

**Unofficial Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 13, 2012**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of February 13, 2012 held in the library at Riverside High School in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barney Lindsay, Becky Kindle, Tony Navarro, Berto Hernandez, Bill Kuhn, Brian Kollman

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Thad Killingbeck

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Press

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at the Riverside High School library in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited; and a quorum was established.

**Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda** – Resignation of Lindsay Orem, SpEd teacher at HHS.

**Public Comments**

**Delegations:** Representing MCEA – Paul Beagle; OSEA – Kathie Goad – both associations thanked Mr. Dirksen for being proactive with communication regarding the staffing situation; ESD – Michael Lasher – reported on the OEIB public meeting that was recently held at BMCC and thanked MCSD for their participation in it; Patrons – n/a

**2. Consent Agenda**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Becky Kindle, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting; & work session meeting of January 9, 2012;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations: Mark Rouska, ed assistant at MEC and MCSD licensed sub; Robert Gruber, PE teacher at WRE/SBE; Robin Stalcup, science teacher at RHS; Pam Schmidt, asst cook at HES; Carl Brock, asst custodian at ACH; Renee Zielinski, ed asst at WRE
D.	Retirements; Dan VanLiew, head custodian at HES; Karen Boardman, assistant cook at ACH; Pam Files, elementary teacher at SBE; Mavis Edwards, asst cook at IES
E.	Extra Duty Resignations: Jason Dunten, asst football coach at IJSH; Brian Bigham, head track coach at IJH
F.	Employment: n/a
G.	Extra Duty Contracts: Laura Browne, head track at HHS; Javier Garcia, head baseball at HHS; Ken Mathis, wrestling at IJH; Larry Palmer, wrestling at HJH; Aaron Byers, .5 FTE DART coordinator at IJSH
H.	Approve Resolution 2011-12-09 to Approve ESD Local Service Plans for 2012-13
I.	Approve Resolution 2011-12-10 Open Enrollment for 2012-13
J.	Approve Resolution 2011-12-11 to Accept Unanticipated Revenue – Alternative Wind Energy
Ayes:	Navarro, Lindsay, Kindle, Hernandez, Kuhn, Kollman,
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

### **3. Reports & Presentations**

- GEAR-UP: Chuck Halstead, Assistant Director from GEARUP (Gain Early Awareness for Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) presented the national program that has come to IJSH and RHS. This program affects over 16,000 students in 21 school districts in eastern Washington. MCSD is the only district in Oregon to be awarded this grant. The 7 year grant is for \$152,000 annually and offers services such as interventions; tutoring and mentoring; after school and summer school programs; college advising; career focus; financial literacy; campus visitations and technology. This grant fits nicely into the governor's 40-40-20 plan.
- School Health Advisory Committee Meeting - There is a meeting scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at RHS at 6:00 pm. This committee's focus is to enhance the district health education curriculum which includes: sexual education, mental health, nutrition, youth development activities and increasing our services for youth and families.
- Local Option Serial Levy - Superintendent Dirksen rolled out his plans for community meetings to begin the process of making the communities aware of the local option serial levy and how the funds will be used. This is a renewal of the existing levy, with two additional years added to it.
- School Finance Update – Mr. Dirksen presented his first report to the public about where the district is financially and the need to create a “new normal” – based on \$5.725 b state budget. He explained that the budget should target personnel costs at 80% and operating expenses at 20%. – He went into the one time stimulus money of 1.8 million; PERS increases for the 2011-13 biennium and another \$550K in 2013-15. If we continue with no levy funds and no staff reductions, we will be over 90% in staffing costs. He presented 3 scenarios - #1 - one director position; ½ confidential position; 15.5 teachers and 10 classified - that gets us to 83% - or \$1.35 million; to get to 2 million we need an additional administrator; 6 teachers and 6 classifieds - \$665K. #2 - If the levy fails, it will directly affect positions and programs. #3 – furlough days \$60K in professional development days involving teachers and confidential; \$90K student contact days involves all staff. This does not fix the problem...only prolongs it.
- Upcoming Meetings: MCEA (teachers) at WRE on 2-21-12; On 2-22-12 Heppner teachers; OSEA (classified) on 2-27-12 at RHS at 5:30 pm; Additionally, there will be 3 community meetings - 2-28-12 at RHS at 6:30; 2-29-12 at IJSH at 6:30; and 3-1-12 at 6:30 pm at HES.
- The board will hold a work session on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the DO to make the determination in the reduction of the budget. Mr. Lindsay said that a decision of this magnitude will allow for a week to work through before final action is made at the March 12<sup>th</sup>, meeting.
- Principal Reports - 236 plans for accountability - Mrs. Johnson reported on the national speaker that was recently brought in at SBE for bullying prevention. Trudy Ludwick gave 5 presentations while she was in Boardman, for student, staff and parents and was very well received.

## **Unfinished Business**

Superintendent's Evaluation – Mr. Dirksen chose to have his annual evaluation done in open session rather than in Executive Session. Acting Chairman Lindsay reported that at a work session in January that 9 standards were presented for review. Mr. Dirksen was given an outstanding evaluation and was thanked for his service to the district.

## **New Business**

### **Accepted the 2010-11 Audit as Prepared by the Oster Professional Group**

Becky Kindle made a motion to accept the 2010-11 audit as prepared and presented by the Oster Professional Group. Brian Kollman seconded the motion..

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman  
Noes: n/a  
Motion Passed

### **Approved the 2011-12 Audit Contract from the Oster Professional Group**

Brian Kollman moved to accept the 2011-12 Audit Contract from the Oster Professional Group. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman  
Noes: n/a  
Motion Passed

### **Approved Renewing the Local Option Serial Levy for Five Years – Election in May**

Bill Kuhn made a motion to present a Local Option Serial Levy to the voters in May 2012. Brian Kollman seconded the motion. The ballot measure will be submitted to our attorney before it goes to the county clerk.

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman  
Noes: n/a  
Motion Passed

**Accepted the 2012-13 School Calendar Options as a First Reading:** 4 calendar options were presented, and now will go to the staff for their input. Adoption will be at the March meeting.

**Announcements:** Vice Chairman Lindsay read the following announcements:

- President's Day – HOLIDAY February 20, 2012
- SHAC Meeting, Riverside High School, 6 pm February 21, 2012
- Next Board Meeting, AC Houghton Elementary School, 7 pm March 12, 2012

There being no further business to come before the board, Vice Chairman Lindsay recessed the regular meeting at 8:14 pm. At 8:29 pm Executive Session was called under ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Personnel. Executive Session closed at 8:45 pm, and the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

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Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_