

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
August 14th, 2006

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of August 14th, 2006, held in the library at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Matlack, Nancy Vander Does, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Berto Hernandez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Jack Thompson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Chris Davis, Joel Chavez, Tom Crane and Phyllis Danielson. Thad Killingbeck was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – no representation; ESD – No representation; Public – Roster;

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the library in A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Lexington, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Noted: It was reported by superintendent Burrows that the sound system that was requested by the board, was part of the equipment that was stolen from the district office during a recent break-in. Replacement equipment is being checked into.

Comments to the Audience: Board member Lindsay wanted to go on record about the fine service that was delivered throughout the summer by the Oregon Trail Library District. He mentioned that to his family living out in the country, his children were able to stay connected with their reading all summer long. He noted that they had flexible hours and online access. The board requested that secretary, Julie Ashbeck send the library district a note of appreciation.

3.0 Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A	Approve minutes of June 29 th , 2006 regular meeting; Exec session minutes of June 29 th , 2006; Special Board Meeting minutes of July 12 th , 2006.
B	Approve Financial Report
C	Resignations: Maryanne Anthony, 2 nd grade teacher at ACH; Melanie Hall, SpEd assistant at RHS
D.	Employment: Colleen Grigg, SpEd teacher at IJSH; Clara Beas, ESL teacher at SBE; Andrew Johnson, technology/business teacher at IHS; Kelly Phillips, elementary teacher at IES.
E.	Attendance variance renewal for Rileigh McClure to attend school in Arlington from MCSD;
F.	Attendance variance for Megan Cooley to attend school at RHS from Hermiston SD; and for Megann Galloway to begin school in Hermiston SD from MCSD. The family will be moving to Hermiston in September.
G.	Approved 2006-07 Recreation District Contract
H.	Approved the Surplus of Misc. Items from HHS
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, McNamee, Matlack, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

4.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

1. **Leadership Oregon:** Chairman Miles reported to the other board members that OSBA is taking applications for the Leadership Oregon training again this year. He went through this intensive training earlier and highly recommends it to anyone.
2. **Dedicated Professionals Impacting Kids:** Mr. Burrows reported that generally at district-wide inservices, many districts hire a motivational speaker to come in to speak to staff. This year, the district hired a person to do a documentary entitled, Dedicated Professionals Impacting Kids. This video starred our own staff members, and what they love about Morrow County School District as well as their communities. The DVD will be reproduced and used for recruiting in the spring. Those in attendance were able to view the documentary and were very impressed with it.
3. **New Teacher Inservice:** Burrows reported that the month of August was extremely busy and productive with many inservices for administrators, new teachers, secretaries, SIOP for new teachers and advanced SIOP for teacher leaders and administrators, and Teacher Toolkit training at the ESD for new teachers.
4. **Joint CEC Meeting Date & Time:** Mr. Burrows reported that the months of September, January and April have been designated as joint CEC meeting dates. The first joint meeting has been set for September 20th, 2006 at Irrigon Elementary School at 7:00 pm.
5. **AYP & No Child Left Behind:** Mr. Burrows reported that all schools met AYP with the exception of Riverside High School and Irrigon High School. If a school doesn't make AYP in one area...they automatically do not meet. If one school fails to make AYP, the district doesn't meet it either. Test results and state comparisons were presented.
6. **2006-07 Board Goals:** Superintendent Burrows reported that because the district is moving in a positive direction academically, and has improved on the other two goals, that perhaps the 2006-07 board goals should be tweaked only slightly. Discussion to follow at the work session on 8-24-06.
7. **WRE Expansion:** It was reported that the Windy River expansion is on time, ready for students and within budget. Also mentioned that the plaque for the Irrigon PTE building is completed and ready for mounting.
8. **Anna Browne Presentation:** Anna Browne, 5th grade teacher at Windy River Elementary was in attendance to report on WRE's writing scores, noting that they have room for improvement. Ms. Browne and other WRE teachers began looking for something that could supplement what they are currently doing, and came across a company called Great Source Education Group. In doing research, Ms. Browne found that the company offered a grant to schools. She applied and was awarded approximately \$7500 in curriculum, materials, teacher kits and inservice. The entire WRE staff is very excited about this venture, and are expecting to see improvement in writing.
9. **Action Research Project:** Mr. Sebastian reported on the school-wide Action Research Plan that his teachers are involved in.
10. **Junior High Accountability:** Mr. Dirksen and Mr. Stone reported on Junior High Accountability and the ZAP program. At RHS there were 60 junior high kids that participated in summer school with all but 4 students successfully completing.

Minutes (Continued)

4. Unfinished Business

A. Rescind Outdated Technology Policies and Adopt New Policies

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Ken Matlack, all outdated technology policies, AR's and forms were rescinded and replaced with new policies, AR's and forms.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. New Business

A. Drug & Alcohol AR Adoption - After much discussion centered around the revamping of the entire policy and AR's that were presented earlier, and whether or not to handle student body officers differently, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to adopt the Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco Violations administrative regulation as presented. Ken Matlack seconded the motion. Barney Lindsay requested that this topic on how to deal with student body officers and team captains, be discussed with the administrators present at the board work session on August 24 th , 2006. Mr. Matlack also requested to speak to the issue of volunteer drug testing.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

B. Appointment of Budget Committee Member

Motion:	Craig Miles moved to appoint Lisanne Currin to another 3 year term on the Budget Committee. Barney Lindsay seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Miles read the announcements. Bill Kuhn stated that perhaps a committee should be formed to work on the OSBA vote-by-mail resolutions, and volunteered to serve on that committee. Mr. Burrows reported that to date we have about 6 other districts willing to co-sponsor with MCSD.

Mr. Miles recessed the meeting at 8:45 pm. At 9:06 pm Chairman Miles called Executive Session to order under ORS 192.660(2)(i) to evaluate the superintendent. At 10:23 executive session closed and the regular meeting reconvened.

Minutes (Continued)

Superintendent Contract & Compensation Adjustment

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved to extend the three year contract of the superintendent until 6/30/09 and give him a 3% raise to his salary. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____