

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

December 10, 2007

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of December 10th, 2007 held in the library of Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Miles, Daniel Daltoso, Bill Kuhn, Nancy Vander Does, Berto Hernandez, Barney Lindsay and Pat McNamee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

none

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Jan Huddleston, Dirk Dirksen, Jacque Johnson, John Sebastian, Matt Combe, Chris Davis, Craig Bensen, Joel Chavez, and Mark Jones.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – No representation; Public Forum – n/a

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the library at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda: FFA Report under Reports & Presentations and Counselor Discussion under New Business.

2.C. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Daniel Daltoso, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of regular, & executive session of November 13, 2007
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Mary Gressley-Grow, retiring from her position as an ELL teacher at SBE, effective Dec 31, 2007, and continuing to teacher through June 2007.
E.	Approved Attendance Variance: Stormi Hopkins-Cave, to Irrigon High School from Hermiston High School.
F	Approve Resolution 2007-08-01 Authorizing County to Invest Funds
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

- Mr. Burrows reported that approximately 60 students were absent from classes due to holiday travel to Mexico. Forty-five students were dropped from attendance rosters, which results in approximately \$20,000 less revenue from the state. The larger concern is the learning time lost by those absent students. He suggested the board consider that when they set the 2008-09 calendar.
- The Oregonian newspaper ran an article stating that federal funds were rejected for Irrigon High School, but Mr Burrows explained that the reporter had incorrect information and did not check her facts prior to publishing the story. No federal money is turned down by Morrow County School District.

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

- The district continues to focus on school improvement, implementing new and innovative programs for teaching the curriculum to students. Power Standards are being used to help teachers focus on the most important standards that need to be met by students. Power Standards are the standards identified as high priority on a long list of standards.
- Cindy Turner, secretary at AC Houghton Elementary, was named Educator of the Year by the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce. Cindy has been the secretary at ACH since 1995 and is a very important part of the success at ACH.
- Principals reported that attendance for conferences was strong. Riverside schedules them at the same time as other activities in the building so parents are there anyway, which seems to increase participation
- Lenn Greer and several FFA members from Riverside and Irrigon High Schools were on hand to report on their trip. They presented a slide show of the trip to Amish country, various factories and farms, race tracks, as well as other highlights from the convention.

4. Unfinished Business

Policy IGBHE – Expanded Options Program and IGBHE – AR – 1,2,3 – Expanded Options Program were presented for a second reading and adoption

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to adopt both policy items as presented Dan Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. New Business

A. 2008-09 Budget Calendar

Motion:	Pat McNamee moved to adopt the 2008-09 Budget Calendar as presented. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. **New Business** (Continued)

B. Request for Early Graduation

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to allow the early graduation request of a Heppner High School student. The student will be graduating with the class of 2008. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. Counselor Discussion

Board members noted that counselor positions in the schools throughout the district need to be considered when the budget is built for next year based on need. Mr Burrows said those positions will be reviewed and suggested that the board have a work session to discuss the issue.

At 7:50 pm Chairman Miles recessed the meeting to go into executive session.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 PM

Motion:	Dan Daltoso moved to accept Adrienne Lorraine's letter of resignation. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

At 8:16 Chairman Miles adjourned the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda Lorenz, Acting Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____