

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11th, 2006

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of September 11th, 2006, held in the library at Heppner High School in Heppner, OR

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matlack, Nancy Vander Does, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee, Berto Hernandez

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Jack Thompson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Joel Chavez, Tom Crane, Thad Killingbeck and Phyllis Danielson.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Dave Fowler ; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Mike Palmblad; Public – Roster;

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the library in Heppner High School in Heppner, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3.0 Consent Agenda

- Motion: On a motion by and a second by , the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
- A. Approved minutes of August 14th, 2006 regular meeting; Exec session minutes of August 14th, 2006; Work session minutes of August 24th, 2006
 - B. Approved Financial report
 - C. Resignations: Anabel Sosa, ESL ed assistant at SBE; Martha Rivera, ESL assistant at RHS; Maria Gomez, ESL ed assistant at IES; Becki Fox, Title I ed assistant at IES
 - D. Retirement: Gorge Norris, from his position a shead custodian at Heppner High School, effective September 15th, 2006
 - E. Promotions/Transfers: Karen Lunders from general ed asst at IHS to library tech at IHS; Jo Burt, from SpEd 1:1 asst at RHS to SpEd asst at RHS; June Dabling, from SpEd 1:1 asst at IHS to SpEd asst at WRE (temp); Lorena Pacheco, from SpEd asst at IHS to SpEd 1:1 asst at RHS; Elizabeth Melendez, SpEd 1:1 asst at RHS to ESL ed asst at RHS; Yvonne DeLos Santos, SpEd 1:1 asst at IES to ESL asst at IES; Shelly Salisbury, gen ed asst at IHS to SpEd asst at IHS; Wanda Dixon, ELL asst at IHS to general ed asst at IHS;
 - F. Employment: Robin Mulder, SpEd asst at SBE (temp); Alma Lezama, ESL ed asst at SBE (temp); Paul Sherman, SpEd 1:1 asst at IES; Amy Tolar, general ed asst at IHS
 - G. Extra Duty Resignation: Karen Kegler, asst track coach at RHS; Lisa Pratt, rally advisor at RHS
 - H. Extra Duty Employment: Charlene Cooley, rally advisor at RHS; Robin Mulder, rally advisor at IHS; Sarah Christy, asst volleyball at RHS; Ben Bonser, head girls soccer coach at RJH; Veronica Ramirez, asst volleyball at IJH; Angel Prongua, DART coordinator at IES; Rachel Luke, TAG coordinator at IES; Brian Bigham, asst football coach at IHS; Colleen Grigg, TAG coordinator at IHS; Robin Mulder, head volleyball at IHS
 - I. Attendance Variances: From Umtialla SD: Kallee Padilla to RHS; Blake Ham to ACH; From Hermiston SD – Tyler Beckley to RHS; Stephanie Kochseder to RHS; Anthony Waelty to IHS; Amanda, Weston & Eathan Pomeroy to ACH, IES & IHS. From Stanfield SD – Payton Wright to ACH
 - J. Attendance Variance: Spencer Wambeke from MCS D to Hermiston HS.
 - K. Surplus: 1976 Chevrolet Luv pickup – HHS
 - L. Accept \$100 donation from Gold Dust Transportation (Stephen Reeves) for school supplies for Boardman students.
 - M. Accept donation of copy paper to Irrigon High School from Boise Cascade (through employee Dan Young) with additional 20 cartons to the District.

