

# Unofficial Minutes

## Morrow County School District May 9, 2005

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of May 9, 2005, held in the library at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Renfro, Ken Matlack, Barney Lindsay, Pat McNamee, Craig Miles, Berto Hernandez and Bill Kuhn

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** n/a

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Burrows, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, John Sebastian, Dirk Dirksen, Ron Anthony, BJ Wilson, Wade Smith, Jack Johns, Thad Killingbeck, Daye Stone and Joel Chavez.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** MCEA – Judy Brown/Dave Fowler; OSEA – Sharon Sample; ESD – Niki Brown; Public – Matt Zurcich; Roster

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### **Call to Order**

Chairman Renfro called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Irrigon Elementary School library in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Staff Recognition:** Wanda Dixon, Rachel Luke and Angel Prongua – 5 years

### **Changes/Additions to Agenda**

Updated Employment Issues; Reports – OSBA Programs (Craig Miles); ESD Budget & Impact on MCSD (John Renfro); Under New Business – Resolution to Support ESD Grant; Announcements – Drug Testing Conference.

- 2.4 Matt Zurcich was present to appeal to the board to allow his kindergarten daughter to enter Sam Boardman Elementary School in the fall of 2005. Her birthday (9-14-05) is past the date for kindergarten entry – September 1<sup>st</sup>. After hearing from principals, teachers and board members, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved to uphold the district policy as it currently stands and not allow Rose Zurcich early entry into kindergarten in the Fall of 2005. Pat McNamee seconded the motion. The district will stand ready to support the Zurcich family for educational activities that will enhance Rose's education until she enters kindergarten in the fall of 2006.
Ayes	Lindsay, Renfro, McNamee, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez
Noes	Matlack
Motion passed	

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### 3.0 Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Ken Matlack, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approve minutes of April 9, 2005; Budget Committee minutes of April 18, 2005; Work session minutes of April 27, 2005;
B.	Approve Financial Report
C.	Resignations: Angela Anderson, ed asst at ACH; Trasci Cox, SpEd assistant SBE/WRE; Aloha Yoshinaga, science teacher at RHS; Krystin Smith, elementary teacher at SBE; Donna Barton, volleyball coach at RHS for 2005-06; Jade Marston, volleyball coach at RJH for 2005-06; Julie Steinbruck, FS Clerical assistant at RHS; Tiffany rill, ed asst at SBE; Christina Chavez, ESL ed assistant at RHS; Tyson Pratt, ESOL teacher at RHS;
D.	Transfers/Promotions: Linda Kenny, from DO secretary to food service director/business office assistant; Janice Huddleston, from SpEd asst at HHS to DO secretary; Darcy Robinson, from dept secretary at HHS to school secretary at HHS; Betsy Shane, from 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher at WRE to 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade math at RJH; Daye Stone, from .5 FTE asst principal/.5 counselor at Heppnerschools to 1.0 FTE principal at Heppner High School.
E.	Employment: Della McGinley, SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at ACH; Beau Phillips, Title I teacher at WRE; Chris Adams, reading specialist at ACH; Tracie Bunch, SpEd asst at HHS for 2005-06 school year; LeAnn Wright, dept secretary at HHS for 2005-06; Jack Thompson, .5 FTE principal/.5FTE counselor at HES; Sherrie Lennox, counselot at ACH; Maribel Torres, counselor at WRE/SBE; Erich Scott, PE teacher at IJSH; Mark Scott, social studies teacher at IJSH; Brian Frazier, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher at WRE; Paul Gessel, Sponish teacher – IJSH; Matt Combe, alt ed coordinator at MEC; Forrest McKinnis, alt ed teacher at MEC.
F.	Extra Duty: Mark Scott, head football and wrestling coach at IJSH; Erich Harjo, asst wrestling coach at IJSH; junior high football coach at IJSH; Tiffany Locey, rally advisor at IJSH.
G.	Re-hired 2004-05 Classified/Confidential staff for 2005-06 as presented.
G.	Renewed Attendance Variance for Collette Cason to attend school in Alrington for the 2005-06 school year.
Ayes	Lindsay, Renfro, McNamee, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

