

Unofficial Minutes
Morrow County School District
Work Session
June 26, 2008

These are minutes of a work session of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors held on Thursday, June 26th, 2008 at the District Office in Lexington, OR

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Miles, Pat McNamee, Barney Lindsay, Daniel Daltoso,
Nancy Vander Does, Bill Kuhn, and Berto Hernandez

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Jan Huddleston, Daye Stone, Matt Combe,
Jacque Johnson, Mark Jones, Dirk Dirksen, John Sebastian, Joel
Chavez, Forrest McKinnis.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Bogart, OSBA Board Member

Call to Order

The work session was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Craig Miles; and introductions were made. The purpose of the work session was twofold: 1) to visit with Steve Bogart, OSBA Board member on various topics, and; 2) to deal with the feedback from the three Town Hall Meetings held earlier this spring.

Discussion was held relating to the new graduation requirements and how the ELL and Alt Ed students will be impacted from this change. Moving additional resources to remediation programs could threaten the well-rounded curriculum. Additional staff training will be needed to understand and develop credit for proficiencies; the effective use of technology and multiple endorsements for teachers in our small high schools. K-12 accountability will be required: summer school, after school and retention of students not meeting benchmarks. Also, we will need benchmark classes instead of electives for students below the benchmarks. This accountability will require parent involvement and education.

Mr. Burrows introduced Mr. Bogart to everyone who spoke on the new graduation requirements. Mr. Dirksen and Mr. Stone talked about how this implementation would impact the course offerings in their small high schools.

The superintendent discussed the results of the Town Hall meetings in each of the various towns and discussed the differences between the ODE priorities and the wishes of the district patrons. Everyone concurred that K-12 accountability was a priority with more funding needed to implement successfully.

Chairman Miles adjourned the work session at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Burrows
Acting Board Secretary

Craig Miles
Board Chairman

Date Approved: _____