

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, November 14, 2022

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022, 7:00 pm held at Irrigon Elementary School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacob Cain, Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Brian Kollman, Rosa Delgado

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Vacant Position #6

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Barbara Phillips, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, John Christy, Jill Ledbetter, Jami Carbray, Steve Sheller, Kaira Rysdam, Stephanie Ewing, Ryan Gerry, Dieter Waite, Rose Palmer, Jason Dunten, Laura Browne Winters, Patrick Kerrigan.

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Becky Kindle called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Public Comment

None

Delegations:

MCEA – None

OSEA – None

Presentation – Irrigon Elementary School - Kelsie Riley, Counselor for Irrigon Elementary School, presented on Supporting Mental Health at IES. Mrs. Riley stated that Mental Health is how we think, feel, and act. In the 2022 Kids Count Data Book 73% of parents reported that their children would benefit from mental health counseling in 2022, a 68% increase. In Oregon there there's been a reported 40.0 % increase in children (age 3-17) who have experienced anxiety or depression (from 2016-2020). At Irrigon Elementary Mrs. Riley is there to support these student needs. An annual survey is completed by students to ensure their basic needs are being met. The School Counseling Services Intervention Plan is made up of 3 Tiers, including schoolwide curriculum, small group counseling, and individual short-term counseling. Mental Health Literacy focuses on teaching students to recognize how their brain works and what to do if they need mental health support. A great resource for strengthening mental health and well-being, for both adults and youth, is Oregon Classroom WISE.

Presentation – Irrigon Jr/Sr High School FFA – IJSHS FFA Chapter members Karen Cardenas (Secretary) and Klarisza Gomez (Vice President) gave a presentation on their recent experience at the National FFA Convention. The Irrigon Chapter appreciates the opportunity to attend this educational event. They were able to see and experience places they had never imagined they would see.

Some highlights of the trip:

- Speaker - Tamika Catchings – Faced adversity with both a hearing and speech impairment and went on to be 4-time Olympic Champion.
- Met many students from around the US and shared ideas amongst the different chapters.
- The Expo Center – It was mind blowing to the students how many different colleges were represented.
- FFA Rodeo – The rodeo was super fun and there was lots of new stuff and crazy tricks.
- Kentucky – The chapter was able to visit Sluggerville Museum, Corvette Museum, Muhamad Ali Museum, Kentucky Horse Park, Churchill downs, Women's Civil War Museum, Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace, and The Henry Clay Estate.
- Tennessee – Places visited were Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, and Downtown Nashville.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Richard Cole seconded the motion.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2022;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report, and Employment Action including rehiring of winter coaches;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: BBBA, EFA- Rescind, EFA, GCBDB/GDBDB-Rescind, GCBDB/GDBDB, IGBB, JEA;
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: CB, CPA, DBEA, IGAI, IGBHE, IGDJ, KBA;
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: CPA-AR, KBA-AR;

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Kollman,
Noes:
Motion Passed

Superintendent Report

- Schools continue to be running smooth and our enrollment and attendance percentages remain strong. Reminder that there will be a STEAM Friday November 14, 2022.
- Inclement Weather information has been reviewed with our Administrative Team and has been posted on our websites.
- OSBA Conference was in person this year and Mr. Combe enjoyed attending along with Barbara, Becky, Jacob, Mary, and Rosie. Mr. Combe stated the best part of the conference for him was the collaboration and networking with our Board Members and other Superintendents and Board Members from our local region. The regional round table breakout session was a refreshing reminder of the good work we have done over the past 2 1/2 years and a good reminder of the forward progress and momentum we are experiencing with school climate this year as we are nearing the holiday season.
- Mr. Combe once again thanked the building administrators and all MCSD staff for their hard work and focused efforts with student learning this school year.
- We are transitioning from Fall to Winter Sports and congratulations to the Fall Sports teams that advanced to the state playoffs. Riverside Boys Soccer made it to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs, Riverside girls Soccer made it to the first round of the state playoffs, Heppner girls Volleyball made it to the first round of the state playoffs, Heppner boys & girls cross country teams advanced to the state meet, where the boys team placed third overall and the girls team finished ninth. State Champion, Trevor Nichols placed 1st in the boys 1A/2A race, followed by teammate Grady Greenwood who placed 2nd. The Heppner football team has advanced to the semifinals and will play Oakland this coming Saturday at 2:15pm in Hillsboro.
- The first semester is flying by with the holidays rapidly approaching. The end of the first semester is January 12, 2023.

