

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

October 14th, 2013

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, October 14th, 2013 held in the Library at Irrigon High School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Barney Lindsay, Thad Killingbeck, Becky Kindle, Rhonda Hamby, Mark Pratt, Bill Kuhn & Brian Kollman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, Craig Bensen, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Mark Jones, Matt Matz, Tina Joyce, Erin Stocker, Joel Chavez and Brandon Hammond.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roster & Press

Call to Order

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

Additions/Corrections/Deletions - None

Delegations: MCEA – Brenda Kittelson (President-Elect) – she stated that things seem to be going smoothly this school year; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Cheri Rhinhart was present to report that the ESD recently hosted a meeting for area districts to be able to speak to Nancy Golden, Chief Education Officer for Oregon, on a myriad of education issues. She is overseeing the Pre-K to 20 Mission that the Governor has laid out.

Irrigon High School Longevity Pins & New Staff Introductions: Pins were awarded to Jennifer Matlack, Cheri Snodgrass, and Karen Lunders; and the following new staff were introduced and welcomed to the district: Cindy Roberts as assistant cook; Kylieen Cody, Spanish teacher; Betty Chesnut, middle school teacher.

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 regular meeting of September 9th, 2013;
- B. Approved Financial Report & Enrollment Report for October 2013
- C. Resignations: Kim Campos, asst softball coach at IJSH; Anna Wedding, asst girls basketball coach at HJH; Mike Ehram, asst basketball coach at HJH
- D. Retirements: Carol Smith, from her position as Head Cook at IES
- E. Employment/Promotions: Carol Smith, re-hire for head cook position at IES through the end of the school year.
- F. Extra Duty Coaching contracts: Mike Escobedo, asst football coach at IJSH; Dan Verley, head softball coach at IJSH
- G. Approve Cooperative Sponsorship between HHS and Lone HS for baseball, softball and wrestling for 2013-14 only.

Ayes: Hamby, Killingbeck, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Pratt, Kindle

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

Superintendent's Report

- **OSBA Convention:** Mr. Dirksen reported on the upcoming OSBA Convention in Portland in mid-November. He also noted that he will be going down the day before as he is a grant reader for the CTE Revitalization.
- **Achievement Compact:** Mentioned that the district has turned in the Achievement Compact and have confirmed all the numbers and the 3% growth in the board goals should be attainable.
- **Finances:** Reported that at a short special legislative session, the district will be receiving an additional \$200,000 from the state. However, that will not happen until 2014-15. The district is down 52 students across the district; but, we will be able to maintain present calendar and staffing levels.
- **PERS Reform** – the district has been saving money to deal with this issue when it is finished in the courts.
- **Board Packet** - Mr. Dirksen polled the board as to whether or not they want any part of their board packets mailed to them. The majority said they preferred an electronic copy sent to e-mail; a couple others wanted paper packet availability.
- **New State Report Cards** – Mr. Mendoza explained the new scoring and noted that the report card has moved from a 4 point scale to a 5 point scale. Overall ratings – Level 5 is the top 10% schools that they are being compared to similar schools. Mr. Mendoza reported that the new report cards are all about growth, noting that this has had an impact on some of the higher achieving schools as the “growth” is harder to attain.
- **IJSH Presentation** – Andrew Johnson reported on Success 101. This is the freshman initiative aimed at showcasing that education is important and attainable. It is total school reform with freshmen doing a 10 year plan, which is updated annually. More than one third of students that drop out fail to transition from 9th to 10th grade. They have no plans, no guidelines or standards and have rigorous courses. Other teachers in the district that are teaching Success 101 are Beth Dickenson at HHS and William Pullen at RHS. Also heard from a freshman student at IJSH who feels that this curriculum is a great addition to the scholastics at IJSH.
- **Principal Reports** – Mr. Kuhn noted that on the RHS Report, Mrs. Shimer had reported that for seniors it is a requirement to apply for one scholarship and fill out one college application. Asked Andy Fletcher about developing a 10 year plan for facilities, maintenance and funding. Electronic Archiving was also brought up – Mr. Fletcher stated that the district would put out an RFP and should have something back after the first of the year. This would allow the district to scan thousands of documents and move into a paperless office, as it pertains to HR, payroll, student records, accts payable and maintenance.

Unfinished Business

- Appointment of Budget Committee Member from Position #2 for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2016. Mr. Killingbeck will have his appointee ready for the November meeting.

New Business - None

Announcements

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| • End of First Nine Weeks | October 24, 2013 |
| • Veteran's Day – HOLIDAY | November 11, 2013 |
| • OSBA Convention, Portland | November 14-17, 2013 |
| • Next Board Meeting, Sam Boardman Elementary, 7:00 pm | December 9, 2013 |

Recognized Irrigon Jr/Sr High as an Outstanding School for 2011-12 by Oregon Dept of Education. Principal Bensen received the plaque for IJSH and thanked all staff for their efforts.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting recessed at 7:55 pm. In addition to the plaque that was presented a cake was provided in celebration of the success of Irrigon Junior/Senior High. At 8:11 pm an Executive Session was called under OAR 332.061(1) to hear about a student expulsion. Executive session adjourned at 8:17 pm. The regular meeting reconvened and immediately adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____