

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
August 13, 2007

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of August 13th, 2007 held in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Berto Hernandez, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee, Dan Daltoso and Barney Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Nancy Vander Does

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Cara Osmin; OSEA- No representation; ESD – No representation; Public Forum – No representation

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers for 2007-08

Motion:	Pat McNamee nominated Craig Miles to serve as Chairman of the Board for 2007-08; Dan Daltoso seconded; nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast.
Ayes	McNamee, Daltoso, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Abstain	Craig Miles
Motion passed	

Motion:	Bill Kuhn nominated Barney Lindsay to serve as Vice Chairman; Pat McNamee seconded; nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast.
Ayes	McNamee, Daltoso, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Abstain	Barney Lindsay
Motion passed	

Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda – Under New Business – Item 5.B – Add Irrigon High School FFA students to attend the National FFA Convention in Indiana in October; 5.E – Research the Cost of Biodegradable Cafeteria Trays

2.C. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved as presented: [See next page]

Consent Agenda (Continued)

Motion:	On a motion by Dan Daltoso and a second by Berto Hernandez, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of regular, & executive session of June 11, 2007
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Sean Wilcox, declined offer of employment (IHS SpEd teacher); Colleen Grigg, science teacher at RHS; Ruth Sullivan, assistant cook at ACH; Gloria Cornwell, assistant cook at RHS; Leah Wagg, assistant cook at IES; Danica Harjo, head girls soccer coach at IHS
D.	Employment: Wendy Cannin, .5 FTE Elementary PE at HES; .5 FTE math at HJH; John Christy, social studies teacher at RHS; Stacey Wainwright, reading specialist at ACH; Lynn Allport, SpEd teacher at IHS; Carolyn Rhinhart, SpEd teacher at WRE; Rebecca Renfro, science teacher at RHS; CJ Johnson, math at IHS
E.	Promotions: Jacque Johnson from reading teacher at ACH to SBE principal; Amy Tolar, from IHS dept secretary/ed assistant to head school secretary at Irrigon High School
F.	Extra Duty: Blaine Ganvoa, AD at IHS
G.	Approved Attendance Variances: Kelli Jones from RHS to Hermiston HS; Kara DeBoise, from IHS to Umatilla SD; Raleigh and Kylee McClure from SBE to Arlington SD; George & Dawn Eddy from MCSD to Umatilla SD; Cassidy McQuain from Umatilla SD to AC Houghton
H.	Approve 2007-08 Substitute Teacher Pay Rate of \$145.44 per day
I.	Accept and Acknowledge donation of \$700 to HHS FFA Chapter from the Soil & Water District
J.	Approved Resolution 2007-08-05 to Allow the County Treasurer to Invest District Funds
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Daltoso, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Abstain	Barney Lindsay – member of the Soil & Water District
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

Administration Activities: Superintendent Burrows reported that the administrators are all back to work and have completed the administrative retreat held the first three days of August. Everyone is busy preparing for inservice and trainings coming up the next couple of weeks, along with the beginning of school.

Document Cameras: Reported that twenty district teachers were successful in obtaining document cameras through a grant at the end of the 2006-07 school year. The training for the new equipment will be the week of August 27th during the inservice.

Professional Development: Reported that Mr. Dirksen will lead a cohort group on professional learning communities, and that the SIOP professionals will be in the district the 28th and 29th to meet with our staff for intense training in year #3 of the 5 year SIOP program. The all-staff inservice will be on August 30th at Riverside High School beginning at 9:00 am.

State Insurance Pool: Mr. Burrows reported that the legislature mandated that all employees go into the state insurance pool. We have received notification from OSBA that they have closed the insurance trust and have moved all trust money into their general fund. We have received letters from a couple of districts protesting that action and questioning the legality of that move. They are requesting that OSBA at least partially use that money to buy down the cost of insurance to districts. This action by OSBA may also be litigated.

Reports (Continued)

SBE Fire Report: Reported on the progress at Sam Boardman Elementary following the fire on May 22nd. The school is scheduled for re-occupancy on August 27th when they will have their ribbon cutting ceremony. Jacque Johnson reported via photo slide presentation on the devastation and restoration of the SBE building. Her presentation chronicled the progress weekly and showed the extent to which the school was sanitized following the fire. Arrangements have been made for the SBE teachers to be compensated for an additional 40 hours of work to make teacher materials lost in the fire. They have been coming to WRE to work together along with a couple of classified assistants. Costo provided teacher supplies, lunch, and breakfast rolls.

Sabbatical Report: Lea Mathieu was present to report on her sabbatical during the 2006-07 school year. She reported that she has a new appreciation for her Hispanic students and understands the Mexican culture better. Ms. Mathieu traveled to the homes of most of her students and is excited to tell them about the experience.

4. Unfinished Business

None at this time.

5. New Business

A. **ESD Budget Committee Vacancy:** By consensus, Barney Lindsay has agreed to serve on the ESD Budget Committee.

B. **Field Trip Approval:** Following a presentation by HHS Principal Daye Stone, Irrigon Vo-Ag teacher, Lenn Greer and members of the IHS FFA Chapter, the following action was taken.

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved and Pat McNamee seconded to allow the Heppner and Irrigon High School FFA students to attend the 2007 National FFA Convention in Indiana in October.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Daltoso, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. Revision to IGDJ-AR-2 Alcohol/Drug Violations:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved and Pat McNamee seconded to approve the revision of IGDJ-AR-2 dealing with drug and alcohol violations and progressive discipline.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

New Business (Continued)

D. 2007-08 Board Goals

Motion:	On a motion by Dan Daltoso and a second by Berto Hernandez, the 2007-08 Board Goals were established for 2007-08.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Daltoso, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

E. Research Biodegradable Cafeteria Trays: After discussion about the concern with using styrafoam cafeteria plates, the board requested that the district ask Chartwells to research the cost of using biodegradable products, specifically starch-based.

Chairman Miles read the announcements, and then announced that OSBA will be changing the voting procedure at the OSBA Convention this year. Ballots will be mailed out in your packets and there will be two days in which to vote at the convention. Mr. Miles recessed the meeting at 8:30 pm. At 8:39 pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(h)(i) to discuss legal issues and the superintendent’s evaluation. At 9:27 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session, returned to open session and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____