

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
November 13th, 2006

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of November 13th, 2006, held at the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matlack, Nancy Vander Does, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Berto Hernandez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Joel Chavez, Tom Crane, and Phyllis Danielson. Jack Thompson and Thad Killingbeck were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Marilyn Post ; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Mike Palmblad; Public Forum – Elizabeth Melendez

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:21 pm at the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR, following a tour of the building by Alt Ed Coordinator, Matt Combe; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions/Corrections/Deletions to the Agenda: There will be an expanded report section to cover topics from the OSBA Convention by individual board members; CSEPP will report on the security cameras; Discuss work session for communications audit; Safety issue

Delegations: Marilyn Post (MCEA) reported that they will have money available this year to fund the first scholarship at Irrigon High School for graduating seniors pursuing a career in education. Currently MCEA provides scholarships to RHS and HHS. Mike Palmblad (ESD) reported that the ESD is continuing to work on the service plans, which will rollout to the districts after the first of the year; He also reported that Carol Gray in the migrant ed department will be retiring at the end of the 2006-07 school year; Elizabeth Melendez, (parent) was present to express dismay over an issue regarding the discipline of 4th grade students at Windy River Elementary.

3.0 Consent Agenda - After clarification about the trailer on the surplus list, the following action was taken:

Motion:	On a motion by Ken Matlack and a second by Bill Kuhn, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of October 9 th , 2006 regular meeting; Executive Session minutes of October 9 th , 2006; Work Session minutes of October 9 th , 2006
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations: Susan Hisler, head track coach at HJH; Theresa Rushing, 2 hour asst cook at HHS; Dean Peck, asst baseball coach at RHS; Rachel Reyes, Title I asst at ACH
D.	Promotions: Amy Tolar, from 1.0 FTE ed assistant to .7 FTE department secretary & .3 ed assistant at IHS
E.	Employment: Norma Smith, assistant custodian at IHS; Gary Gosvener, facilities coordinator for Boardman
F.	Extra Duty Contracts: John Christy, head baseball coach at RHS & asst boys basketball coach at RJH; Ben Bonser, head girls basketball coach at RJH; Sonia Sanchez, asst girls basketball coach at RJH; Brian Jones, head track coach at RJH; Brian Frazier, asst track coach at RJH; Abel Burnett, head boys basketball coach at IHS; Mark Wyant, asst boys basketball coach at IHS
G.	Attendance Variances: Kaci & Samantha Davis, from MCSD to Hermiston SD; Dylan Harrington, from Umatilla SD to ACH
H.	Surplus: 9'x6' homemade utility trailer at HHS shop
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, McNamee, Matlack, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

