

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2006

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of January 16, 2006, held in the library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Matlack, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Nancy Vander Does, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Berto Hernandez

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, John Sebastian, Dirk Dirksen, Ron Anthony, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Thad Killingbeck, Jack Thompson, Joel Chavez, Jack Johns, Matt Combe and Phyllis Danielson.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Dave Fowler; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Mike Palmblad; Public – Roster; Patrons - FFA

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the District Office board room in Lexington, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda – Addition to Employment Action in Consent Agenda: Resignations – William Coltrin, from his VoAg teaching position at IHS; James Keyes, from his 6th grade position at IES; Bobby Rice, from his music position at HES/HHS. Employment – Melissa Coiner, SpEd at HES for the 2006-07 school year. New Business – Reduction in Force of 1.0 FTE at RHS.

Public Forum Several patrons were in attendance to speak to the issue of reinstating VoAg/FFA at Heppner High School. *The list of those speaking on this topic is attached to the official minutes on file at the District Office.*

3.0 Consent Agenda After clarification on the list of licensed personnel recommended for re-hire the following action was taken:

Motion:	On a motion by Ken Matlack and a second by Pat McNamee, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended with modifications noted above:
A	Approve minutes of February 13, 2006 Regular Meeting; February 13, 2006 Executive Session;
B	Approve Financial Report
C	Resignations: Sara Burroughs, from her position as a SpEd 1 on 1 assistant at IHS; Jake Lemmon, health teacher at RHS; Gigi Lemmon, 4 th grade teacher at SBE; Britnie Winters, 6 th grade teacher at WRE; <i>William Coltrin, VoAg teacher at IHS; James Keyes, 6th grade teacher at IES; Bobby Rice, music teacher at Heppner Schools.</i>
D	Employment: <i>Melissa Coiner, SpEd teacher at HES for the 2006-07 school year.</i>
E	Extra Duty Contracts: Michelle Kinley, head track coach at IJH.
F	Approved 2006-07 employment action for licensed staff, as presented.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

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4.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

- 1. Bridges Project:** Superintendent Burrows reported that all three of the community meetings have now been completed for the Bridges project. He reported that each community had consensus on what the district was doing well: 1) We are spending money well; and 2) have superior technology. Things that the district needs to work on: 1) Getting VoAg programs going again; 2) Retention of staff; 3) Community relations. All communities felt the same about the specialization of the high schools.
- 2. Superintendent's Advisory Councils:** Mr. Burrows reported that some of the academic concerns for the district are: writing; the middle year achievement gap; and math at the secondary level. To address these issues, he has formed 3 advisory councils to work with him to see what can be done to get more students to benchmark levels.
- 3. Classified Employees Week:** Reported that Classified Employees Week was March 6th through the 10th. Superintendent Burrows delivered donuts to all schools and thanked the classified staff for a job well done.
- 4. Test Scores:** Superintendent Burrows reported that test scores had just come in, and that the writing scores were up in all district schools, including the Morrow Education Center. A.C. Houghton reports a huge 27% increase over last year's writing scores.
- 5. ELL Audit by ODE:** Reported that the audit of the ELL program by ODE was good, but also noted that the district thought that we had until the fall to implement changes to the program to address direct instruction at the middle level. That is apparently not the case – it is a 30 day implementation. The entire ELL department has been working very hard to come into compliance.
- 6. 2005-06 Testing:** Reported that the district is now in the 2nd round of testing, and that right now students have surpassed where they were last year at every grade level and in every subject.

Unfinished Business

- 5. Misc Policies – 1st Reading:** Following a work session held earlier in the evening regarding miscellaneous policies, the board accepted the following policies (with modification) as a 1st reading: the diploma and graduation requirement policies for the Basic, Standard, Honors and MEC diplomas; the updates to the Personnel policies; and the new SpEd policies.

Adoption of the 2006-07 School Calendar: Following recommendation of the administration to adopt Calendar Option D, which featured a post-Labor Day start, the board went with the desire of the staff to adopt Calendar Option C. Administration wanted to have more time in August for various in-services and trainings for staff.

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Pat McNamee, Option C was approved as the 2006-07 School Calendar.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does
Noes	Kuhn
Motion passed	

2nd Reading/Adoption of the District Wellness Policy

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to accept as a 2 nd reading and adopt Policy EFA & EFA-AR – Wellness Program for MCSD. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion:
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. **Unfinished Business (Continued)**

Reinstatement of VoAg/FFA Program at HHS: After hearing from several patrons regarding the reinstatement of Vo/Ag at Heppner High School, the following action was taken:

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Ken Matlack, the VoAg/FFA program will be reinstated to Heppner High School beginning in 2006-07 with the understanding that Daye Stone will facilitate the implementation of the program.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Revision to BCE-AR – Community Education Committees:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to accept the revision to BCE-AR allowing for three joint meetings instead of just one for the Community Education Committees. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion:
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

6. **New Business**

A. Fine Arts Textbook & Curriculum Adoption: Assistant Superintendent, Wade Smith presented the Fine Arts Textbook & Curriculum Adoption as a 1st Reading. The materials were made available to the board and patrons and will remain on display at the DO until final adoption.

B. Reduction in Force:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to reduce 1.0 FTE in the technology department at Riverside High School in order to come into compliance with staffing ratios as established by the board. Nancy Vander Does seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. Appointment of Budget Committee Member

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to appoint Greg Barron to position #5 on the Budget Committee. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Vander Does, Kuhn
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

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Announcements

- Small School Summit at Red Lion in Pendleton March 13-14, 2006
- Irrigon CEC Meeting, IES, 7:00 pm March 15, 2006
- Heppner CEC Meeting, HES, 7:00 pm March 20, 2006
- Boardman CEC Meeting, WRE, 7:00 pm March 21, 2006
- Board Work Session, if needed March 23, 2006
- Spring Break March 27-21, 2006
- Next Board Meeting, IHS, 7:00 pm April 10, 2006
- OSBA Spring Regional Meeting, BMCC Student Union, 6pm May 1, 2006

Chairman Miles recessed the regular meeting at 9:05 pm. At 9:25 pm Executive Session was called under ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Negotiations. At 10:44 pm the session was closed, the regular meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____