

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

March 8th, 2010

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of March 8th, 2010 held in the library at AC Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm .

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Pat McNamee, Daniel Daltoso, Thad Killingbeck and Berto Hernandez .

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Craig Bensen, Matthew Matz, Mark Jones, Joel Chavez, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Daye Stone. Rhonda Lorenz was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Cheri Rhinhart; Patrons – n/a; Press

Call to Order

Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 in the library at AC Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were no changes to the agenda.

Comments/Public

- MCEA –Marilyn Post was present with no comment; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Cheri Rhinhart expressing appreciation for the passage of the 2010-11 local service plans at the February meeting; and mentioned that while it was good news that the schools will be receiving \$6 billion in SSF – the ESDs are only getting \$5.8 billion – that is about \$200K less for the UM-ESD. She stated that with positive budgeting and conservative practices they will be fine. She further reported that the ESD merger is now in the hands of the state. They are fairly certain that this will move forward. Superintendent Burrows then thanked the ESD's Flight Team – which tragically had to be called on two consecutive Monday's to assist staff and students in coping with two untimely deaths.

2.C. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Daniel Daltoso and a second by Pat McNamee the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the work session; regular meeting and executive session of February 8th, 2010
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: none
- D. Employment: Kim Carlson, 2 hr. asst cook at HHS, replacing Cynthia Skillings
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Jim Kindle, head baseball at HHS; Scott Coe, assistant baseball coach at HHS
- F. Approved 2010-11 Licensed Renewals; Contract Extensions; and Non-Renewal of All Temporary Contracts as presented

Ayes Kuhn, Miles, Lindsay, Daltoso, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck

Noes n/a

Motion passed

3.A Reports & Presentations

- **Accidental Deaths:** Superintendent Burrows reported that it had been a tough week for Morrow County School District following the accidental deaths of Nate Arbogast, a former employee; and an Irrigon Elementary School student, the grandson of our Head Cook at IJSH, Linda Fox. He offered sincere condolences to both the Arbogast and Fox families.
- **Riverside High HVAC Update:** Reported on the update of the Riverside HS HVAC project, noting that we have preliminary approval from Brian Reeder on the Quality School Construction Bond. We will be able to get the 1% interest rate that will be fully funded by the feds. The district will be working with Mitch Crowe of Absolute Engineering who will be in attendance at the April meeting for an update. Bids will go out on 4-22 with opening on 5-6 and awarding on 5-10. The project will begin 6-14-10.
- **School Finance:** Reported that the district is cautiously optimistic that the worst is over financially, and that K-12 schools should be receiving the full \$6 billion from the state. Mr. Burrows stated that with conservative practices he is confident that the current level of services will be maintained. He also made reference to the 2011-12 PERS increase that is coming.
- **Grade Change for Testing:** Reported that we just received word that the Federal Department of Education has given permission to raise the benchmark testing of 10th graders to 11th graders. This is something that educators have been advocating for a long time. This will take place in the 2010-11 school year.
- **Race to the Top:** The state of Oregon lost the first round in the Race to the Top. This was a state by state competitive grant – 15 states were selected with no western states in the mix. The second round will be sometime before June.
- **Heppner FFA Chapter Report:** Heppner FFA Chapter Report: Beth Dickenson and 3 HHS students were in attendance to speak on the National FFA Convention and the Leadership Conference this summer in Washington, DC.

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved to allow HHS students to attend the Leadership Conference this summer in Washington, DC.. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **ACH After School Program:** Deb Sherman, ACH SpEd teacher reported on the After School Program, noting that the program was designed by fellow teacher, Erin Stocker. She noted that they are targeting the period of growth from the first OAKS testing to the second round. Last year 2 students graduated out of the program – this year 13 have exited.
- **Principal Reports:** Joel Chavez attending the Latino Conference; congratulations to Mr. Dirksen on the number of graduates going on the post-high school education. Mr. Dirksen had kudos to Maribel Torres in her efforts to assist Hispanic students.

Old Business - none

New Business

- **2010-11 School Calendar Options:** Presented 4 calendar options for the 2010-11 school year, noting a change at the semester in all 4 options. Pre and Post-Labor Day starts were presented with 2 weeks at the winter break and also less than 1½ week at the break. The board will adopt in April.

- **HHS Trip to Portland:**

Motion:	Craig Miles moved to approve a request for Heppner High PBS students to attend a Portland Trailblazer game that they recently applied for, as well as a tour of the Bonneville Dam. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **1st Reading of Policy IIA – Criteria for Textbook/Instructional Materials Selection:** Presented current MCSD policy with the intent to *rescind* the entire policy and replace it with new. Accepted as first reading with action to adopt slated for April.
- **1st Reading of Policy IIA – Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials:** This new update references digital media being used in the libraries and curriculum; includes updated non-discriminatory language; and a change to the review cycle to 7 years in line with state guidelines. AR's and a form were also presented for reference. Accepted as a first reading with action in April to adopt.
- **1st Reading of Policy JHFF – Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students:** There is a slight law change that sets Oregon up to follow other states in the reporting to prospective employers whether or not the applicant had ever been involved in sexual misconduct. First reading with action for adoption at the April meeting.

After reading the announcements, the meeting recessed at 8:27 pm. At 8:35 pm Executive Session was opened under ORS192.660(2)(b)(h) – Personnel and Legal. Chairman Lindsay closed Executive Session at 8:48 pm, reconvened the regular meeting and took the following action:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, Hernandez, McNamee, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

At 8:49 pm the regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____