

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, December 8, 2025

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, December 8, 2025, 6:00pm at Heppner Elementary School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosa Delgado, Mary Killion

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, Barbara Phillips, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Rose Palmer, Maria Ortega, Laura Winters, Ryan Gerry Sarah Christy, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Karen Shelton, Rachel Herron, Brandi Sweeney, Andrea Nelson

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hammond, Nathen Hammond, Daniel Wattenburger, Mike Gorman

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Richard Cole, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Public Comment: Brandon Hammond, Boardman City Manager, gave updates on current transportation/road projects, and the new Pickleball Courts. Mr. Hammond also stated that there were lots of improvements and projects that were going to be happening at the Boardman Marina Park.

Delegations:

MCEA: Andrea Nelson, President Elect

OSEA: None

Early Graduation Request: Nathen Hammond addressed the Board with his request to graduate at the end of Semester.

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve the Early Graduation Request of Nathen Hammond. Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Ashley Lindsay, Erin Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

Presentation – Heppner Elementary School - Student Council members presented to the Board. Highlights included: Heppner and why it is special, and activities the council members are involved in. Other opportunities for the members include being part of the Recess Committee and Kindness Committee.

Presentation – Morrow County Assessor, Mike Gorman, presented on additional bond revenues expected, and future tax rate scenarios for the Morrow County School Bond that was passed in May, 2025.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes – November 10, 2025
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action
6. First Reading of rescinded, new or Revised Policies – JFCG/JFCH/JFCI
7. Adoption of Rescinded, Revised or Rescinded AR's – JFCG-AR
8. Substitute Daily Rate - \$248.65

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Ashley Lindsay, Erin Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe

- **Good evening** - Our enrollment as of today is 2181, which is down 40 from the same time last school year. We are currently +22 (incoming vs outgoing) with our inter-district transfers to date. *(Note – historically, this time of year we see an enrollment decline/trend during the holiday season as many students travel outside of the area for the holidays and do not return until mid to late January.)
- **Financial Report** - Gabe has once again included a detailed financial report in the board packet. We continue to watch our expenditures with a needs vs wants mindset as we closely monitor forecasting reports and updates at the state and federal levels.
- **State School Budget Update** - *(Please note the IMESD Board Talking Points in your packets.)
- **UMCHS Property Update** – Dan Daltoso confirmed last month that he had received approval from their finance committee to proceed with finalizing the purchase/proposal of the Boardman Head Start property next to RJSH. It has been included for your approval under Unfinished Business in tonight’s agenda/packet.
- **Bond PM, BOC & DAC Update** – PM report from Scott Rogers/Wenaha is in the board packet. Thanks to Brandi for her continued facilitation efforts with the BOC (Bond Oversight Committee) & Community DAC’s (Design Advisory Committees) with a progress report update included along with the Maintenance/Facilities/Bond report in your board packet.
- **Winter athletics and extracurricular activities** have started, and I continue to enjoy making my rounds to the home contests/events around the district.
- **And finally**, I would like to once again acknowledge and thank you for your dedication, commitment and continued voluntary service to the students of MCSD and wish each of you a wonderful holiday season! I would also like to encourage everyone to attend and enjoy the various winter concerts and events across the district.

Executive Director of Human Resources Report - Mrs. Stocker

- Elementary PD, facilitated by building administration, was held on November 14th.
- Fall student data gave building admin information to work on their professional goals.
- In January the district will start looking at the 2026/27 school year.

Director of Educational Services Report - Mrs. Shimer:

- SIA Grant Approval - There have been no changes to the plan, although grant funds have been reduced. The Grant will require Board approval later in the agenda.

Sped Coordinator Report - Marissa Turner – No new updates at this time

MCSD Bond Report – Monthly report from the Wenaha group is in the Board Packet.

Old Business:

1. Umatilla Morrow Head Start, Boardman Property Purchase

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve the purchase of the Umatilla Morrow Head Start property located in Boardman on the RJSHS campus. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Ashley Lindsay, Erin Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

New Business:

1. Unanticipated Revenue – Resolution #2025-26-05

Motion: Erin Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-26-05 for Unanticipated Revenue. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Ashley Lindsay, Erin Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

2. ODE Student Success Act - SIA Grant Agreement

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the ODE Student Success Act – SIA Grant Agreement. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Ashley Lindsay, Erin Anderson

Motion passed unanimously

Chair Cole read the announcements:

- **No School – Winter Break – December 22, 2025 – January 2, 2026**
- **Board Work Session and Regular Meeting – Monday, January 12, 2026, North DO**

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Date

Richard Cole, Board Chair

Date