

## Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, August 11, 2025

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025, 6:00pm held at the North District Office/Zoom

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erin Anderson, Brian Kollman, Ashley Lindsay

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matt Combe, Barbara Phillips, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Rose Palmer, Maria Ortega, Laura Winters, Ryan Gerry, Jami Carbray, Steve Sheller, Karen Shelton, Rachel Herron, Brandi Sweeney, Dave Fowler, Cynthia Hodgdon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Heppner Gazette

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### **Call to Order:**

Board Chair, Richard Cole, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

**Review Agenda:** It was noted that two additions were made to August Employment Action.

- Kaitlynn Evans – Counselor – HES
- Brannon Farner – Language Arts Teacher - RJSHS

**Public Comment:** None

### **Delegations:**

MCEA: Cynthia Hodgdon

OSEA: None

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approve Minutes – June 9, 2025; June 23, 2025; July 14, 2025
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Employment Action – Regular
4. Substitute Teacher Pay - \$279.85
5. Physical Restraint and Seclusion 2024/25 Annual Report

### **Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe**

- **Cell Phone Ban Executive Order Update**  
I've attended several recent virtual meetings hosted by COSA, OSBA, and ODE regarding the Governor's Executive Order on the statewide school cell phone ban. While eagerly awaiting updated guidance and a sample policy from ODE for OSBA to distribute, nothing official has been shared yet. In the meantime, I encourage each of you to review our current MCSD policy and the associated administrative regulation, which has served us well over the past several years. Stay tuned for updates...
- **Financial Report**  
Gabe has included the financial report in your board packets. As we begin the new school year, we will continue to closely monitor our expenditures along with attendance and enrollment numbers. (Reminder to take a moment to acknowledge the recent press release from the Morrow Education Foundation regarding their generous funding—our sincere appreciation goes out to them for their continued support.) \* See press release *handout for details.*
- **Summer Maintenance & Facilities Projects Update**  
Please refer to the maintenance report highlights for a summary of our completed and ongoing summer projects. Notably, the MCSD Bond Project continues to move forward. A recent press release outlines the

updated timelines for the bond, which I encourage you to review. Additionally, Scott Rogers from the Wenaha Group—our project management partner—submitted a written report in lieu of attending tonight’s meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

- **Property Update – UMCHS Property**

Gabe and I have submitted an offer on the UMCHS property located next to RJSH. We’ve been in contact with Dan Daltoso, who is presenting the proposal to their finance committee for review and feedback.

- **Administrative Retreat & Planning Sessions**

This year’s administrative retreat was held here locally and in-house, beginning with our annual administrative, secretarial, and district office staff meeting last Tuesday at MEC. Today, we continued our 2025–26 administrative planning, which included three planning/preparation sessions and a comprehensive review of our current board goals.

- **Fall Sports & Extracurricular Activities**

Fall athletics and extra-curricular activities will be kicking off soon. We’re looking forward to the Fall sports season and the upcoming camps, practices, games, and tournaments.

- **Summer Academic Programs – Successes**

Our June summer school and credit recovery program, along with the August “Jump Start” sessions, have been a success. A BIG Thank You goes to the dedicated MCSD staff who helped make these valuable programs possible for our students.

- **District In-Service – Board Welcome Address**

We are still looking for a board representative to deliver the welcome address at our districtwide in-service next Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at The Sage Event Center in Boardman. Please refer to the printed agenda for a preview of our schedule and keynote speakers.

- **Closing Thanks**

Finally, I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your continued dedication and voluntary service to the students of Morrow County. Your leadership and commitment are appreciated as we kick off the 2025–26 school year!

#### **Executive Director of Human Resources Report – Mrs. Stocker**

- July was spent prepping for August meetings and events, including Principal/Secretaries/DO staff meeting, and New Teacher Inservice. CARE/Wrap Around partners luncheon was also held, giving time for collaboration with CARE/SROs, and Administration. Admin Retreat kicked off this week and will be held at the DO. As part of the Retreat we will be attending a Dust Devils game on Tuesday.

#### **Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer**

- Online registration opens up today, August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer meals opened up in Irrigon this year and averaged 80 students/day. Boardman averaged 250 students/day. These were held in conjunction with the Park and Recreation Programs.
- Summer reading challenge was available to students through available grant money. This was a Digital program, 10 students stayed in it for the whole program.
- Secondary level - Admin attended a training in Pendleton, 9th Grade on Track.

#### **Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner**

- The opening of the Residential Treatment Center in Boardman has been delayed so we will not be filling that teaching position at this time.
- A.C. Houghton Elementary will be starting a new Life Skills classroom. The classroom will serve students that need to be supported in life skills, and serve students in grades K-6. This grade level update will need to go through ODE.

#### **New Business**

##### **1. Unanticipated Revenue – Resolution #2025-26-02:**

**Motion:** Rosa Delgado made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-26-02 – Unanticipated Revenue. Mary Killion seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado.

**Motion passed**

**2. Adoption of 2025-26 Board Goals:**

**Motion:** Becky made a motion to adopt the 2025-26 Board Goals. Mary Killion seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

**Motion passed**

**3. MCSD Healthy and Safe Schools Plan/Annual Statement:** The 2025-26 HASS Plan/Annual Statement was presented to, and acknowledged by the Board.

**4. OSEA Contract Revision:** Article 13.6 – Sick Bank was removed as agreed upon during negotiations.

**Motion:** Mary Killion made a motion to approve the 2025-26 OSEA contract revision. Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado

**Motion passed**

**Chair Cole read the announcements:**

- 2025-26 Staff In-Service – August 18-23, 2025
- Students Begin – August 25, 2025
- No School – Monday, September 1, 2025, Labor Day Holiday
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, September 8, 2025,

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

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Richard Cole, Board Chair

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