

# Unofficial Minutes

## Work Session & Board of Directors Meeting

### September 14, 2009

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Work Session and Board of Directors regular meeting of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, held in the library at Heppner High School in Heppner, OR

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Thad Killingbeck, Berto Hernandez & Daniel Daltoso.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Craig Miles and Pat McNamee

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Craig Bensen, Matthew Matz, Daye Stone, Joel Chavez, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian. Mark Jones was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

MCEA – Marilyn Post & Dieter Waite; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Cheri Rhinhart. Patrons – n/a; Press

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**Work Session:** Chairman Lindsay called the work session to order at 6:15 pm on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The topic of discussion for the work session was the possible adjustment to 3 administrator's compensation who did not receive a step increase, and who voluntarily gave up performance pay. The work session closed at 6:30 pm. Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 pm under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(h) – Personnel and Legal Issues.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Heppner High School in Heppner, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The first order of business was to swear in board member, Berto Hernandez.. Superintendent Burrows administered the Oath of Office for the 4 year term concluding June 30, 2013.

**Comments/Public**

MCEA – Dieter Waite & Marilyn Post – Mr. Waite reported that the teachers are all excited to be back to work and are looking forward to a great school year. Mrs. Post gave background information on the Tooth Taxi and noted that Jim Jobes, from OEA would be making a full presentation tonight; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Cheri Rhinhart – reported on ESD priorities in the face of challenging financial times; ESD board goals targeting student achievement and district collaboration; Wrap Around Program; behavioral services; alternative learning delivery program. Jim Jobes representing OEA was present to report on a new program for students receiving free and reduced lunches that will provide much needed free dental treatment for Oregon students – it is called the Tooth Taxi and is slated to be in the Irrigon area in October.

**2.C. Consent Agenda**

Motion:	On a motion by Daniel Daltoso and a second by Thad Killingbeck the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the work session; regular meeting; and executive session of August 10, 2009;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations: Laurie Ellis, educational assistant at IJSH; Alma Perez, ELL educational assistant at MEC; Lorena Cardenas, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at RJSH; Nish McNamee, department secretary at IJSH
D.	Employment: Barbara Phillips, .75 FTE ed assistant at ACH; Misty Bellamy, .60 FTE asst cook/food service clerical asst & .40 FTE ed asst at RHS; Joy Hearn, ed asst at IJSH; Judy Woody, ed asst at RHS; Ida Alfaro, SpEd 1:1 at RHS;
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: Mindy Wilson, head volleyball at HJH; Chad Doherty, head football at HJH; Jason Dunten, asst football at IJSH; Randal Olsen, asst football at RJH (.5 FTE); Tom Grimes, asst football at RJH (.5 FTE); Laura Combs, asst volleyball at IJSH; Joy Hearn, asst basketball and head volleyball at IJH;
F.	Approved Attendances: Coriath Steele from MCSD to Stanfield HS (renewal); Jorge Leon from Umatilla HS to Irrigon HS; Ammon, Kelton & Bowen Byers from Hermiston SD to MCSD; Gerald Zachary Lillie, from Umatilla HS to Irrigon HS.
Ayes	Kuhn, Hernandez, Lindsay, Killingbeck, Daltoso
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

### **3.A Reports & Presentations**

- **Swine Flu Preparedness:** Superintendent Burrows reported on preparations that the district has made with the MC Health Department with regard to the novel H1N1 flu pandemic: 1) Prevention; 2) Communication; 3) Immunization Clinics; 4) Attendance; and 5) School Closure.
  
- **School Finance:** Reported that the state is already down \$182 million from where they thought they were going to be with the budget; Mr. Burrows also reported on key dates coming up: 9-27-09 is the final day for signatures on petitions for revenue measures; 11-19-09 is the December forecast; January 26<sup>th</sup> - possible election for the 2 referendums – increased income tax on households over \$250K or singles making over \$125K; and increase in the corporate income taxes. If these measures are referred to the people and voted out, the schools will suffer financially.
  
- **Race to the Top:** Reported that there is \$4 billion being set aside for school initiatives and improvements – this will be a competitive bid between all 50 states. Unfortunately, it appears that the specifications appear to be “urban” based.
  
- **Alternative Learning Delivery Program:** the new program being piloted in all 3 of our high schools is delivered through IlluminateLive via voice, video, smart board applications directly to the PC; John Flaherty, Matthew Matz and Jay Rogers are all using this and the board will be seeing a presentation at the October board meeting.
  
- **Riverside High HVAC Upgrade:** A representative from Absolute Engineering will be present at the October meeting to make a presentation on the HVAC specs, dimensions, costs and a rollout plan at Riverside High School.
  
- **OASE Committee:** Mr. Burrows reported that he has been selected by his peers to serve on the Oregon Association of School Executives in Salem.
  
- **Enrollment:** Reported that enrollment numbers appear to be flat or slightly increased. The 10-day drops will occur as of September 15<sup>th</sup> and after that time, we will have a more accurate reflection of our enrollment numbers
  
- **Elementary Report Cards:** Principal John Sebastian presented a draft of the report card developed by the elementary principals, and that they are hoping to use soon. This will now go back to teachers for their input and modification before any implementation.
  
- **Principal Reports:** Mr. Kuhn requested to have information on AP course offerings; how many kids are enrolled and later in the year, how many have taken the AP tests. He would also like reports on all three high schools accountability programs. Mr. Stone reported that HHS math scores were #2 in the state, being beat out only by Riverdale, a private charter school.

## Unfinished Business

### **Adopt Misc. Policies**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to rescind the old SpEd policies and adopt the new SpEd policies being presented. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion. [SpEd Procedural Safeguards; Evaluation Procedures & Free Appropriate Public Education - FAPE].
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez, Daltoso, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

## New Business

### **Cast Vote for Barney Lindsay to OSBA Legislative Policy Committee**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to cast a board vote for Barney Lindsay to serve on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee from Region 2. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

### **Ratify MCEA Successor Contract**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to ratify the MCEA successor contract ending June 30, 2010. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Daltoso, Hernandez, Killingbeck, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

After reading the announcements, a work session was scheduled for 6:00 pm preceding the October meeting at Sam Boardman Elementary School to work on the 2009-10 Board Goals.

Superintendent Burrows also inquired as to who would be attending the OSBA Convention in Portland in November, as well as the OSBA Fall Regional Meeting in Pendleton on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 pm. Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

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Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board