

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2008

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of April 14th, 2008 held in the library at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Jacque Johnson, Daye Stone, Matt Combe, Chris Davis, Craig Bensen, Forrest McKinnis, John Sebastian, Joel Chavez, and Mark Jones.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – No representation; Patrons – No representation

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Assistant Superintendent, Phyllis Danielson announced that the Health textbooks were available for the board to look at. The health textbook adoption committee has narrowed down their selection – one publisher each for the elementary and middle schools and two publishers at the high school level.

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

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of regular meeting of March 10th; Executive Session minutes of March 10 th , 2008
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Forrest McKinnis from his position as head boys basketball coach at HHS;
D.	Employment: None at this time.
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: None at this time
F.	Approved attendance variance for McKenzie Byrd to attend Hermiston SD for the remainder of 2007-08
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

- **ADM Calculations:** Reported on how ADM is calculated based on when students are actually in attendance and how the students that leave for 4-6 weeks during the holiday season affect the school funding. This subject was brought up by MCSD to other area superintendents, who agree that this issue should be addressed at the state level. Kevin McCann from OSBA will be assisting the Umatilla-Morrow consortium of districts to begin dialog on whether or not something can be done to minimize the financial impact on the districts.
- **Teacher Mentor Program Grant:** Reported that assistant superintendent, Phyllis Danielson is working with other districts on a competitive grant for a teacher mentor program. This grant would provide funding for veteran teachers to work with new teachers and would include the cost of training and substitute teachers. The training will be a good tool for developing teachers in MCSD and other districts.

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- **Shared Folders for Staff:** Phyllis has been working with the technology department in the establishment of shared folders to be used by all district teachers. The folders are available on each teacher computer desktop, and would include things like lessons plans, presentations, forms, etc..
- **Writing Scores:** Reported that writing scores are up by 30% in the 10th grade over last year's scores. Over 80% average on all high school students. The reason for the improved scores is that good language and writing skills are being taught across the curriculum.
- **2012 Graduation Requirements:** High school principals will report at the May meeting on the 2012 graduation requirements, including essential skills requirements.
- **AP Course Offerings:** High school principals reported on AP classes now being offered and their plans for introducing additional offerings next year.
- **Going 'Green' at ACH:** Judy Brown, representing the Irrigon Community Education Committee was present to request that the board allow AC Houghton Elementary to pilot the use of biodegradable trays for the remainder of the school year. She will also look into commercial composting.

Motion:	Pat McNamee made a motion to allow AC Houghton Elementary School to pilot the use of biodegradable trays beginning the first of May through the end of the year. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

4. Unfinished Business - Approval of Miscellaneous Policies

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to adopt all policies and administrative regulations as presented with the exception of GBNA/JFCF-AR and GBNA/JFCFA that will be modified and presented for adoption next month. Dan Daltoso seconded the motion. <i>Policies & AR's adopted: JECBD – Homeless Students; JECBD-AR; IGBC – Title I Parental Involvement; IGBC-AR; GBNA/JFCF – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing; JFCEB – Personal Communication Devices; JFCEB-AR</i>
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. **New Business**

- **OSBA Legislative Policy Committee Representative**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Berto Hernandez, Barney Lindsay was recommended to serve on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **2008-09 School Calendar** – After discussion centered around surveying parents for calendar input, the following action was taken:

Motion	Barney Lindsay made a motion to adopt Calendar Option A for the 2008-09 school year. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Announcements

Chairman Miles read the announcements then recessed the meeting at 8:20pm. At 8:34pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(f)(h) to discuss personnel and legal issues. At 10:15pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session and immediately adjourned the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved:_____