Executive Director of Human Resources Report

- **HIRING / STAFFING UPDATE** – Principals have worked really hard to not only staff their building so that students are served, but are helping to add substitutes so there is support when staff are absent. Heppner Community has 1 Ed. Assistant position open at each school. Irrigon Community has 1 Ed. Assistant position at IJSHS and 2 coaching positions open. Boardman Community has 5 coaching positions available. There is 1 Facilities position intended to be shared between Boardman & Irrigon still open.
- **TEACHER LICENSURE UPDATE** – One new teacher's license and all Conditional Assignment Licenses are in progress.
- **EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY partnership** – Mrs. Stocker co-presented at the OSBA Conference on November 11th. The topic was how MCSD collaborates with EOU to ensure that our students are getting access to a resource they typically wouldn't get if it weren't for the partnership we have created. Approximately 20 people attended the session and had some really good questions. Other districts were intrigued with the discussion about the PD plan that Mrs. Stocker and the elementary principals are working on for next year.
- **COSA LAW CONFERENCE** – Mr. Combe and Mrs. Stocker will be attending in December.
- **CELEBRATIONS** – Mrs. Stocker is hoping to attend Winter concerts at our Elementary Schools.

Director of Educational Services Report

- SIS (Student Information Systems) – We have started working with the vendor to develop timelines and next steps in the process.
- State Reporting – 1st period ADM has been submitted and we are currently working on validating graduation rate data.
- Community Engagement – This will be an ongoing and layered process utilizing surveys, focus groups, and listening sessions. Currently there is a Fall survey out to all parents and there will be a transportation, and school calendar survey coming out soon.
- TAG (Talented and Gifted) – Currently updating our process for TAG identification following recent ODE rule changes.

Special Education Coordinator Report

- State Reporting – We have been working on getting all new reporting requirements out to staff and continue to clean up data as we prepare for state reporting.
- De-escalation Trainings – 4 trainings have been held this school year.

Unfinished Business

Board Superintendent Transition Training Program – The second session will most probably occur in January. The months of November and December proved difficult to coordinate a date that worked for both OSBA and the Board

New Business

- **Resolution 2022-23-07 – Unanticipated Revenue –**
 - \$6,000.00 from Riverside FFA Advisory Committee for the HJSHS FFA Washington Leadership Conference.
 - \$15,000.00 from the Howard and Beth Bryant Foundation for the HJSHS ASB Fund.
 - \$2,000.00 from the Kilkenny Foundation for HES Coats for students.
 - \$20,000.00 from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation for the IJSHS Track project.
 - \$4,500.34 from Lamb Weston for A.C. Houghton’s book vending machine.

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-23-07 for unanticipated revenue. Jacob Cain seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Kollman,

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **Adult Meal Prices – Resolution #2022-23-08**

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-23-08 increasing adult meal prices to align with USDA requirements. Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Kollman,

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **OSBA Elections –Resolution to adopt OSBA Legislative Priorities and Principles Resolution**

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion that the board vote yes to adopt the OSBA Legislative Priorities and Principles Resolution. Jacob Cain seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Kollman,

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **Board Vacancy – Position #6**

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to proceed with filling the vacant School Board position #6 as per policy. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Kollman

Noes:

Motion Passed

Chair Kindle read the announcements:

- STEAM Friday – November 18, 2022
- No School – November 23-25, 2022
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, December 12, 2022 – Sam Boardman Elementary

Chair Kindle adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Becky Kindle, Board Chair

Date Approved: _____