

**Unofficial Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 14, 2005**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of November 14, 2005, held in the board room at the district office in Lexington, OR.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** n/a

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Burrows, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, John Sebastian, Dirk Dirksen, Ron Anthony, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Thad Killingbeck, Jack Thompson, and Phyllis Danielson. Wade Smith, Joel Chavez & Matt Combe were absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** MCEA – Marilyn Post-Ornelas; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Mike Palmblad; Public – Roster

**Call to Order**

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the district office board room in Lexington, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Changes/Additions to the Agenda** - none

**3.0 Consent Agenda**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Ken Matlack, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approve minutes of October 10, 2005 Regular meeting; October 10, 2005 Executive Session;
B.	Approve Financial Report
C.	Resignations: Heather Shaner, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at RHS & WRE; Diana Orr, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at IES;
D.	Employment: Alma Rodriguez, School Family Liaison for Irrigon; Ana Rosa Mendoza, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant, replacing Maria Gomez; Theresa Rushing, additional 1.5 hour educational assistant at Heppner Elementary.
E.	Transfer: Maria Gomez, ESL ed assistant at IES, replacing Virginia Garcia;
F.	Extra Duty Contracts: Paul Keefer, boys basketball coach at RJH; Marianne Smith, head track coach at HHS; Abel Burnett, assistant boys basketball coach at IHS; Noe Melendez, assistant boys basketball coach at IJH; Michelle Kinley, assistant girls basketball coach at IHS.
G.	Approved Attendance Variance for George Rodriguez to attend school at A.C. Houghton Elementary from the Umatilla School District.
Ayes	Lindsay, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**4.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent**

- 1. Bridges to Achievement:** Mr. Burrows reported on the OSBA sponsored program to improve school achievement and get school boards more involved in the process. MCSB is in a consortium with Pilot Rock and Echo. At this point, the superintendent, assistant superintendent, business manager, board secretary and several administrators along with the board members have filled out preliminary surveys. The results will be tallied by OSBA and shared at a future date.

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2. **Grants:** Mr. Burrows reported that Mr. Smith has applied for a grant, and believes that the district will have a good chance of being successful in getting funds to open A.C. Houghton and Sam Boardman Elementary School on Fridays for students needing help in meeting benchmarks. This 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools grant will enable the district to offer lunch, run buses and pay teachers on Fridays. Superintendent Burrows also reported that he and elementary principals, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sebastian recently visited the Hermiston School District to look at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders using palm pilots in class. The Hermiston School District was successful in receiving a grant for the palm pilots, but the condition of the grant for Hermiston to continue receiving funds, is that it must then be partnered with another district. MCSD expressed interest in being considered for this.
  3. **Newsletter:** Linda Kenny is in the process of putting the district newsletter together with hopes of getting that out to district patrons before the holiday break. This year the newsletter will be framed around the 5 most important issues to patrons: school and student success; community participation; high standards; fiscal responsibility; and technology.
  4. **OSBA Convention:** Mr. Burrows reported on the recent OSBA Convention noting that principals BJ Wilson and John Sebastian were asked to make a presentation on success at their respective schools in getting all students to high achievement. They were pleasantly surprised when the efforts of the entire SBE and ACH staff were rewarded with a \$500 cash prize, 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon and trophy. Superintendent Burrows also reported that even though we were not successful in getting the two resolutions approved, it started a power wave among small and/or rural districts that perhaps will help next year in getting the OSBA vote-by-mail elections approved.
  5. **PLATO Presentation:** Mark Rouska, RHS PLATO instructor was present along with RHS student, Mike Martinez to provide the board with a demonstration on what is being used in the credit recovery program at Riverside High School. High school principals noted that what is being offered on PLATO is just as good or better than other courses that are being offered online.
5. **Unfinished Business**

**A. Appoint Budget Member to Position #4 (Matlack)**

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved to appoint Dan Young from Irrigon to position #4 on the Budget Committee. Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- B. Appoint Budget Member to Position #5 (McNamee)** – Pat McNamee will have a recommendation at the December meeting.

5. **Unfinished Business (Continued)**

**C./D. Rescind Policy IGAJ – Traffic Safety Education & Adopt Misc Policies & AR’s**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to rescind Policy IGAJ – Traffic Safety Education and adopt the miscellaneous policies and AR’s as presented. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

6. **New Business**

**A. First Reading of Misc. Policies, AR’s and Forms:** Several policies were presented as a first reading. Some policies need to be in place by the first of the year, and others were part of the revision process.

**B. Adoption of the 2006-07 Budget Calendar:**

Motion:	Barney Lindsay made a motion to adopt the 2006-07 Budget Calendar as presented with notation to release the budget document to the board and committee by May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2006. Ken Matlack seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**C. Accept Award & Match District Funds for ACH & SBE:**

Motion:	A motion was made by Barney Lindsay and a second by Berto Hernandez to match the \$500 award recently given at the OSBA Convention so that both ACH and SBE can utilize the cash award.
Ayes	Lindsay, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**D. Inter-District Relations Committee:** Discussion centered around the vote-by mail resolutions recently put up for vote at the OSBA Convention. It was recommended that a committee be established to meet with other boards on regional issues and improve communication between communities and other boards. Barney Lindsay, Wade Smith, Jack Thompson, Craig Miles and Bill Kuhn will serve on this committee.

**Minutes (Continued)**

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Chairman Miles read the announcements then recessed the regular meeting at 8:38 pm. At 8:48 pm, Chairman Miles reconvened the meeting and immediately moved into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(h)(m) & ORS 332.061(1) to discuss several personnel issues, an expulsion and update on legal matters. Executive session ended at 10:15 pm. The regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

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Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

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