

## Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, October 13, 2025

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, October 13, 2025, 6:00pm held at Windy River Elementary/Zoom.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard Cole

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, Barbara Phillips, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Maria Ortega, Laura Winters, Ryan Gerry, Jami Carbray, Sarah Christy, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Karen Shelton, Rachel Herron, Brandi Sweeney, Cynthia Hodgdon

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Heppner Gazette

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### **Call to Order:**

Board Vice Chair, Brian Kollman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Delegations:**

MCEA: Cynthia Hodgdon

OSEA: None

**Presentation:** Windy River Elementary students gave a PowerPoint presentation on “What they are proud of, and what they are looking forward to in the 25/26 school year”. Highlighted parent involvement events include The Living Wax Museum, Parent Paint Night and Art Show. WRE students are also proud of the Field Trips, Wise Wolf Awards, and Math Facts Championship Wall.

**Travel Request Riverside Jr/Sr High School** – RJSHS FFA Chapter requested permission to attend the National Convention October 29 – November 1, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Motion:** Erin Anderson made a motion to approve the RJSHS FFA travel request to attend the National Convention October 29 – November 1, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

**Motion passed**

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approve Minutes – September 8, 2025
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action
5. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: DBEA, JHCA, JOA
6. Adoption of Rescinded, new or Revised Policies – JFCEB, JFCEB (Rescind)
7. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's – IGBAB/JO-AR, JO/IGBAB-AR, JFCEB-AR, JFCEB-AR(Rescind)

**Motion:** Mary Killion made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

**Motion passed**

### **Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe**

- **Good evening** - It is hard to believe, but the first quarter of the 2025-26 school year will be wrapping up soon. Our enrollment as of today is 2187, which is down from the same time last school year.

- **Financial Report** - Gabe has included the financial report in your board packet. With all the speculation and uncertainties revolving around the Government Shutdown related to funding at both the state and federal levels, we continue to closely monitor our expenditures with a needs vs wants mindset as we continue to monitor forecasting at the state and federal levels.
- **Safety Process Reminder** – We value the partnerships with our local law enforcement agency partners for our safety related planning processes including communication plans/strategies concerning safety related issues. We continue to use the “I Love You Guys” Foundation and the SRP (Standard Response Protocol) process for planned drills and emergency related planning.  
**UMCHS Property Update** - We have reached a verbal agreement with Dan Daltoso on the Boardman Head Start property next to RJSH and are awaiting a final approval from their finance committee to proceed with finalizing the purchase.
- Ashley, Erin, Mary, Rosa, Barbara & I attended the recent **Oregon School Boards Association** - Fall Regional Legislative Roadshow Meeting, which was held last Monday on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Wildhorse. We enjoyed a nice dinner/presentation, and it was a good collaboration/networking opportunity with other school board representatives from our local region. Reminder about upcoming OSBA Fall Conference in Portland.
- **Bond PM & BOC Update** – PM report from Scott Rogers/Weneha is in the board packet and you have a copy in front of you as well. Reminder that you will be voting to approve the hiring of the architectural firm SAJ under New Business this evening. Thanks to our interview/selection committee for their extra efforts with this process.
- **Fall Sports & Extracurricular Activities** - I have enjoyed making my rounds to the different contests and events across the district and look forward to more upcoming contests as the season progresses towards playoffs and post season competitions in the coming weeks.
- **STAR Initiative Reminder** – Reminder that the OSAA-STAR program focuses on **Safety, Tolerance, Acceptance, and Respect** within high school sports and activities. All three of our secondary schools are participating with this initiative to help improve our MCSD contest/game environments for all involved, including spectators with educational efforts geared towards our spectator behavioral expectations at MCSD events.
- **Bond Oversight Committee** – This committee is almost finalized and first meeting dates have been set.

#### **Executive Director of Human Resources Report – Mrs. Stocker**

- Elementary Professional Development - The theme this year is PD with the use of Principal Walks, being out in classrooms in other elementary buildings. Three to four principal colleagues will go to other schools once per month. Principals have completed one round through 3 different schools.
- Human Resources - Administrators have been interviewing potential licensed and classified substitutes.

#### **Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer**

- Audits – ODE conducted a food service audit focusing on ACH and IJSHS. The schools and cooks did an amazing job overall and there were no significant findings. Elementary schools will be introducing new menus in January. Auditors from Dickey and Tremper were also in the DO conducting their annual MCSD Audit.
- Division 22 Annual Report – Dr. Marie Shimer presented on the MCSD 2024-25 Annual Division 22 Report, highlighting the districts’ rigorous diploma requirements, TAG program processes and programs, and partnerships with Counselors, Nurses, and SRO’s. The district does a really good job making sure we are in compliance in all areas.

**Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner** - Sped departments are busy supporting students and holding meetings.

**MCSD Bond Report** – Monthly report from the Wenaha group.

#### **New Business**

**1. MCSD 2024-25 Annual Division 22 Report:** The report was presented by Dr. Marie Shimer in her report.

**Motion:** Mary Killion made a motion to approve the MCSD 2024-25 Annual Division 22 Report as presented by Dr. Marie Shimer. Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

**Motion passed**

### 3. MCSD RFP for Architectural and Engineering Services:

**Motion:** Ashley Lindsay made a motion to accept the Evaluation Committee's Recommendation of Award to SAJ Architecture and to authorize Superintendent Matt Combe to proceed with contract negotiations. Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

**Motion passed**

#### Vice Chair Kollman read the announcements:

- End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – October 23, 2025
- Special Board Meeting – October 27, 2025 via Zoom
- OSBA Annual Fall Convention – November 6-8, 2025 – Portland Marriott
- Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, November 10, 2025 – Irrigon Jr/Sr High School
- Veteran's Day – November 11, 2025

Vice Chair Kollman adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

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Richard Cole, Board Chair

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