

**Unofficial Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 13, 2020**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020, at Irrigon Elementary School and via Zoom in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Cole, Andy Fletcher, Mary Killion, Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Marcie Rodelo

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Barney Lindsay

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dirk Dirksen, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Cheryl Costello, Beth O’Hanlon, Aaron Gosiak, David Norton, John Christy, Matt Combe, Dieter Waite, Tracey Johnson, Kyle Aurdahl, Jill Ledbetter, Brandon Hammond, Ryan Keefauver, Rose Palmer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** as per roster

**Call to Order:**

Vice Chair Richard Cole called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at Irrigon Elementary (via Zoom). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. The graduation request from Liam Phillips was moved from New Business to the beginning of the agenda.

**Delegations:** MCEA – Charlene Baker; OSEA– None.

**Early Graduation Request:**

Liam Phillips made a request to graduate early with the Irrigon Jr/Sr High School Class of 2020. Liam has a plan in place and will have requirements complete to graduate with the Class of 2020.

**Liam Phillips – Early Graduation Request**

Motion: Andy Fletcher made a motion to approve the request from Liam to graduate with the Class of 2020. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Kindle, Killion, Kollman, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

**Consent Agenda**

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Andy Fletcher seconded the motion.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2020;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report, Employment Action including rehiring of classified/exempt/confidential staff for 2020/2021;
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: None
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: JG, JGD
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR’s: None

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

**Superintendent Report:**

- **Distance Education for All:** We transitioned from supplemental education to online learning today. Chromebooks have been given out to those who requested and we are in the process of setting up hotspots to help support internet.
- **Student Meals:** The governors request to feed students during the pandemic is important to us all. We began the first week with providing 962 breakfasts and lunches. Numbers have increased weekly and this past week we provided 9,169 meals for a total of over 15,000 meals in 4 weeks. We have started providing heat-n-serve meals for the weekend. We appreciate that everyone is jumping in to help – custodians, teachers, cooks, Midco Bus. Kim Putman has done a wonderful job organizing all of this.
- **Emergency Child Care:** The district stands ready to provide emergency childcare, should the need arise, for first responders and medical staff.
- **Mid-Columbia Bus Company:** The district has been able to maintain their contract with Midco Bus as they are providing delivery of supplemental materials, Chromebooks and meals to students on bus routes.
- **Graduation:** The state has adjusted graduation requirements to 24 credits to receive a diploma. Seniors passing all classes at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will receive credit. Overall, seniors are missing 2% of their education. Seniors still needing credits for graduation can continue to work with their teachers to complete credits. The Honors Diploma requirement will remain at 30 credits. Students on track at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with a pass still qualify. We are supporting this without need to change policy due to the current emergency situation.
- **Budget Meeting:** The Budget Committee Meeting in May will be held via Zoom. Due to COVID-19, we have frozen hiring for any new positions at this time. We will replace staff who leave but no new positions. At this time, we will not receive any SIA funding.
- **Bond:** DLR and the Wenaha Group will make a presentation to the Board at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Rec District:** The district is paying spring coaching contracts. They are working to support food service and are tutoring on Fridays. The Rec District is in support of this decision. If school is still closed in the fall, coaches will not receive a contract. If we open school in the fall, the Rec District will continue to lease facilities.
- **Wind Mill Funds:** There is still talk of funding coming our way in a couple of years. Plans for STEAM activities will need to be aligned with this funding.
- **Communication:** As things continue to change, we will continue with weekly communications to everyone. Oregon, Washington and California governors are working together to see when things might open back up.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Superintendent Evaluation** – Completion of the evaluation is postponed until the May Board meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Resolution #2019-20-11 – Unanticipated Revenue** – Unanticipated revenue for:
  - \$3,600.00 from the Howard & Beth Bryant foundation for the Heppner Elementary Chess Club for the state tournament.

**Resolution #2019-20-11 – Unanticipated Revenue**

Motion:	Becky Kindle made a motion to approve the resolution for unanticipated revenue. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Cole, Fletcher, Kindle, Killion, Kollman, Rodelo
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

- **Contracts Ratification** – The administrator and MCEA contracts for 2020/2021 were presented for approval.

**Contracts Ratification**

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve the administrator and MCEA contracts as presented. Andy Fletcher seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Kindle, Killion, Kollman, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

- **OSBA Summer Board Conference** – The conference is scheduled for July 10-12, 2020 in Bend.
- **Budget Committee** – We have a vacancy in position #2. Due to COVID-19 it will be difficult to replace the position at this time. Board members will contact the budget member associated with their position and encourage them to attend the budget meeting via Zoom.
- **Eastern Oregon University -Inspirational Teacher Certificate of Merit** – Madison Hynes, Ag teacher at Riverside Jr/Sr High School was awarded the certificate of merit. She was nominated by former student Joseph O’Brien. Congratulations to Ms. Hynes!

Vice Chairman Cole read the announcements:

- Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4-8, 2020
- Budget Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 6:00pm, Heppner Elementary
- Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 12, 2020, Heppner Elementary

Mr. Cole congratulated everyone, especially Mr. Dirksen, Mrs. Shimer and Mrs. Stocker, for their hard work during this time.

Vice Chairman Cole adjourned the meeting at 7:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

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Richard Cole, Board Vice Chair

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