

# Unofficial Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting

### November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 held in the Board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Craig Miles, Nancy Vander Does, Bill Kuhn, Berto Hernandez, and Barney Lindsay

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat McNamee & Daniel Daltoso

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Jacque Johnson, Matthew Matz, Craig Bensen, and Joel Chavez. Mark Jones & Daye Stone were absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** MCEA – Dieter Waite; OSEA – No representation; ESD – No representation; Patrons – n/a; Press

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**Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) :** Chairman Miles called an Executive session at 5:30 pm for the purpose of preparing for the evaluation of the superintendent. At 6:50 pm the session was closed.

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Additions to Agenda** – None

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

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Berto Hernandez the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of regular meeting and executive session of October 13, 2008;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Forrest McKinnis, alt ed coordinator at Morrow Ed Center; Tammy Lien, SpEd assistant at HES; Tracy Caudron, migrant ed assistant at rHS; Pam Hancock, ed assistant at RHS; Randy Barton, head softball coach at RHS; Karen Brace, Title I ed assistant at SBE;
D.	Termination: Tracie Mendoza, ELL ed assistant at IJSH and IES
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: Jeremy Wilson, head boys basketball at HJH; Jennifer Wilson, assistant boys basketball coach at HJH;
F.	Approved Attendance Variance: Sarah Patrick from Hermiston HS to Morrow Education Center
Ayes	Miles, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

#### **3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board**

- **Sports Congratulations:** Superintendent Burrows congratulated the HHS volleyball team for a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the state tournament, and reported that there was a nasty accident with a Heppner player resulting in multiple fractures of her leg. Mr. Burrows further reported that the HHS and RHS football teams were advancing in state playoff games.

**3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board (Continued)**

- **Enrollment:** It was reported that we are experiencing stable enrollment noting that we are up 22 kids from the beginning of the year and 9 up from where we were a year ago.
- **Building/District Happenings:** Reported on happenings in various buildings as noted in the principal reports and that staff have been working hard on curriculum and staff development. He also noted what the schools were doing with the Power Standards. Mr. Burrows said that on 11-21-08 a district-wide SIOP best practices inservice was held at Irrigon High with all district teachers attending and working collegially to get standards in place district-wide. It was very successful.
- **OAKS Testing:** Reported that the first OAKS testing window is finished and that principals had some things to celebrate across the board, noting that test scores are higher than at the same time last year.
- **Rural Health Summit:** On 10-29-08 the district hosted the Rural Health Summit. Representative Smith facilitated the meeting with about 20 in attendance and another 5-6 by teleconference. The topic was the new OEBB insurance that has been mandated and the price for prescriptions, noting that local pharmacies are losing money. Since then another meeting has occurred with progress being made and more desirable options for pharmacies.
- **School Funding:** Supt Burrows presented a Power Point on school funding, noting that the economic downturn will have the trickle-down effect on schools. The Board noted that they would like administration to begin looking at priorities in the event that the district needs to curtail spending. More information to come as numbers unfold.
- **GEAR-Up Program:** Asst principal of IJSH, Matthew Matz made a presentation on the GEAR-UP program and the \$38,500 competitive grant that their school was just awarded. This program focuses on the students who normally would not be considering college after graduation. The 6 year grant will target this year's 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

4. **Unfinished Business** – Appointment of Budget Committee Members – tabled until December.

5. **New Business**

**Cooperative Sponsorship for 2009-09 & 2009-10**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Nancy Vander Does the cooperative sponsorships for tennis, golf, softball and baseball were approved for two years between Ione High School and Heppner High School.
Ayes	Miles, Vander Does, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**New Business (Continued)**

**BBFA –Board Member Conflicts of Interest** – Rescind old policy

**BBFA – Board Member Conflicts of Interest** – Replace with new policy

**BBFB – Board Member Ethics & Nepotism** – New policy

The board accepted the above noted policies as a first reading.

**Announcements:** Chairman Miles read the announcements and discussion was held regarding scheduling a time for the superintendent’s evaluation. December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at 6:30 pm at Windy River Elementary was set.

Other discussion centered around timelines to begin bargaining with the licensed staff and board work sessions to discuss budget items. A board retreat was also discussed. Nancy Vander Does requested that the superintendent possibly write a letter of thanks to Molly Rhea for her professionalism during a tragic accident involving a HHS volleyball player.

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Bill Kuhn the regular meeting was recessed at 7:42 pm.
Ayes	Miles, Vander Does, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**Executive Session:** At 7:55 pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(f)(h) to discuss personnel and legal issues. At 8:20 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session, reconvened the regular meeting and took the following action to close.

Motion:	On a motion by Nancy Vander Does and a second by Bill Kuhn the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.
Ayes	Miles, Vander Does, Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

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Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

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