

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, February 9, 2026

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, February 9, 2026 6:00pm at Riverside Jr/Sr High School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

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, Rachel Herron, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Karen Shelton, Brandi Sweeney, Dave Fowler, Autumn Morgan, Charlene Baker

OTHERS PRESENT: Heppner Gazette – Andrea Di Salvo

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.

Review Agenda: No Additions or corrections were noted.

Public Comment: None

Delegations:

MCEA: Charlene Baker

OSEA: None

Presentations:

- **Mark Mulvihill – IMESD 2026-27 Local Service Plan** – Mr. Mulvihill presented a brief overview of the 2026-27 LSP highlighting the four core services, Special Education, Instructional Services, Technology and Administrative, as well as the State Contracts, and Contracted Services Program.
- **MCS D Partnership Recognition** – Superintendent Combe presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Stokoe of the Boardman Police Department, thanking him for the continued partnership with Morrow County School District.
- **Riverside Jr/Sr High School FFA Chapter** – Chapter members gave a recap of their trip to the 2025 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Highlights included visits to Ohio State University, Botanical Gardens and Quiet Harmony Ranch in Ohio, and Hunter’s Honey Farm, Ozark Fisheries, Risin’ Creek Goat Dairy, and Purdue University, in Indiana.
- **2024-25 MCS D Audit Report – Rob Tremper, Dickey and Tremper** - Mr. Tremper presented the MCS D annual financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
- **Travel Request – Heppner Jr/Sr High School** - National History Day, in partnership with Carpenters’ Hall, will host the Young People’s Continental Congress in Philadelphia from July 19–25, 2026, offering student–teacher teams a weeklong immersive experience in U.S. history, civics, and the nation’s founding ideals.
Motion: Erin Anderson made a motion to approve the HJSHS Travel Request, Becky Kindle seconded the motion.
AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay
Motion passed

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes – January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting, January 12, Executive Session.
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action
5. Continuation of Audit Services

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Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.
AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay
Motion passed

Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe

- **Partnership Acknowledgment/Recognition for our Law Enforcement Partners & SRO's** - A Certificate of appreciation was presented to the Boardman Police Department. Boardman PD - Chief Stokoe & Boardman Schools SRO - Thomas Way.
- **Enrollment** - Our enrollment as of today is 2175, which is down thirty-eight from the same time last school year. We are currently +22 (incoming vs outgoing) with our inter-district transfers to date.
- **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 both the state and federal levels. The latest economic forecast that was released last week was better than expected, so we are optimistically hopeful of going into our budget/forecasting portion of the school year.
- **UMCHS Property Update** – Should be closing later this week.
- **Graduation Rates** - A recent press release on our MCSD graduate rates, for the 5th consecutive year we were once again among the leaders of both our region and state with our 96+% graduation rates. Kudos to our MCSD staff for their continued hard work and diligence with ensuring that our MCSD students graduate on time!
- **Maintenance/Facilities Report** – Included in board packet.
- **Bond Progress Update** – Scott Rogers with Wenaha Group has provided an updated progress report in the board packet.
- **Winter athletic and extracurricular activities** – They are wrapping up and post season competitions will begin soon. I continue making my rounds to all three of our MCSD communities and enjoy watching our students compete in their athletic and extracurricular competitions/events.
- **And finally** - I would like to acknowledge and thank each of you for your dedication, commitment and continued voluntary service to the students and staff of MCSD!

Executive Director of Human Resources Report – Mrs. Stocker –

- Main focus has been the 2026-27 Calendar Options. Option A: Returning to Friday School after a Monday Holiday. Option B – No Fridays but extends the school year end date to June 17th.

Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer –

- The District is midway through Social Studies textbook adoption.
- Schools are gearing up for state testing. ELPA testing has been pushed back.
- The District was awarded an Early Literacy Grant.

Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner –

- Currently working with DART Coordinators for upcoming State testing and verifying student accommodations.
- Working on incoming Kindergartners for the 2026-27 school year.

MCSD Bond Report – Monthly report from the Wenaha group.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. Unanticipated Revenue: Resolution #2025-26-07

- \$444,341.58 to MCSD from Morrow Education Foundation
- **Motion:** Becky Kindle made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-26-07, unanticipated revenue, Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay
Motion passed

2. Resolution #2025-26-08 – IMESD 2026-27 Local Service Plan

Motion: Ashley Lindsay made a motion to approve the IMESD 2026-27 Local Service Plan, Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay
Motion passed

3. MCSD 2026-27 Calendar Options A & B

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Calendar Options, Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay
Motion passed

4. Adoption of 2025-26 Budget Calendar

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Budget Calendar, Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay
Motion passed

5. Budget Committee – The Board discussed the members of the current Budget Committee and any vacancies.

6. 2024-25 Financial Audit Report was acknowledged by the Board.

Chair Cole read the announcements:

- A. No School – Monday February 16, 2026 – President’s Day Holiday.
- B. Classified Appreciation Week – March 2-6, 2026
- C. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 9, 2026, Irrigon Elementary School

Chair Cole recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:07pm and convened the Executive Session at 7:10pm.

Chair Cole reconvened the Regular Meeting and adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Date

Brian Kollman, Board Vice Chair

Date