

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

February 13, 2006

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of January 16, 2006, held in the library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matlack, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Berto Hernandez, Nancy Vander Does, Bill Kuhn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pat McNamee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, John Sebastian, Dirk Dirksen, Ron Anthony, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Thad Killingbeck, Jack Thompson, Joel Chavez, Jack Johns, Matt Combe and Phyllis Danielson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Carol Clupny; Public – Roster

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Sam Boardman Elementary School library in Boardman, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda – Remove track coaching positions at Irrigon Jr. High from Employment Action in Consent Agenda and add Cooperative Sponsorship for Boys and Girls Tennis and Softball between Ione High School and Heppner High School.

3.0 Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended with modifications noted above:
A	Approve minutes of January 16, 2006 Regular Meeting; January 13, 2006 Executive Session; Minutes of Work Sessions of January 13, 2006 and January 26, 2006
B	Approve Financial Report
C	Resignations: Toni Baker, from her position as alternative educational assistant at MEC;
D	Retirements: Sharon Sample, from her position as library tech at Irrigon High School; and Kay Ceton, from her position as library tech at Riverside High School. They will finish out the remainder of the school year.
E	Employment: Tamera Lien, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at Heppner Elementary School;
F	Extra Duty Contracts: Robin Graff, assistant softball coach at RHS; Dawn Dyer, assistant tennis coach at RHS; Brian Frazier and Brian Jones, shared position for assistant wrestling at RHS; Ray Davis & Lisa Konecny, track coaches at IHH
G.	Accepted donation of \$250 from Wal-Mart to Irrigon Elementary School for the Life Skills program
H.	Approved cooperative sponsorship for boys and girls tennis and softball between Heppner High School and Ione High
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Recognition: Victor Vander Does, Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator was in attendance to show the AED equipment to the board. The Morrow County Health District, along with some grant money enabled us to purchase defibrillators for the three high schools. Superintendent Burrows also recognized Ron Anthony for being named Middle School Association Principal of the Year.

4.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

1. **City of Irrigon Sewer:** Superintendent Burrows reported that the issue with the City of Irrigon sewer issue has been resolved for less than half of the original price. Mr. Smith and Mr. Anthony did a walk-through of the building and it should be ready for occupancy very soon.
2. **University of Lexington:** Mr. Burrows reported that the University of Lexington program is about to be piloted right after spring break with a Creative Writing class being taught by a BMCC instructor. This will be the trial run before full implementation in the fall of 2006. The "University of Lexington" will be open to all Morrow County students who qualify.
3. **WRE Expansion:** Last month the board approved the Windy River classroom expansion in the amount of \$716,200. After the value engineering was completed, the cost of the expansion came down to \$695,855 for the final price. The building permits are in the process and we have 170 days to complete the project.
4. **Superintendent Advisory Council:** Mr. Burrows reported that while the district has many things to celebrate academically, there is still room for improvement. He has formed a superintendent's advisory council to address the three topics of K-12 writing; Middle Year Achievement Gap; and middle-level and high school math. Meetings will begin 2-15-06 with various teachers.
5. **Bridges Project:** Superintendent Burrows reported that the Bridges Project will officially get underway within the next couple of weeks with community meetings scheduled in each of the 3 communities. Heppner will meet on 2-23-06 at the HES library at 7:00 pm; Boardman will meet at the Port of Morrow at 7:00 pm on February 28th; and Irrigon's meeting will combine with their Chamber meeting on March 8th at Stokes Landing Senior Center at noon with presentation at 12:45 pm.
6. **Recruitment 2006-07:** Mr. Burrows shared with the board the new recruitment brochures that are prepared and ready to take to Career Fairs. He noted that the district will be present at the EOU, Portland and Spokane job fairs, as well as holding our first MCSD Job Fair on April 20, 2006.

4.B Reports & Presentations – Principals

Board member, Nancy Vander Does reported that she enjoyed several of the principal reports this month, noting that the principal's enthusiasm shows in their writing. She noted several positive items from the reports.

5. **Unfinished Business – BCE-AR Revision:** It was noted that the board discussed at the January meeting the notion of holding additional joint CEC meetings throughout the year. Consensus was to have 3 joint meetings that would replace the individual community meetings. The revision to the AR will be presented at the March meeting.

6. New Business

- A. **1st Reading – Policy EFA – MCSD Wellness Program:** In the absence of Food Service Director, Linda Kenny, Jack Thompson and Nancy Vander Does each reported on the committee's activities leading up to this policy. It was noted that they began with OSBA boilerplate language and then modified to be district specific. Mr. Thompson noted that there were specific things that we had to have and that there was some concern about non-nutritional value foods. More nutritional food items will be offered at various school events. This is a first reading with possible adoption in March.

Minutes (Continued)

- B. Misc. Policy Revisions:** Due to the large number of policies being presented, this item was removed and will be dealt with in a work session prior to the next board meeting.
- C. 2006-07 School Calendar Options:** Four calendar options were presented again this year – 2 with pre-Labor Day starts and 2 with post-Labor Day starts. Two options also featured a long Christmas break and it was noted that due to the students traveling back to Mexico during Christmas break, it is financially and academically sound to have the longer break. Options will go out to the staff for their vote, which will be tallied and results made available to the board at the March meeting.
- D. FFA Program at Heppner High School:** The reinstatement of some type of VoAg/FFA program for Heppner High School was discussed, but was decided that there should be more community input before moving forward with a vote of whether or not to reinstate the program.

E. 2006-07 ESD Resolution Services:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve the 2006-07 Umatilla-Morrow ESD Resolution Services. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

F. 2004-05 Audit Report

Motion:	Ken Matlack made a motion to accept the 2004-05 district audit as performed by the Oster Professional Group. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Miles read announcements and then recessed the meeting at 8:30 pm. At 8:45 pm Chairman Miles reconvened the meeting and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(m) & ORS 332.061(1) – Personnel and Expulsions.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____