

# Unofficial Minutes

## Board of Directors Meeting

### November 10, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, November 10, 2014 held in the Library at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thad Killingbeck, Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Mark Pratt, Brian Kollman, Rhonda Hamby

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Becky Kindle

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Cheryl Costello, Beth O'Hanlon, Tina Joyce, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Brandon Hammond, Craig Bensen, Joel Chavez, Matt Matz

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

as per roster

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**Call to Order:**

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order in the Library at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School at 7:00 pm. The Irrigon Jr/Sr High School band played the National Anthem and a quorum was established. There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

**Business Manager:** Mr. Dirksen introduced Beth O'Hanlon with IMESD as the Business Manager replacing Andy Fletcher. Beth explained the role she and IMESD will play in taking over the duties that Andy performed. Bill Kuhn asked for a little more explanation as to those duties. Beth explained that they will conduct just the fiscal services and work with the auditors (Oster Group). Andy will continue to work for the district as a consultant, filling the gaps and merging the two positions together. This is an interim position. Beth and IMESD will assist with the transition when we hire a Business Manager. Beth will attend all board meetings.

**Delegations:** MCEA – Paul Keefer; OSEA – None.

**Presentation:** Jeff Searles gave a Power Point presentation about his Computer Hardware class at IJSHS.

Mr. Searles explained to the audience that this class is a hands on learning class. Students are creating network cables, learning to assemble a computer, set-up a secure network as well as install operating systems. Luke Meyers, who is a student in Mr. Searles class, reported on his experience in the class. Luke enjoys the class and appreciates Mr. Searles, even when he makes things difficult, such as disabling systems and asking the class to figure it out.

Mr. Searles reported that the class is working on a computer graphics render farm, and are also involved with Folding@home Distributed Computing. There are approximately 70-75 students in grades 9-12 currently enrolled in his Computer classes. At the end of last year Mr. Searles ordered some basic repair kits to use in the class (switches, wireless routers, etc.) to simulate real world computer issues. The class has been using recycled computers for students to work with. Mr. Searles sent out an e-mail to Irrigon schools requesting any broken or unused computers for use in his class. Mr. Kuhn asked if there have been any scheduling issues as far as students being able to get into this class. Mr. Searles reported the prerequisite to getting into this class was taking a basic computer class from him. There was one student who was unable to get into the class due to a schedule conflict.

## 2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn, and a second by Mark Pratt, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2014;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report and Employment Action for November 2014
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: EBB; EEA; EFA; EFAA; IIBGA; JHCD; JHCDA
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: None
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: None
- F. FMLA Leave – Deb Sherman

Ayes: Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Hamby

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

Mr. Kuhn asked if the district has trained staff in all building to administer medications. Each building has someone trained. Rebecca Adams and Molly Sims with IMESD conduct trainings.

## 3. Reports & Presentations

**Enrollment:** Mr. Dirksen is happy to report that enrollment continues to be up across the district approximately 90 students from this time last year.

**Newsletter:** The district newsletter is being finalized and will be out in late November. Topics will include Early Childhood Development; Common Core; School community relations survey; and the Bank of Eastern Oregon Debit Card program.

**BMCC Bond Levy:** BMCC is moving forward with their bond levy with emphasis on maintaining present structures and safety. Workforce training is also high on their priority list which is of great interest to MCSD.

**School Report Cards:** The State has released the School Report Card. This year Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School have attained a Level 4 rating. A.C. Houghton, Windy River Elementary, Irrigon Junior/Senior High, Riverside Junior/Senior High, and Sam Boardman Elementary achieved level 3 rating, while Irrigon Elementary School obtained a level 2 rating and is improving. Stay tuned to see what changes take place with the move to Smarter Balance testing. We do not expect any major change.

**Instructional Time:** The State of Oregon is looking at increasing instructional hours. Mr. Dirksen completed a survey today with COSA regarding instructional hours we currently have. Where is this coming from? That is a good question; Mr. Dirksen believes it is driven by legislators and educators. The state currently requires 990 hours for grades 9-12; 900 hours for grades 4-8; 810 hours for grades 1-3; and 405 hours for kindergarten. The state proposal for increased hours is 966 hours for grade 12; 990 hours for grades 9-11; and 900 hours for grades K-8. MCSD is already meeting the new requirements with 1040 hours for grades 9-12; and 1025 hours for grades K-8. If there is an increase in hours, this will not impact in-service time. This will most likely be phased in over 3 years. We will learn more about this at the OSBA Convention.

**Inclement Weather:** We are prepared for inclement weather. Inclement weather notifications will be on the district website and Facebook, all school websites, School Messenger, Mobile app and social media.

**Maintenance:** We have interviewed 3 companies to be our ESCO provider. The company we choose will complete paperwork and help us to organize to save money. We are in the process of making a selection. Once the selection is made, we will put out a plan. DLR Group is working on our ten year plan. There will be a kick-off meeting in November with all stakeholders. Phase I will be fact finding; Phase II will be a final draft of what the findings are from community meetings. There will be more meetings after Phase II to finalize the process with finalization to take place in November 2015. Andy will remain on board with this process and a large part of the process.

#### **Administrative Reports**

Chairman Killingbeck expressed his gratitude to all principals for going above and beyond to help kids learn math. Mr. Kuhn appreciates their efforts and would like to hear more about the Port Technology Grants. It is nice that MCSD is ahead of the game.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**OSBA Convention:** Weather permitting, the OSBA Convention is this week Friday-Sunday in Portland. The weather is not looking good, stay tuned for information on cancellation. If you choose not to go, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Phone Extensions:** We are still having issues with phone extensions in the district office. Call the office in Heppner and they will transfer you. We are working to get these issues resolved.

#### **New Business**

**OSBA Resolution 2014-15-2** – Resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to allow appointment of OSBA Board and Legislative Policy Committee members from a contiguous region if certain conditions are met. Bill Kuhn feels they should recruit if they cannot fill a position. There was not talk of this at the OSBA Regional Meeting. The board would like to table this.

#### **OSBA Resolution 2014-15-2**

Motion:	Barney Lindsay made a motion to table OSBA Resolution 2014-15-2 until further information can be obtained. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

**OSBA Resolution 2014-15-3** – Resolution to amend the OSBA Constitution to modify the process for the adoption of OSBA's Legislative Policies.

#### **OSBA Resolution 2014-15-3**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve OSBA Resolution 2014-15-3. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

**OSBA Resolution 2014-15-4** – Resolution to adopt the 2015 OSBA Legislative Priorities and Policies as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee.

**OSBA Resolution 2014-15-4**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve OSBA Resolution 2014-15-4. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Pratt, Kuhn, Kollman, Lindsay, Hamby
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements:

Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11, 2014
OSBA 68 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – Portland	November 13-16, 2014
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26-28, 2014
Next Board Meeting – Heppner Jr/Sr High School	December 8, 2014

Chairman Thad Killingbeck recessed the regular meeting at 7:53 pm.

At 8:06 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Legal

At 8:26 pm, the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened.

The board asked about what schools are doing in regard to school safety. Mr. Dirksen explained that schools are using Positive Action, a reporting system through SafeSchools Alert and Positive Behavior Intervention Support. He also explained that we have the following support: 1 counselor at SBE and WR; 1 counselor at ACH, IES and HJSHS; a career counselor at RJSHS - 2 days and 2 days at IJSHS and Community Counseling Services support at RJSHS - 2 days and 2 days at IJSHS; ½ time Community Counseling Services support at HES and HJSHS. Hiring new staff is something that has to go through the budgeting system.

At 8:30 pm, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

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Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_