### 4.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

- 2004-05 Board Goals Update:** Superintendent Burrows updated the board on the progress of their goals to date, and read a public statement, which will be added to the monthly Goals Report for the public. That statement is as follows: *“Morrow County Schools, activities and services are accessible for individuals with disabilities. Please contact Jack Johns, Morrow County School District Special Education Coordinator, at 541-481-2526 for arrangement of services needed.”*
- Irrigon PTE Building:** Superintendent Burrows reported that bids will be opened on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the district office. A report should be ready for the Board Work Session on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- City of Irrigon Sewer Project:** Mr. Burrows reported that he has not heard much at all from the City of Irrigon on their sewer project. He noted that he has talked extensively with Gary Neal from the Port, who is willing to provide equipment, manpower and fuel, with the city being responsible for the pipe itself. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

4. **City of Boardman Urban Renewal District:** Mr. Burrows presented information that the City of Boardman has scheduled a hearing for May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Renfro, Mr. Miles and Mr. Burrows will meet and put any concerns they have in writing to address the meeting.
5. **Honors Diploma Progress:** Wade Smith, HHS Principal, updated the board on the Honors Diploma. He indicated that the committee had just met and made a modification, moving the 7 electives to 6 electives and 1 elective in a PTE certified or technology program.

*Chairman Renfro recessed the meeting at 8:15 pm, then reconvened at 8:27 pm.*

6. **Oregon School Systems Initiative:** Board Vice Chair, Craig Miles, reported on the 3 year leadership program. This program is an extensive training of board members, administrators and staff. Application will be made by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, Mr. Miles reported that he had just completed Leadership Oregon training, which encompasses strategic planning; legislative relationships; collective bargaining; media; ODE and other topics.
7. **ESD Budget Committee:** Chairman Renfro, who is a member of the ESD Budget Committee updated the board on the process and noted that while the district will not be receiving additional services, we will not be charged additional money either.
8. **Board Book:** Chairman Renfro noted that this was the first “test” for Board Book – electronic board meetings. He mentioned that the principal reports, which normally came only to the board are being delivered to the public through this avenue.

5. **Unfinished Business**

A. **Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements – Morrow Education Center**

Motion:	On a motion by Pat McNamee and a second by Ken Matlack, the board adopted Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements – Morrow Education Center.
Ayes	Lindsay, Renfro, McNamee, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

6. **New Business**

- A. **Graduation Representatives from the Board:** John Renfro will present at Heppner High School; Craig Miles will present at Morrow Education Center; and Berto Hernandez will present at Riverside High School.

**B. Resolution to Contact Congressional Delegation – ESD Grant**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Berto Hernandez, the board approved a resolution to our state legislators in support of an ESD grant for Safe & Health Students.
Ayes	Lindsay, Renfro, McNamee, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**C. Threats of Violence** – Craig Miles mentioned that he would like the board and administration to take a look at our current policy dealing with threats of violence and re-entry back into the school. Consensus was to check out new OSBA policy, and work with administration, behavioral health officials and the district attorney to update and revise our current policy. This topic will be discussed at an upcoming work session.

Chairman Renfro read announcements indicating that a Drug Testing Conference was coming up on May 11<sup>th</sup> in Portland, and he would be happy to attend on behalf of the district.

A question was asked about vacancies on the Heppner Community Education Committee. Since the district did receive a resignation letter from a Heppner member, Bill Kuhn made a motion to appoint a candidate. He later withdrew that motion due to a timing issue with the recently held election.

Chairman Renfro recessed the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m..

Chairman Renfro called Executive Session to order at 9:20 pm under ORS 192.660(2)(a)(b)(h) – personnel/discipline/legal. At 9:42 pm, Chairman Renfro closed executive session, immediately reconvened the regular meeting and took the following action:

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Pat McNamee, the board approved the termination of Jarrod Pearce, educational assistant at A.C. Houghton Elementary, effective immediately.
Ayes	Lindsay, Renfro, McNamee, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Motion:	On a motion by Berto Hernandez and a second by Ken Matlack, the board accepted the resignation of Howard Sheets, district maintenance supervisor, effective immediately.
Ayes	Lindsay, Renfro, McNamee, Kuhn, Miles, Hernandez, Matlack
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

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Craig Miles, Vice Chairman of the Board

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