

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting September 8th, 2008

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of September 8th, 2008 held in the library at Heppner High School in Heppner, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Miles, Daniel Daltoso, Bill Kuhn, Berto Hernandez, Barney Lindsay and Pat McNamee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Vander Does

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Jacque Johnson, Daye Stone, Matthew Matz, Craig Bensen, John Sebastian, Joel Chavez, Mark Jones and Matt Combe.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Dieter Waite; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Carol Clupny; Patrons – Forest Service Reps

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the library at Heppner High School in Heppner, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to Agenda – Adopt the 2007-08 goals as the 2008-09 goals for the district; Create a K-12 accountability program

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

Motion:	On a motion by Daniel Daltoso and a second by Pat McNamee the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of regular meeting and executive session of August 11, 2008;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Robin Huxoll from her position as RHS head secretary; Cindy Velasquez, ELL educational assistant at RHS; Teresa Mounts, retiring from her position as ed assistant at SBE, effective January 1, 2009
D.	Employment/Promotion: Cheryl Costello from her position as department secretary to head secretary at RHS;
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: Josh Coiner, head football coach at HJH; Kyle Carpenter, assistant football coach at RJH; William Pullen, TAG coordinator at RHS; Jannie Allen and Pam Dowdy, TAG coordinators at HES (shared position)
F.	Approved Attendance Variances: From MCSD: Evan Poeling to Arlington SD; Tanner Bass to Oregon Virtual Academy; Frank Jauregui to Hermiston SD. To MCSD: Casey Larsen to ACH from Hermiston SD; Crissy Autry and Martin Duran from Umatilla;
G.	Approved leave without pay for the following people: Laurie Ellis & Jeff Whitbeck
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Daltoso, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

- **School Funding:** Superintendent Burrows reported on the recently released September economic forecast – the bad news is that through the end of the 2009 biennium, projections are down \$119 million with Oregon shadowing the national economy; the dollars that were promised though are still on track to be paid.
- **Enrollment 2008-09:** Reported on beginning numbers noting that currently there are 2242 students enrolled. MEC is up in numbers with 70 students being served. We will have firm numbers after the 10 day drops in the next few days.
- **2008-09 School Year Start-Up Activities:** Reported on a wonderful start to the new school year noting that teacher retainment is at an all time high; 20 SIOP teacher leaders joined administrators in August for a workshop and that next week 40 teachers will show up for Four Square writing skills; the district wide inservice was positive and upbeat; the district is currently implementing OEBS as well as converting over to a new software system for business and personnel.
- **Principal Reports:** Principal reports were given noting a summary of the AR program at ACH; Junior high accountability at RHS; Staff reading at HHS; new graduation requirements;
- **Fire & Fuels Camp Report:** Kristan Marshall, Dale Boyd and Kylee Doherty were in attendance to report on the Tupper Fire and Fuels Camp program. Sixteen students participated and 7 were actually hired by the USDA Forest Service. This partnership is a win-win for both our district students and the Forest Service.
- **National TSA Field Trip Report:** Two students were in attendance along with HHS technology teacher, Dave Fowler to report on the National Technology Conference recently held in Orlando, FL. They reported on everything from their plane trip to the Dragster Design Challenge, the Flight Challenge, Leadership activities, and of course, Disney World. The group thanked the board for the opportunity to attend.
- **OAKS Assessment:** Assistant superintendent, Phyllis Danielson presented a report on the OAKS (Oregon Assessment of Knowledge & Skills) Assessment for the district. She showed the two year comparison of the same students and the growth that they attained from one year to the next. Also, it was reported on how MCSD compared with other districts in the area – Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Stanfield, Umatilla and Echo. Morrow County ending achievement statistics were higher in all but one area.
- **Solid Waste Reduction Grant:** John Sebastian, reported on the Solid Waste Reduction grant that he has applied for through the DEQ to install a pulper at AC Houghton. He noted that the organic trays currently being used would be reduced by 80%, reducing what is sent to the landfills. More information will be forthcoming if the grant is received.

4. **Unfinished Business** – None at this time.

5. **New Business**

Policy GBDA – Mother Friendly Workplace: This new policy is required by law and was presented as a first reading.

OFLA/FMLA Administrative Regulation Updates:

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved and Pat McNamee seconded to adopt the required AR's as presented for the OFLA/FMLA leave.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

K-12 Accountability Program

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to empower the superintendent to appoint a K-12 Accountability Committee to deal with the new graduation requirement and the new 236 RIT score needed for graduation in 2012. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

2008-09 Board Goals

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved and Berto Hernandez seconded to re-adopt last year's goals for the 2008-09 Board Goals.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Announcements: *Chairman Miles read the announcements and added a reminder about the OSBA Fall Regional Meeting at BMCC at 6 pm on Monday, October 6th, 2008.*

Recess Regular Meeting

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved and Bill Kuhn seconded to recess the regular board meeting. <i>Time was 8:10 pm</i>
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Executive Session: At 8:15 pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(2)(f)(h) to discuss personnel and legal issues. At 8:30 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session, reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved and Bill Kuhn seconded to adjourn the regular board meeting. <i>Time was 8:15 pm</i>
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____