

# Official Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting

### January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 held in the library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm .

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Thad Killingbeck, Craig Miles, Pat McNamee, Daniel Daltoso and Berto Hernandez .

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

n/a

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

MCEA – Dieter Waite; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Mary Apple; Patrons – n/a; Press

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ryan Smith, HES Student Body President was on hand to welcome the patrons and extended sincere appreciation to the board for the countless hours of service and dedication to students.

**Comments/Public**

- MCEA – Dieter Waite was on hand to thank the school board and also to sign paperwork along with the board and district for the Race to the Top competitive grant; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Mary Apple; Public comments – Mr. Burrows also recognized 2 administrators in training – Erin Heideman from Ione and Erin Stocker from ACH. Both are completing their administration programs.

**2.C. Consent Agenda**

Motion: On a motion by Craig Miles and a second by Daniel Daltoso the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of December 14, 2009;
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: none at this time
- D. Employment: none at this time
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Rick Gerard, head baseball coach at IJSH; Matt Weseman, head wrestling coach at RJH
- F. Approved Unpaid Leave for Mary Koertje for the remainder of the school year - WRE ed asst

Ayes Kuhn, Miles, Lindsay, Killingbeck, Daltoso, McNamee, Hernandez

Noes n/a

Motion passed

**3.A Reports & Presentations**

- **School Construction Bond:** Superintendent Burrows reported that thanks to Rhonda Lorenz, our qualified school construction bond has been accepted. Our application is the 3<sup>rd</sup> one in and we are basically assured of funding, (using federal stimulus dollars). By February there will be more information to report on the specifics.

### 3.A Reports & Presentations (Continued)

- **Race to the Top:** Reported that this evening the board, district and MCEA President will all be signing paperwork for the Race to the Top competitive grant. Only 10-12 states will be winners and the Oregon application is being put together by a statewide committee. The application is due January 19<sup>th</sup> but we won't know until sometime in April whether or not Oregon is successful. Dr. Mark Mulvihill, UM-ESD Superintendent sits on this committee for the state.
- **School Finance:** Reported that there are two very important dates coming up for school finance – one is January 26<sup>th</sup> when the patrons of the state vote on Measures 66 & 67 and the other is February 8<sup>th</sup> – when the state sends out the next funding forecast. The two ballot measures could mean as much as \$1.2 million to MCSD. Police and human services could likely see reductions as well. The 2<sup>nd</sup> issue is the state economic health – the legislature has promised the schools in Oregon \$6 billion and we currently are being paid at that rate – the legislature has allocated \$5.8 billion and said that on June 1, 2010 if there were \$300 m in state reserves then they would give the other \$200 million to schools. This reduction could mean an additional shortfall of \$800,000 for MCSD.
- **Social Networking:** Social Networking: MCSD will soon be on Facebook and Twitter. We are working with the ESD to have our pages set up. This should reach a new audience, and will be in line with the board's communication goals. The ESD will also filter obnoxious postings.
- **Attendance:** Attendance is slightly down at this time of the year – mainly due to students traveling south for the Christmas holiday.
- **High School Honors:** Heppner High School and Riverside High School were both recognized in US News and World Report as bronze medal winners both for academics and preparation for post secondary education. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that these schools have gained recognition in the national media. Only 31 high schools in Oregon were on this list.
- **CEC Future:** Bobbi Childers from the County Clerk's Office was present to speak about the CEC Elections, the cost to the district, and whether or not these committees have actually been replaced with Site Councils. She further reported that if it is the board's intent to abolish these committees, we would have until March 15, 2011 to notify the county of this action. The board consensus was that the future of the CEC's would be a good topic for the next newsletter slated to come out later in the spring.
- **COLT Time Report:** COLT Time – Children's Outstanding Learning Time – Melissa Coiner was present along with two students who demonstrated the schoolwide reading intervention program. Students who are in the lower 20% in DIBELS and OAKS testing are recommended for the program. They are having great results with this program, and the students are showing greater self-confidence in all aspects of their studies, not just reading.
- **Basketball Reading Program:** Jannie Allen reported that this used to be called Trailblazer Reading and was always done in January. The students look forward to this each year. Students keep track of the minutes that they spend reading, and their tally sheets have to be signed off by adults each week. There are team prizes as well as individual prizes – the team with the highest average for the entire time gets Pizza and Pop. The program is totally funded by HES through fundraisers at St. Patricks events, can drives, etc.. This year they are hoping to raise enough money to donate to "Nothing but Net" – a program that sends malaria nets to African children.

### 3.A Reports & Presentations (Continued)

- **Principal Reports:** Matt Combe announced that the Heppner Episcopal Church raised enough money in their “Christmas Is” program to be able to donate \$865 to the music programs at HES and HHS. The board acknowledged this donation; A question was asked about how many students took and passed the SAT tests in the 3 high schools; GearUp Program update; Inquired about the Pass Program and noted that if there is a program that is working for kids and keeping them in school until graduation, the board would like to know that it is a program that is working, valuable and worthy of continued funding.

### Unfinished Business

#### **Appointment of Budget Committee for Position #7 – Hernandez**

Motion:	Berto Hernandez moved to appoint Joe Taylor to serve a 3 year term on the MCSD Budget Committee, ending June 30, 2012. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Killingbeck, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

### New Business

- **Heppner Elementary School Named “Outstanding” by ODE:** Superintendent Burrows and Board Chairman Barney Lindsay recognized and presented a plaque to Heppner Elementary School Principal, Matt Combe and his staff, for being named an “Outstanding” school by the Oregon Department of Education for 2008-09 school year.
- **Statement of Assurances:** Superintendent Burrows read the following statement to the public: “I have reviewed the State Standards as outlined in Chapter 581, Division 22, of the Oregon Administrative Rules, and hereby certify that Morrow County School District is in compliance with the “Standards for Elementary and Secondary Public Schools.”
- **School Board Recognition Month:** Superintendent Burrows read a proclamation from the Governor in honor of school board recognition month, and Barney Lindsay surprised Julie Ashbeck and Rhonda Lorenz with a token of appreciation for their help over the years with administrative and board issues. Cake and coffee were served in honor of School Board Recognition Month.

After reading the announcements, Chairman Lindsay recessed the regular meeting at 8:05 pm.

At 8:25 pm Chairman Lindsay called Executive Session to order under ORS 192.660(2)(d)(h) – Negotiations & Legal. At 9:00 pm Executive Session concluded, the regular meeting reconvened and the following action was taken to adjourn.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Craig Miles moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 pm. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.

Ayes Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Killingbeck, Hernandez

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

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