

**Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2011**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of March 14th, 2011 held in the library at AC Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Pat McNamee, Berto Hernandez, & Craig Miles

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Daltoso & Thad Killingbeck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, Dirk Dirksen, Craig Bensen, Mark Jones, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Daye Stone, George Mendoza, Dave Melville, Phyllis Danielson.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post ; OSEA – Kathie Goad; ESD – Sarah Crane-Simpson; Patrons – n/a; Press

Call to Order

Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at AC Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Comments/Public

MCEA –Marilyn Post; OSEA – Kathie Goad; ESD – Sarah Crane-Simpson who spoke on *legislative session and ESD reform*; Patrons – n/a.

2.C. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Berto Hernandez the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting; executive session meeting of February 14th, 2011; work session of 3-1-11.
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: Mayra Colin-Carillo, ELL ed assistant at MEC; Richard Rockwell, assistant track coach at RHS; Betsy Shane, TAG coordinator at RHS
- D. Transfers: Dee Hamilton from 1.0 ed asst to .5 FTE ed asst at IES, replacing Naomi Matheson
- E. Employment: Jolene Stensland, LA teacher at HHS; Gena Wade, .5 FTE SpEd teacher at MEC
- F. Extra Duty Contracts: Brian Bigham, IJH head track coach
- G. Approved 2011-12 Contract Renewals; Extensions for Licensed Staff and non-renewals of all temporary licensed staff; Non-extension of Carolyn Rhinhart – contract teacher at WRE.
- H. Approve Resolution 2010-11-09 to Accept & Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue – Title I Funds for Windy River

Ayes Lindsay, McNamee, Hernandez, Kuhn, Miles

Noes n/a

Motion passed

3.A Reports & Presentations

- **Districtwide PLC:** Superintendent Burrows reported that on March 4th the district had the last district-wide PLC meeting which was probably the most effective and satisfying of all staff development for MCSD this year.
- **Filing Date:** Reported that March 17th is the last day to file to school board elections or re-elections.
- **Heppner Committee:** Noted that a committee of Heppner patrons has been formed to address declining enrollment at HHS. The members have been doing research and have made progress – one thing they are looking into is technology and distance learning; home school students and the diversification of education of resident students; partnership with EOU and BMCC that will allow us to provide college courses in the high school setting for college credits and high school credits being earned simultaneously.
- **Elementary Report Card:** Reported that the elementary principals have been working on a new report card that will give parents better information of the learning status of students matching it against the benchmarks – it separates attendance, discipline, homework and academic components.
- **Finances:** this biennium the districts should be getting back \$35 million to be shared with other Oregon districts. That will be for use in this school year. The Governor's current number is \$5.56 billion, which is \$200 million less than last year. We are being told to build the budget off the February revenue report that economists give – and not wait for the May forecast. This is a disadvantage to school districts.
- **Work Session:** We need a work session to discuss what and where to cut. By the end of March, Andy will have solid revenue numbers and Dirk and I will be meeting with principals to discuss staffing. We would like to present options at a work session prior to the April meeting. That meeting was scheduled for 6:00 pm prior to the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Riverside High School.
- **Measure of Academic Progress (MAP):** Laetitia Schreier, Brenda Kittelson, Jane Ginther and Deb Sherman presented a new measure of academic progress being used at ACH. It has been very successful in targeting students' progress.
- **Principal Reports:** junior high intervention program – early results look positive; Kiwanis Scholarship for students; BMCC presentation on financial aid and career counseling for MEC students; science fellow at SBE.

Unfinished Business - Superintendent Burrows reported that he and Julie met with the classified co-Presidents and that the classified unit has no further issues with the two policies: Excessive Absences & Unauthorized Leave. Marilyn Post was present to comment that MCEA has several issues with the two proposed policies – therefore, the board tabled action until a later date.

New Business

- **2011-12 School Calendar Options:** Accepted 4 Calendar Options as a first reading – Action to be taken in April following input from the staff.

New Business (Continued)

• **Name Administrative Screening Committee for Riverside High School Vacancies:**

Motion:	Pat McNamee moved to name the following people to the RHS screening committee: Lupe Colin; Dawn Callow; Cheryl Costello; Maribel Jimenez; Dirk Dirksen; Julie Ashbeck; Mark Burrows; Dan Daltoso and Pat McNamee. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Kuhn, McNamee, Miles, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

• **FFA Field Trip Request**

Motion:	Craig Miles made a motion to allow the HHS and IJSH FFA to attend the National FFA Convention in October 2011 in Indianapolis. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Hernandez, Kuhn, McNamee, Miles
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Lindsay read announcements and the regular meeting was recessed at 8:00 pm. At 8:15 pm the meeting reconvened and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(b) & ORS 332.061(1) Personnel and Student Expulsion. At 8:40 pm executive session closed, the regular meeting reconvened and was immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____