1. **CSEPP Presentation:** Cliff and Karen Smelser (ESD) were present to report on the security cameras and installations that will be placed by CSEPP at the Irrigon school campuses. The cameras will become district property when CSEPP is disbanded, sometime in 2009. The cost of the cameras, wiring and installation is around \$61,000, which the board will need to accept under New Business.
2. **Safety Issue:** Ken Matlack reported that with the large CSEPP event that is held each year in May, and the desire for always wanting to improve on the drill that he would like to see the school have more participation in the exercise. In light of the recent school shootings across the nation, he was inquiring if there was interest in participation of the schools in an active shooter program. After he explained how the program would work, the board and administration agreed that this was something that should be supported. He also mentioned that he would like to go to each school campus and video the whole school and not have to depend on facility diagrams in the event of an incident.
3. **School Board Award:** The staff at the Morrow Education Center were presented with a framed certificate for their participation in making the expansion of programs and increased enrollment a reality over the past couple of years. Matt Combe, Forrest McKinnis, Sarah Harris, Donna Maben and Susie Lemmon were present to accept the award.
4. **OSBA Governance Committee:** Chairman Miles reported on this committee of 17, of which he is a member. This committee meets in Salem and recently discussed elections, term limits, vacant positions, the number of positions, voting mechanisms, resolution processes, the annual business meeting and technology in governance.
5. **OSBA Convention Reports:** Each board member who attended the convention reported on highlights and Mr. Burrows reported on the vote-by-mail resolutions sponsored by about 30 Oregon districts. Thank-you notes will be sent to districts who were present to support the resolutions.
6. **Performance Pay for Administrators:** Mr. Burrows reported that the district is moving forward with the performance pay concept for administrators, noting that there will be another meeting coming up soon with Dr. Marc Wallace, and will soon finalize the scorecard. A work session will be scheduled possibly prior to the December board meeting to share with the full board.
7. **Statewide Inservice Day:** Mr. Burrows reported on the teacher's Professional Day on October 13th. Following the day of intense collaboration and team-building between teachers across the district, a survey showed that 95% rated the day as good to excellent.
8. **Arts Center in Irrigon:** A group of 35 Irrigon patrons have met and support moving forward with attempting to gain non-profit status to be able to apply for grants to turn the Old Irrigon School Building into an arts center.
9. **HHS Access:** Superintendent Burrows reported that he has a meeting 11-14-06 with Representative Smith, the state highway department, the city and county on the HHS access. To date the guardrails are up on Spruce and Morgan, with bike lanes painted on both. He said once the drainage issue is addressed on Morgan and it can be paved, it should be able to be a two lane road again.
10. **Instructional Time & Sports:** Reported that the high school principals have submitted their reports on the amount of late night games and out-of-school instructional time was lost during the fall sports season. The result showed 2 times a team arrived home after 10:00 pm and 12 instructional hours were lost. This is a district-wide total. He noted that the principals and AD's should be commended for holding to the board's direction to minimize late nights and out-of-school time.

3.A Reports & Presentations - Continued

11. **Bridges Project:** Reported that through the Bridges Project, the participating districts will be able to have a growth model to measure individual academic growth over time. We will get the software and 8 hours of consultation.
12. **Failed Ballot Measures:** Reported that with Ballot Measures 41 and 48 failing and the Oregon economy picking up, the legislators will be asking for \$6.3 billion statewide for education. This is up \$1 billion from last session. He also noted that the state is contemplating paying for full day kindergarten.
13. **Safety Report:** John Sebastian updated the board on safety issues and procedures, including over-pressurization, lockdowns, and various monthly drills.

4. **Unfinished Business** – None at this time.

5. **New Business**

A. Cooperative Sponsorship

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Pat McNamee, the Cooperative Sponsorship for Softball between Ione High School and Heppner High School was approved for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 sports seasons.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

B. Accept CSEPP Gift:

Motion:	Nancy Vander Does moved to accept the generous donation of approximately \$61,000 in equipment, servers and wiring for the installation of security cameras upon the disbanding of CSEPP. Ken Matlack seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. IIBGA-AR (4) – Non-District Technology Equipment Use

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved, and Pat McNamee seconded to adopt IIBGA-AR (4) – Non-District Technology Equipment Use as presented.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Additional Comments

Barney Lindsay reported on the ESD Regional Training, noting that a meeting will be held February 3, 2007 at the Port of Morrow where regional board members, politicians, ESD and OSBA will come together to talk about school related issues and ideas. He noted that the ESD will be assisting in getting printed materials out to participants.

Chairman Miles inquired about setting up a work session to discuss the Communication Audit from the OSBA Bridges Project. Mr. Burrows will check with the time frame needed by OSBA to review the survey results.

Chairman Miles read the announcements. There being no further business the chairman recessed the regular meeting at 9:20 pm. At 9:21 pm, Executive Session was opened under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(d)(e)(f) to discuss personnel; negotiations; real estate & records exempt. At 10:04 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session and returned to open session. The following action was taken:

Motion:	Nancy Vander Does moved to terminate Pam Barrera from her employment as an ESL educational assistant at the Morrow Education Center. Barney Lindsay seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

At 10:05 pm Chairman Miles adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____