

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting, November 8, 2021

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021, 7:00 pm held via Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacob Cain, Richard Cole, Kalie Davis, Mary Killion, Becky Kindler, Brian Kollman, Barney Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dirk Dirksen, Cheryl Costello, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Jody Deardorff, Beth O’Hanlon, Marissa Turner, John Christy, Jill Ledbetter, Jami Carbray, David Norton, Steve Sheller, Kaira Rysdam, Stephanie Ewing, Ryan Keefauver, Rose Palmer, Dieter Waite

OTHERS PRESENT:

as per roster

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Becky Kindler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Delegations:

MCEA – None; OSEA – None

Presentation

Kelsie Riley, Counselor at Irrigon Elementary – Kelsie presented information to the Board about what social and emotional student needs she is seeing the most this year. 71% of parents polled say the pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of at least one of their children. At IES, 90 students have been referred to school counseling so far this year. Students are being supported by: providing a safe and supportive environment for every student; providing whole school SEL support (Conscious Discipline, Positive Action); classroom lessons covering essential SEL skills; small groups focused on skill building; short-term individual counseling services; referring to outside support when needed.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session minutes of October 11, 2021;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report and Employment Action including rehiring winter coaches;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: AC, BBAA, BD/BDA, BDDH, CM, GBA, GBEA, GBNA/JHFF, GBNA/JHFE, IA, IB, IGBHA, IGBI, IIA, IJ, IL, JB, JBB, JECB, JFC, JFCF, JFCJ, JHFE/GBNAB, JHFF/GBNA
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: ECACB
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR’s: None
- F. Additional Athletic Programs

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindler, Kollman, Lindsay
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

Superintendent Report

- **Mental Health Support** – Mr. Dirksen provided an update on mental health supports provided in all schools. Academic success/progress, change in student behavior and student attendance are some of the areas of focus we spend a lot of time monitoring, doing our best to make sure no one falls through the cracks. We now have fulltime counselors and support from Community Counseling at all levels.

- **COVID**

Quarantine Time – There is discussion about a possible program for testing students to remain in school rather than have to quarantine (test the 1st, 5th and 10th day). There is interest in this program among superintendents across the state. The governor is in contact with President Biden’s office to try and obtain approval for this (no timeline).

Vaccine – The vaccine is approved for 5-11-year old. At this time, it is not being discussed as an emergency mandate.

- **Student Activities** – It is nice to see normal activities happening this year. Teams are participating in athletics playoffs, basketball and wrestling are getting ready to start. Last year, things were shut down and kids did not have a normal year.
- **STEM Classroom** – The STEM classroom will have a soft start up the week of November 15th with 3rd grade participating in STEM activities. There will be a formal ribbon cutting December 2nd 4-6m at the SAGE Center. All Board members are invited to attend. Mr. Dirksen thanked the Board for their support of this classroom.

Unfinished Business

- **OSBA Elections – Board Member Position #2 Gorge Region**

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Motion:	Kalie Davis made a motion for the Board to cast their vote for Jacob Cain to serve on the OSBA Board of Directors in Position #2 Gorge Region. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay
Noes:	
Abstained:	Cain
Motion Passed	

- **OSBA Elections – Legislative Policy Committee Position Gorge Region**

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Motion:	Richard Cole made a motion for the Board to cast their vote for Judy Richardson to serve on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee in Position #2 Gorge Region. Mary Killion seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Cain, Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

- **Budget Committee** – Kalie Davis has secured Loren Dieter to serve on the budget committee in position #7.

Budget Committee

Motion:	Mary Killion made a motion to approve Loren Dieter to serve on the budget committee in position #7 for a three-year term. Richard Cole seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Cain, Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

- **Superintendent Search – OSBA Proposal** – OSBA presented a proposal to the Board during a work session for their services as the district searches for a replacement for Mr. Dirksen due to his retirement at the end of June 2022.

OSBA Proposal – Superintendent Search

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion for the Board to approve the proposed contract with OSBA utilizing their services as the district searches for a new superintendent. Richard Cole seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **Bond Update** – Mr. Dirksen updated the Board on where the district is related to the bond. We will be conducting a survey and meeting with the committee in upcoming months to discuss next steps.
- **Staffing Update** – In the last 3 months, the district has had 16 resignations and 3 staff made the decision not to work under the guidelines related to COVID.
- **Representative Greg Smith** – Representative Smith was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Dirksen is in constant contact with Mr. Smith advocating for local control along with others with the same goal.

New Business

- **Resolution #2021-22-06 – Unanticipated Revenue**
 - \$3,447.00 from Boardman Community Development Association to RJSHS for E-Sports electrical work.
 - \$150,000.00 from Boardman Community Development Association to SBE for their gym floor.
 - \$1,700.00 from Tillamook to WRE for school supplies.
 - \$3,500.00 from Lamb Weston to ACH for their World Kindness Day.

Resolution #2021-22-06 – Unanticipated Revenue

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the resolution for unanticipated revenue. Barney Lindsay seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship** – Arlington and Riverside Jr/Sr High School are requesting permission to enter into a cooperative sponsorship for boys wrestling for the 2021/22 school year.

OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve the cooperative sponsorship between Arlington and Riverside Jr/Sr High School for boys wrestling for the 2021/22 school year. Kalie Davis seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **School Board Members Visiting Schools** – Kalie Davis is requesting to visit schools throughout the district.

School Board Members Visiting Schools

Motion: Barney Lindsay made a motion to approve the request to visit schools throughout the district. Richard Cole seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Davis, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **December/January Board Meetings** – After discussion about changing the December and January Board meetings to strictly Zoom in case of inclement weather, the Board choose to take no action and leave the meetings as scheduled (in-person).

Chair Kindle read the announcements:

- Veteran’s Day Observed – Friday, November 12, 2021
- STEAM Friday – November 19, 2021
- No School – November 24-26, 2021 – Thanksgiving Break
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, December 13, 2021 – Heppner

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

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Becky Kindle, Board Chair

Date Approved: _____