Ayes Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, McNamee, Matlack, Lindsay, Hernandez

Noes n/a

Motion passed

3.A Reports & Presentations - Superintendent

1. **School Board Award:** Chairman Miles announced that the board will be making an award to each school in recognition of achievement, new and innovative programs, test results, etc.. At the end of the year, there will be a celebration to honor the recipients. Since the meeting was at Heppner High School, Mr. Miles awarded Daye Stone with the School Board Award for implementation of the ZAP program. Also mentioned were: Greg Grant, Josh Browning, Martha Munkers, LeAnn Wright and Darcy Robinson.
2. **Enrollment/Attendance:** Mr. Burrows reported on enrollment and attendance figures for 2006 and compared them with numbers for 2005. At this time the district is up about 30 students, with more arriving daily. He noted that MCSD welcomed over 200 kindergarteners to school this fall. Matt Combe, director of the alternative education program, noted that they are well over 50 students at the MEC.
3. **Policy Revision – Vendors:** It was reported that there was an uncomfortable situation at one of our schools where two vendors competing for business with parents, engaged in a rather heated argument. The revision to be presented later would require vendors to submit a Request for Proposal for goods and services. This would be evaluated by the district and awarded without the confrontation.
4. **Access to Heppner High School:** Superintendent Burrows reported that he has been working with the City of Heppner and the county on the proposed access changes to Heppner High School. After much deliberation and meetings with all parties, the following agreement has been reached. Spruce Street will be the entrance to Heppner High School, with Morgan Street being a one-way exit away from the school. New guard rails, bike and pedestrian paths, including striping will be placed on both roads. Sanding in the winter will be done by both the City and the County. The City will pay for a study to be done with a recommendation for Morgan Street. Mr. Kuhn inquired whether or not Spruce could possibly be a two-way road again in the future. He recommended that the district pursue that option.
5. **OSBA Resolutions:** With the MCSD sponsored resolutions narrowly failing last year relating to the vote-by-mail elections, the district with the assistance of the ESD and the Small Schools Association is once again gathering support to put this topic on the OSBA ballot again. To date there are over 15 districts that have voiced support for these resolutions. Activities will be planned to gain support of these resolutions.
6. **Questions/Comments on Principal Reports:** Mrs. Vander Does commented on the student representing the district at the State Spelling Contest, and the fine job that she did. Also inquired about the University of Lex, and the calculus class being taught this semester. This will likely be offered again next semester, along with a writing class. Mr. Smith is working with counselors on possible course offerings. Also, noted the service of long-time head custodian, George Norris. A note will be sent on behalf of the board.
7. **Jeff Searles Presentation:** IES/IHS teacher, Jeff Searles was in attendance to explain to the board how the process of connecting parents and students with musical instrument vendors has taken place in the past, and his thoughts about changes for the future. As noted earlier, a policy revision will be presented under New Business dealing with how the district selects vendors. This came about following a display of unprofessional behavior between two vendors at a school function. Mr. Searles noted that by submitting a Request for Proposals (RFP), the district can request specific goods and services. Mrs. Danielson reported that about half of the students at IES are participating in band. This is largely because of the teacher, but also because of the service package that we have from a vendor.

Minutes (Continued)

3.A Reports & Presentations – (Continued)

8. **VoAg/FFA at HHS:** Mrs. Dickenson reported on the start up of the VoAg/FFA program at Heppner High School. She had a Power Point presentation on several aspects of the program, and what it will take to bring some of the facilities up to speed and functional. She also reported on ideas for community involvement, as well as reported on the VoAg Advisory Committee. Mrs. Dickenson brings much enthusiasm to the program.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Budget Committee Appointments

Motion:	On a motion by Pat McNamee and a second by Ken Matlack, Dan Daltoso was appointed to Position #6 and Keith Lewis was appointed to Position #3 on the Budget Committee. (They were recommended by Lindsay and Kuhn respectively).
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. New Business

A. Approve 2006-07 Board Goals

Motion:	Ken Matlack made a motion to adopt the 2006-07 Board Goals, with a percentage of participation in Goal #2 to be worked out and presented at the next board meeting. Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

B. Approve 2006-07 Alternative Education Contract

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to approve the 2006-07 Alternative Education contract with Umatilla SD as presented. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- C. **DJB – Sale & Rental of Equipment --** After much discussion throughout the evening, this policy revision was accepted as a 1st reading.

Chairman Miles read the announcements. There being no further business the chairman adjourned the meeting at:

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved:_____