

**Official Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 10, 2011**

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 held in the library at Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Thad Killingbeck, Tony Navarro, Berto Hernandez

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** n/a

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dirk Dirksen, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, George Mendoza, Mark Jones, Matt Combe, Daye Stone, Joel Chavez, John Sebastian, Robert Elizondo, Craig Bensen, Jacque Johnson, and Dave Melville

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Press

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:09 pm in the library at Sam Boardman Elementary School on Monday, October 10, 2011. The pledge of allegiance was recited; and a quorum was established.

**Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda** – Discussion on Educational Foundations under reports – the agenda was officially set.

**Public Comments**

**Delegations:** MCEA – Brenda Profitt, Marilyn Post and Paul Beagle stated that school is off to a good start; OSEA – Kathie Goad – October is flying by and everyone is busy gearing up for testing; ESD –Mary Apple spoke about the Eastern Promise and that the project is making great strides. There is a planning session on November 4<sup>th</sup> with training from EOU and all districts are participating. The ESD will be reporting monthly on this. The governor’s 40-40-20 plan fits right in with Eastern Promise. Patrons – Leonardo Martinez, who has his children at SBE just wanted to publicly thank the board and administration for teaching English to his children. He was most appreciative.

**2. Consent Agenda**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Becky Kindle the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting; & executive session meeting of September 12, 2011;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations: n/a
D.	Extra Duty Resignations: Breena Tolar, asst volleyball coach at IJH
E.	Employment: Jessica Lentz, SpEd asst at HHS; Marissa Turner, SpEd teacher at IJSH; George Shimer, Spanish teacher at IJSH;
F.	Extra Duty Contracts: Betsy Shane, TAG coordinator at RHS; Kristi Richmond, asst volleyball coach at IJH; Norma Ayala, asst girls soccer coach at RHS;
J/	Resolution 2011-12-04 – Approve Modifications to the Approved Budget
Ayes:	Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman, Killingbeck,
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

### 3. Reports & Presentations

- **State Report Cards:** Superintendent Dirksen reported on the state reports are officially out and that two of our schools were deemed as Outstanding Schools – Heppner Elementary School and AC Houghton Elementary School. All other schools were listed as satisfactory.
- **Goal 3:** Principal reports this month featured what schools are doing to make sure that each student makes benchmark and plans for showing individual growth. Mr. Dirksen also reported that Oregon is in appeals to not be involved in AYP for the state report card.
- **GEAR-Up Grant:** Reported that the district received a GEAR-Up Grant in the amount of \$140K for 7 years; this program is for college preparation, and fits nicely with the Eastern Promise and 40-40-20. We are working with WSU-TriCities; IJSH has 3 years left on their grant. Mr. Elizondo has worked with GEAR-Up and will be involved in our district.
- **Safety Summit:** By now everyone should have received the information for the Safety Summit to be held at the Port of Morrow on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is targeted toward schools and active shooter situations. Schools, emergency medical teams, police and fire will be involved to begin updating our plan.
- **Human Sexuality Curriculum Mapping & Aligning:** November 1<sup>st</sup> will the Sexuality Health curriculum meeting at Lone SD. This is for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12 grade teachers for mapping and alignment of curriculum. Brad Victor from ODE will facilitate the process. Thank you to Lone SD for coordinating and hosting this session.
- **School Messenger System:** we will soon be adopting new policy regarding the notification of students immediately when they don't arrive at school. This new system will help us be compliant with the new law, as well as having many other features for other messaging needs, including closing school due to inclement weather and athletic announcements.
- **MidCo Donation:** Reported that the Heppner FFA received a \$350 check from MidCo for cleaning up the bus barn following the flood last spring.
- **Title IX Complaint:** Mr. Dirksen reported that the Title IX complaint has been dropped. Many districts throughout Oregon were named in this.
- **Educational Foundations:** Mr. Lindsay asked about looking into the possibility of creating educational foundations as another funding source. More to follow on this topic.

### Assistant Superintendent Report

- George Mendoza reported on where we are with PLCs and RTIs – Response to Intervention. This is a district initiative that MCSD has taken on and is in its second year. PLC's really focus on student learning; instruction; learning assessments; and what do we want students to learn. RTI – Response to Intervention is doing something more with students that are not on level – we have 2 professional days focused specifically on that. There are two parts to it; early intervention and early identification. The students are evaluated, identified, given more skills and monitoring of growth. If they don't respond in 6-8 weeks, they will likely be referred to SpEd services. It is an ongoing progress monitoring with tiered interventions and data-based decision making.

### SBE Writing Report

- Pam Files gave a most informative report on how PLC's work at SBE first and second grade, and the Response to Intervention. Clearly SIOP, PLC's, power standards, benchmarks, measurable data and smart goals were presented in such a way that following Ms. Files report we all came away with how all the pieces fit together. The teachers in this PLC have identified their strengths and weaknesses, modify their teaching and assess continually. This group approach advances students a lot quicker.

### Principal Reports

- The board commented on Open Houses; fund raisers; drain field woes at IES, and was most appreciative that board goals are addressed through the monthly principal reports.

**Unfinished Business.**

**Rescind & Replace JECC Policies**

Bill Kuhn moved, seconded by Becky Kindle to rescind old policy JECC - Attendance Boundaries, Transfer & Eligibility and Adopt new JECC – Transfers, Transportation Boundaries & Eligibility.

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Killingbeck  
Noes: n/a  
Motion Passed

**New Business**

- Accepted JE – Attendance & JED – Student Absences & Excuses as a first reading. This is new legislation brought about by the disappearance of Kyron Horman.

Chairman Killingbeck read announcements and the regular meeting was recessed at 8:45 pm. At 8:50pm Mr. Killingbeck reconvened the regular meeting and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Negotiations. Executive session ended at 9:00 pm; the regular meeting was reconvened and the following action was taken:

**Retire & Re-Hire of Administrators**

Bill Kuhn moved, seconded by Becky Kindle to consider the retirement and re-hiring of MCSD administrators pending satisfactory evaluations, on a case by case basis.

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Kindle, Killingbeck  
Noes: n/a  
Motion Passed

Chairman Killingbeck adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

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Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

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