

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, January 12, 2026

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, January 12, 2026 6:03pm at North District Office/Zoom.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Kollman

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, Cynthia Hodgdon, Dave Fowler, Autumn Morgan, Charlene Baker

OTHERS PRESENT: Heppner Gazette – Andrea Di Salvo, Griffen Beach

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Richard Cole, called the meeting to order at 6:03 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: Cynthia Hodgdon

OSEA: None

Presentation: Midco Bus Company, Marlene Newlun, presented each of the Board members a token of appreciation of for their service on the Board.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes – December 8, 2025
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action
5. Adoption of Rescinded, new or Revised Policies – JFCG/JFCH/JFCI

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ashley Lindsay/Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, 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 was presented to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, recognizing the important partnership the District shares.
- **Enrollment** - Our end of December 2025 enrollment was 2140, which was down about 80 from the same time last school year. We are still currently +22 (incoming vs outgoing) with our inter-district transfers to date. *(Historical Note – that this time of year we see an enrollment decline/trend during the holiday season as many of our 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 both the state and federal levels.
- **UMCHS Property Update** – Moving forward with the purchase process as was reported last month.

- **Maintenance/Facilities Report** – Included in board packet. *Note - Pillar Consulting Group's recent annual inspection of IJSH* – it appears that the condition of the damaged elements has not changed materially. We noted no damage to additional elements.
- **Bond Progress Update** – Project Manager - Scott Rogers with Wenaha Group has provided an updated progress report in the board packet, which includes the CM/GC (Construction Manager/General Contractor) recommendation from the selection committee for your approval under “New Business” this evening under agenda item #7-B.
- **Winter athletics and extracurricular activities** – Pre-season competitions have concluded and League play has started, as we venture into 2026.
- **Finally**, I would like to once again acknowledge and thank you for your dedication, commitment and continued voluntary service to the students of MCSD!

Executive Director of Human Resources Report – Mrs. Stocker –

- A few HR items were finalized over the break, as well as worked on finalizing the 2026/27 calendar options.

Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer – No report this month

Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner - No report this month

MCSD Bond Report – Monthly report from the Wenaha group.

New Business

1. Unanticipated Revenue: Resolution #2025-26-06

- \$3,000.00 from Lamb Weston to WRE for books
- \$3,000.00 from Lamb Weston to ACH for books
- \$231.00 from Sam Board Elementary

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-26-06, unanticipated revenue, Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

3. Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Recommendation:

Motion: Erin Anderson made a motion to accept the Evaluation Committee’s Recommendation of Award for Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Irrigon Junior/Senior High School Replacement and District Wide Safety and Security Upgrades to Fowler General Construction and to authorize Superintendent Matt Combe to proceed with contract negotiations. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

AYES: Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

Chair Cole read the announcements:

- End of 2nd Quarter – January 15, 2026
- No School – January 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Day
- Next Regular Board Meeting – February 9, 2026 at Riverside Jr/Sr high School

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary Date _____

Richard Cole, Board Chair Date _____