was presented to the board. Marie Shimer, Principal, Riverside Jr/Sr High School, spoke to the board expressing her support of Stephanie’s request. As a junior, she is on track to graduate and will have all credits required to graduate from Riverside Jr/Sr High School in June. She currently has a 4.0 GPA and should have her AAOT upon graduation from Riverside Jr/Sr High School and has a full ride scholarship to Portland State University. Mr. Kuhn requested that a congratulatory letter from the board be sent to Miss Madrigal.

**Early Graduation Request**

**Motion:** Bill Kuhn made a motion to grant the request from Stephanie Madrigal for early graduation. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

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

**Noes:**

**Motion Passed**

**Presentations:**

**Beth Dickenson – Heppner FFA**

Tim Gould, Sentinel, and Rian Wizner, both members of the Heppner FFA Chapter gave a power point presentation. The presentation recapped their attendance at the National Leadership Conference last July in Washington D.C. They shared their experience with a series of pictures. They visited several sites; The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Vietnam Veteran’s War Memorial; Arlington National Cemetery; Times Square and witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They also had the opportunity to work with a charity and prepared over 70,080 meals for children in the DC area. During the conference they were not allowed to have their phones out so there were no pictures of those activities. A few big highlights of the trip were visiting the Today Show and seeing a Broadway play. Both Tim and Rian agreed, they did not get much sleep due to their very busy schedule during this trip and felt it was all worth it. They thanked the board for their support!

Jason Palmer – MCSD Technology Grant

Last spring Mr. Palmer wrote a grant for 22 iPads in his classroom. He has created a website with the assistant of IMESD and Google that he is currently utilizing in his classroom. He demonstrated how he is using this technology in his physical science class, showing the board a lesson. There are also interactive labs available for students to use. Students have the ability to work on projects at home, providing they have internet. The iPads are being used along with the textbook as support. Mr. Palmer thanked the board for their support of his project.

Dave Fowler – TSA

Mr. Fowler introduced members of the Heppner TSA: Cade Arbogast, Kai Arbogast, Will Lutcher, Bryan Fowler and Jesse Boyd. Heppner TSA attended National Conference last year and presented the board with a request for permission to attend the 2015 TSA National Conference June 28-July 2, 2015, in Dallas, Texas. TSA members presented a power point to the board as their request to attend the 2015 conference. Their presentation was a comical newscast that highlighted some of the projects they worked on last year and the experience they gained by attending the 2014 conference as well as thanking the board for their support.

**TSA Field Trip Request**

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to grant permission for Heppner TSA to attend the 2015 National Conference. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.

Ayes: Kindle, Pratt, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hamby

Noes:

Motion Passed

**2. Consent Agenda**

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

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2014;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report and Employment Action for December 2014
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: None
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: EBB; EEA; EFA; EFAA; IIBGA; JHCD; JHCDA
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: EFA-AR; EFAA-AR; IIBGA-AR(1); JHCD/JHCDA-AR

Ayes: Kindle, Pratt, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hamby

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

Mr. Kuhn asked if administration could give the board insight into cyberbullying and how it is being used in curriculum.

**3. Reports & Presentations**

**OSBA Conference:** Mr. Dirksen reported that weather was an issue for the OSBA Conference. Few from Eastern Oregon attended the conference. Computer science was a large topic at the conference with discussion regarding promotion of computer science in schools.

**Promise of Oregon:** The Promise of Oregon was addressed at the COSA Law Conference in Eugene. COSA is advocating for more funding to promote The Promise of Oregon. The Governor’s budget is at 6.9, COSA and OSBA are pushing for 7.5 with another \$200,000 with all day kindergarten.

**Early Childhood:** There is a four times greater graduation rate among students, when they are at grade level in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. There is money ahead in early childhood.

**COSA Law Conference:** The COSA Law Conference was informative. There were several interesting sessions: a session regarding technology discussing how student behavior and technology are crossing paths; a session that addressed the ELL achievement gap and measures being taken to close that gap; teacher and administrative evaluation changes.

**IMESD:** We are working with IMESD to ensure there is training for staff and students on the Smarter Balance test. The cut score is being set based on 236 of OAKS. We will continue to work with other options (Work Keys). The IMESD local service plan is usually out in December. They are waiting to see what Hermiston is doing and plan to have the local plan out in February.

**Holidays:** It is that time of year again, the school year does move fast. Mr. Dirksen wished everyone Happy Holidays; take time to enjoy the season.

Mr. Lindsay inquired as to when we will know the real budget numbers. Mr. Dirksen explained that we are expecting to know something in June.

Mr. Kuhn asked if anyone could give a PERS update. Mr. Dirksen explained that the rates are all over the place. Beth O’Hanlon added that rates are taken into consideration as far as what the market is doing in December. MCSD is in good shape related to PERS. Mr. Kuhn asked if the rates are at 17-18% for MCSD. Beth believes the rates are a little higher for MCSD.

Mr. Kuhn referenced the Governor’s report in the IMESD Talking Points, noting he liked Eastern Promise. Mr. Kuhn asked what STEM Hubs mean as far as Pathway Connecting Education to Careers. Mr. Dirksen expressed this is a work in progress.

**Unfinished Business:**

**OSBA Resolution 2014-15-2** – Resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to allow appointment of OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee members from a contiguous region if certain conditions are met. Mr. Dirksen spoke to Dave Krumbain, all efforts will be made to obtain someone within the region before they go out for others.

**OSBA Resolution 2014-15-2**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion the board not endorse OSBA Resolution 2014-15-2. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kindle, Pratt, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

**New Business:**

**Superintendent Evaluation Process.** There will be a work session at 5:30 pm January 12<sup>th</sup> before the board meeting to start the evaluation process with the board giving feedback to Thad and Cheryl. Mr. Dirksen will e-mail his self-reflection to the board by January 7<sup>th</sup> with the final evaluation presented at the February 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Cheryl will provide the board with last year's evaluation.

Vice-Chairman Lindsay read the announcements:

Christmas Break	December 19 – January 4, 2015
School Resumes	January 5, 2015
Next Board Meeting – Sam Boardman Elementary	January 12, 2015

Vice-Chairman Barney Lindsay thanked Sodexo for the water bottles and recessed the regular meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

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Barney Lindsay, Vice-Chairman

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_