

**Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 2013**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, February 11, 2013 held at the Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Thad Killingbeck, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Berto Hernandez & Tony Navarro

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, Craig Bensen, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Jacque Johnson, Joel Chavez, Mark Jones, Matt Matz and Robert Elizondo, Matt Matz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Pastor Jonathan Enz

Call to Order

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Heppner Elementary School, in Heppner, OR. The flag was saluted and a quorum was established.

Delegations: MCEA – Rick Drake, teachers are continuing to work to present a good product and carry our students forward. Kathie Goad – OSEA – wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day; ESD – Mary Apple reported that this is the month that districts will be approving the 2013-14 Local Service Plans from the ESD. She also spoke briefly on the changes that may be coming to Oregon ESDs. Pastor Jonathan Enz presented a check in the amount of \$420 from proceeds of the Community Christmas Program. The funds are to be used in the music program. Rick Drake accepted the check.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Brian Kollman, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of January 14, 2013 & Work Session/Special Meeting minutes of January 28, 2013;
- B. Approved Financial Report and Enrollment/Attendance Report for January 2013
- C. Resignations/Retirements/Non-renewals: Jerry Gentry, asst baseball coach at HHS; Pam Dowdy, head volleyball coach at HHS
- D. Employment/Promotions: n/a
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Nancie Mathews, head track coach at HHS
- G. Approval of the 2013-14 IM-ESD Local Service Plans

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Kindle, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

Superintendent's Report

- **Eastern Promise:** Mr. Dirksen reported that he has asked the high school principals to give information on where we are with credits through Eastern Promise. There are 68 students earning credits – Math 111 = 16; Math 121 – 7; Communications is 22; Biology is 23 (that is 101,102 and 103 level). It is still a bit early to have the results of those courses for college credit. He stated that compared to anything we have done with AP courses, Eastern Promise puts students light years ahead.
- **District Office Recommendation for Closure & Relocation:** The cost savings on an annual basis is approximately \$50,000. We have had professional assistance in determining what it would take to upgrade and maintain the building – that figure came in around \$1 million. Additionally, the district has been in communications with the Town of Lexington as to the future for the building. Phase I will be to move out of Lexington and into empty classrooms at HES; Phase II will be “what to do with the building” – sell, gift, demolish. The plan now is to keep the old gymnasium as there is a community group who would like to use it for activities.
- **Financial Audit Report:** Mr. Dirksen briefly reported on the financial audit exceptions as presented by the Oster Group – there is no material weakness; segregation of duties between payroll and HR; fixed assets do not reconcile to financial statements. Financial action on accepting the 2011-12 audit will be at the March meeting.
- **Update on the IES School Project:** Noted that at this time there is still 30 gpm still coming out of the pipe. We are still within the budgeted amount of \$95K. An additional drain will be built and completion of slated for mid-March.
- **ODE Released Drop-out Rates:** Mr. Dirksen noted that this rate is figured on the 4 year cohort group, or when they enter high school in the 9th grade. We have a 76% rate, with 5 year cohort at 78%. The 4 year rate for Oregon is 68%.
- **RHS iPad Presentation:** Betsy Shane will be doing a presentation on iPads being used in her math class: This will be a work session for 6 pm at RHS – Mrs. Shane’s math classroom.
- **Heppner Reports:** Mr. Morgan and Mr. Fowler from HHS presented on their technical math program integrating math concepts with construction in the tech ed class. Over The Counter (OTC) pilot program from Martin Research and Scholastic Books to educate students about reading drug labels; active ingredients and dosage; safety and where to store meds. \$500 in cash will be sent to HES and Scholastic will send \$250 in books.
- **Principal Reports on Safety:** What is the biggest change in our safety programs? All outside perimeter doors are locked and the only entrance is through the front door; the check in process has been upgraded; moving to have cameras at the front door entrance; working with MidCo for an evacuation plan – building to building plan as well as total community evacuation; also have established frequent table talk discussion with law enforcement and first responders.

Unfinished Business

- **Action on Policy**

Motion: Bill Kuhn made a motion to rescind & adopt Policy GCL/GDL – Staff Development. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Lindsay, Kindle

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **Evaluation of the Superintendent**

Mr. Killingbeck went over Mr. Dirksen's annual evaluation – noting that in nearly all categories, he received outstanding marks. The consensus of the board was unanimous in the review of the superintendent.

- **Closure of the District Office**

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to close the District Office Building in Lexington and move the offices to Heppner Elementary School. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Lindsay, Kindle

Noes:

Motion Passed

New Business

Accepted the 2011-12 Financial Audit as a First Reading.

Accepted 3 Calendar Options for 2013-14 as a first reading with action to be taken at the March meeting, following a vote by the staff. The first option is a mid-August start with the semester ending before Christmas break; Option B is the closest to what we currently are operating under; and Option C is a post-Labor Day start.

Adoption of GCL-AR – Staff Development – Licensed

Motion: Barney Lindsay made a motion to close the District Office Building in Lexington and move the offices to Heppner Elementary School. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Lindsay, Kindle

Noes:

Motion Passed

Accepted Achievement Compact & Alignment of 2013-14 Board Goals

Motion: Bill Kuhn made a motion to accept the Achievement Compact & Alignment of 2013-14 Board Goals. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Lindsay, Kindle

Noes:

Motion Passed

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Administration, Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School were both presented with a plaque in honor of both schools being named Outstanding Schools by Oregon Department of Education. The meeting recessed at 8:30 pm to enjoy refreshments with the staff from the two schools.

At 8:40 Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(b) - Personnel. At 8:55 pm executive session concluded, the general meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____