

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, April 13, 2026

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2026 6:00pm at Sam Boardman Elementary School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Gabe Hansen, Barbara Phillips, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Rose Palmer, Maria Ortega, Laura Winters, Ryan Gerry, Sarah Christy, Rachel Herron, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Karen Shelton, Brandi Sweeney, Autumn Morgan, Lisa Connell

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hammond, Heppner Gazette – Andrea Di Salvo

Call to Order:

Director Kindle, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Review Agenda: No Additions or corrections to agenda were noted. Mrs. Phillips let the board know an adjustment had been made to Employment Action.

Public Comment: None

Delegations:

MCEA: Lisa Connell

OSEA: None

Presentations:

Sam Boardman Elementary – Principal, Mrs. Christy, gave a presentation on the Attendance Intervention and Improvement Plan at Sam Boardman Elementary.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes – March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action – Regular and Classified 2026/27 rehires.

Adoption of Rescinded Policy - GDPD

Motion: Ashley Lindsay made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe

- **Enrollment** – Currently enrollment is at 2,166, which is down 56 from the same time last school year and down 10 from last month's report. We are currently +24 with our inter-district transfers to date for this school year which is up 16 from April of last school year.
- **Bond Progress Update** - Scott Rogers our Project Manager from Wenaha has provided an updated bond progress report in the board packet.
- **Financial Report** - Gabe has included a detailed financial report in the board packet. We continue to watch our expenditures with a needs vs wants mindset while monitoring forecasting reports and updates at both the state and federal levels as we begin budgeting process for the 2026-27 school year.

- **Maintenance/Facilities Report** – Recently completed walk-throughs at each of our buildings to identify needs of each building/campus across the district.
- Mr. Combe thanked our MCSD building administrators and staff members for their continued diligent work and focused efforts around student learning. There are a lot of positive things happening in our MCSD schools and classrooms as evident from our graduation rates and I commend them for their commitment to student success across the district as we make the final push leading up to graduation and the end of the 2025/26 school year! **Spring has sprung** and our spring athletics and extracurricular activities are in full swing across the district. Lots of activities to keep up with this time of year, as a reminder please check the school websites for the most current and up-to-date schedules and information.
- **Crystal Apple** reminder and the MCSD plan for Monday, May 11th as a result of our board meeting conflict.
- **And finally**, I'd like to once again acknowledge and thank each of you for your dedication, commitment and continued voluntary service to MCSD!

Executive Director of Human Resources Report – Mrs. Stocker –

- Finalizing 2026/27 staffing with Principals. With student enrollment being a concern, this is a tedious process and in the Fall it will mean minimal hiring and some attrition to get right sized.
- Reopeners coming up with both Licensed and Classified Staff. Licensed staff will be on Thursday, April 16, and working to set something up with the classified union.
- Elementary principals are focusing on all things Spring, testing and end of year activities. I will be reaching out to elementary principals to start working on PD for the 2026/27 school year.

Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer –

- There will be a presentation tonight on 7-12 Social studies curriculum adoption. In the Fall we will have a proposal on K-6 curriculum.
- In the next few months ODE will be coming out with new requirements for reporting and submitting of data.
- Summer School – still waiting on ODE grant funding amounts for the Summer Learning Grant. This is contingent for our partnerships with both Parks and Rec in Irrigon and Boardman, and reading interventions. Also, working on getting summer food programs in place for both Irrigon and Boardman. At this time Heppner is not qualified.
- Recently a threat assessment training refresher was held for administrators, counselors, CCS and SRO's.

Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner – None

MCSD Bond Report – Monthly report from the Wenaha group.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. Unanticipated Revenue: Resolution #2025-26-11

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-26-11, unanticipated revenue. Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

2. Curriculum Adoption – 7-12 Social Studies

Motion: Erin Anderson made a motion to approve the adoption, Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

Director Kindle read the announcements:

- OGEC - Statement of Economic Interest filing deadline, April 15, 2026
- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-9, 2026
- Budget Committee Meeting, May 11, 2026, 5:30p.m., North District Office/MEC
- Next Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2026, 6:00p.m., North District Office/MEC

Director Kindle adjourned the meeting at 6:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Date

Richard Cole, Board Chair

Date