

Un-Official Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, September 12, 2022

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, 7:00 pm held at Heppner Elementary School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacob Cain, Becky Kindle, Barney Lindsay, Mary Killion, Brian Kollman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Cole, VACANT Position #7

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Combe, Barbara Phillips, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Beth O'Hanlon, Gabe Hansen, John Christy, Jill Ledbetter, Jami Carbray, Steve Sheller, Kaira Rysdam, Stephanie Ewing, Ryan Gerry, Dieter Waite, Rose Palmer, Jason Dunten. Laura Browne Winters, Patrick Kerrigan. Via ZOOM: Stephanie Ewing, Autumn Morgan,

OTHERS PRESENT:

as per roster

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Becky Kindle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Public Comment

None

Delegations:

MCEA – Dave Fowler

OSEA – Bart Prouty

Consent Agenda

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jacob Cain seconded the motion.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2022.
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report, Employment Action;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: BBBA, GBEA, IGBAF, IGBB, IGGBA, IK, IKF, JGBA
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies:
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: GCDA/GDDA-AR
- F. Oregon English Learners Report.

Ayes: Kindle, Cain, Killion, Lindsay, Kollman

Noes:

Motion Passed

Superintendent Report

- **Acknowledgement** - Mr. Combe acknowledged the good job Barney Lindsay did with the board welcome back speech at the 2022-23 district in-service.
- **School start up** – The school year started relatively smooth other than a few unplanned alarm events. These presented a good opportunity to have conversations with local SRO's and law enforcement agencies to improve the district's safety planning process. Mr. Combe reminded everyone about the upcoming Safety Focused in-service refresher training with the "I Love You Guys" foundation on 9/23/22. This is a collaborative, county wide training with law enforcement, Head Start & Lone SD. Mr. Combe thanked the building administrators for their hard work with back to school start up, and for their board reports. Fall season extracurricular activities and

athletics are in full swing across the district. It is nice to have a sense of normalcy again as we transition into the new school year.

- **Board Vacancy** - The district has received four letters of interest for vacant Board position #7. A date for a Special Meeting will be determined to meet and hear from the applicants in order to fill the vacancy.
- **Student Enrollment** - Student enrollment numbers appear to be up about 20-25 students from last year at this time.
- **School Visits** - Mr. Combe has enjoyed visiting all the schools in person and is looking forward to many more visits as the year progresses.

Executive Director of Human Resources Report

- **Hiring / Staffing Update** – The district currently has vacancies for the following: 1 licensed, 6 classified, 15 coaching and 1 district facilities position. This is a significant improvement from last month. The District will continue to interview and hire substitutes.
- **Teacher Licensure Update** – The District continues to work with teachers to obtain licensure, and has applied for 10 emergency substitute licenses. The district will also apply for Licenses of Conditional Assignments which will broaden the types of classes we're able to offer students.
- **Evaluation System Update** - All employees are now evaluated through an electronic evaluation system which significantly mainstreams the evaluation process providing a confidential platform for staff to reflect on their job performance and for supervisors to provide feedback.
- **Celebrations** - New Teacher in-service was very successful – watch for announcements of our new teaching staff on websites and social media.

Director of Educational Services Report

- **SIA report** – The district is in our 3rd year of this funding and receives roughly 2+million over the biennium.
- **Grants** - This fall will be the next round of Integrated Planning that supports several state grants (SIA, High School Success, Every Day Matters, CTE, Early Indicator and Intervention systems; and continuous improvement planning)
- **ELL State Report 2020-21** – This report reflects information prior to the start of COVID. MCSD ELL students continue to do above the state average by graduation.
- **Fall grant reporting** - State grants now require quarterly progress and spending reports, we are also wrapping up reports for the summer learning grants.
- **Student Information System (SIS) update** – Current SIS company has been purchased and will no longer be available after July 1st 2023. A committee is being put together to consider 3 options (Synergy, Power School, and Infinite Campus).
- **Language Arts / ELD adoptions** - Staff are continuing training on the new curriculum through coaches, on-demand web videos, and live support.

Special Education Coordinator Report

- **De-Escalation Trainings** – We have conducted 2 staff trainings.
- **Children's Rodeo** – This will be held on September 16, 2022 in Pendleton. MCSD will have 15 students participating.

Unfinished Business

- **OSBA Annual Convention** – The OSBA Annual Fall Convention will be held November 11-13, 2022 at the Portland Marriot Downtown Waterfront Hotel.
- **Board Vacancy Position 7** – We have received 4 applications for Position 7. A Special Meeting will be held on September 19th, 2022, 6:00pm to conduct interviews and select a new board member to fill the position.

New Business

- **Resolution 2022-23-05 – Unanticipated Revenue** – The Board unanimously approved the resolution for: \$1545.00 from various donators to “Books in Memory of Trish Huddleston”. \$20,000.00 from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for the Heppner Baseball Practice Facility.

Motion: Barney Lindsey made a motion to approve the resolution for unanticipated revenue. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Kindle, Cain, Killion, Lindsay, Kollman

Noes:

Motion Passed

Chair Kindle read the announcements:

- STEAM Friday – October 7, 2022
- OSBA/Superintendent Transition Work Session, October 19th, 2022, 6:00pm at the North DO.
- Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, October 10, 2021, Riverside Jr/Sr High School
- Veterans Day – Friday, November 11, 2022. This is a non-student/staff day.

Chair Kindle adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Becky Kindle, Board Chair

Date Approved: _____