

Unofficial Minutes
Morrow County School District
Work Session
June 28th, 2005

These are minutes of a work session of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors held on June 28th, 2005 at the Windy River Elementary School staff room in Boardman, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Ken Matlack, Barney Lindsay, Berto Hernandez, Nancy Vander Does

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Pat McNamee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Wade Smith and principals.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ned Luthey

Call to Order

The work session was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Chairman, Craig Miles; and a quorum was established. The purpose of the work session was to discuss: the Value Engineered Adjustment to the PTE Building at Irrigon; the Heppner-Lexington CEC; and Elementary PE and property acquisition by Windwave.

Ned Luthey, from Sargeant Architects was present to explain the value engineered adjustment to the Irrigon PTE building. He noted that the original footprint has not been changed. Some things to help lower the cost of the building were: moving the building 27 feet to the east to be closer to the utilities; \$45,000 in landscape projects were removed; welding area was reduced. This building is comparable to what Hermiston and Pendleton currently have. Contracts will be signed on June 29th and construction will begin immediately with a 180 day completion target. The value engineered adjustment to the PTE building came in at \$915,000.

The dilemma with the Heppner CEC was presented with nobody running for any positions. Two people have been declared winners with a write-in vote -- James Cason and Patrick Struthers. Some board members were comfortable with this committee joining forces with the site councils at HES and HHS. The consensus of the board was to give this committee one more chance to become viable. Advertisement will be put into papers and posted around Heppner and Lexington to try to get candidates for appointment. A change in policy may be necessary to deal with this situation.

Superintendent Burrows brought up the topic of Elementary PE programs, indicating that he would be looking at 1.5 FTE to be split among ACH, IES and HES. He presented the following options: not add any staff; move ahead with elementary PE adding 1.5 FTE for IES, ACH and HES; continue to look at FFA at HHS; go ahead only for Irrigon and hold money for Heppner; ACH to use ed assistants and HES to use Adopt-A-Teacher funds. Since there was no consensus on the plan, this will be tabled to take under advisement at a later date.

Mr. Burrows presented a recommendation by Windwave to put up a building on our lot to the south of the district office in Lexington. This would be for a separation of assets and a backup for our servers. Negotiations are ongoing and once finalized the board will be updated as to the arrangement with Windwave.

Mr. Miles adjourned the work session at 7:05 p.m..

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck
Board Secretary

Craig Miles
Board Chairman

Date Approved: _____