

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting August 11, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, August 11, 2014 held in the Library at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Thad Killingbeck, Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Mark Pratt, Brian Kollman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rhonda Hamby, Becky Kindle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Cheryl Costello, Erin Stocker, Andy Fletcher, Tina Joyce, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Brandon Hammond, Matt Matz, Mark Jones, Craig Bensen

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

Call to Order:

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order in the Library at A.C. Houghton Elementary at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

Election of Board Officers: Chairman Killingbeck opened nominations for Board Officers for the 2014-15 school year. There was discussion regarding keeping the officers as they are. Mr. Dirksen reminded the board that Chairman Killingbeck would have to step down after 4 more years.

Election of Board Officers

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to keep the same officers for the 2014-15 school year. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Kuhn, Lindsay, Pratt, Kollman
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Delegations: MCEA – Brenda Kittelson and Jill Wright; OSEA - Kathie Goad; IMESD – None. Mr. Dirksen shared with the audience that IMESD will not have a representative at future meetings. He will have bullet points from them to discuss. If we would like them to attend a specific meeting we will request their attendance. Mr. Lindsay requested that they provide a report that will be included in the board packet in the future.

Temporary Restaurant Permit - There was discussion regarding the new requirement of a Temporary Restaurant Permit when using a school kitchen. Kim Mabry with Sodexo explained that this is a County Health Department requirement and it stems from an outbreak of the Norovirus at the Portland Zoo. It was explained that each school will have to apply for a Temporary Restaurant Permit for each sports season and that Booster Clubs will fall under that umbrella for concessions. This requirement is coming down from the state level and is not an option. Kim offered to provide the board with the information she has received if they would like to review it.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Brian Kollman, and a second by Mark Pratt, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of June 9, 2014;
- B. Approved Employment Action of August 2014;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: IK, KFCEB, JGAB, GBN/JBA;
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: IIBGA, IIBGB;
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: IIBGA, IIBGB, KG-Form(1);

Ayes: Killingbeck, Kuhn, Lindsay, Pratt, Kollman

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

Welcome Back – Mr. Dirksen welcomed the Board back to a new school year. Students are excited to return to school and staff are busy with final preparations for their return.

No Child Left Behind – The state is waiting to hear from the Federal Government regarding the Oregon waiver, they expect to hear something any day. Mr. Dirksen will let the board know as soon as he hears something. The district has been assured that we will receive direction from the state prior to the first day of school.

Staffing – We currently have 5 educational assistant positions to fill. We had a late resignation from a RJSHS Language Arts teacher who is moving to California and we have one Special Education position to fill. We did have some staff go to Hermiston this summer. Today we interviewed for the new Care Coordinator position. This position will be paid for from a pool of funds from several agencies. As this position evolves, Mr. Dirksen will update the board.

Administrators – Administrators attended the COSA Conference – It's A New Day: Putting it all Together - August 7-8, 2014, in Eugene. They looked at reading/writing/math reports; discussed ways to put the WOW factor back into learning and get kids excited about school and learning. They also reviewed information about hands on learning activities to help students that can't sit still.

Safety Summit – Mr. Dirksen has set-up a Safety Summit for Wednesday, September 10th at 2:00 pm at Boardman City Hall. This meeting will include representatives from Boardman Fire and Ambulance, Boardman Police, Morrow County Sheriff's Department, and MCSD administrators. We have protocols in place (lock down, lock out, shelter in place, etc.) and will review these protocols as well as plan a walk through and review plans in the event of an actual incident.

Maintenance – Andy Fletcher reported there are no major maintenance issues at this time. The air conditioning at Riverside was the major issue this summer and that has been repaired. Andy will present the 10 year maintenance plan at the work session August 21st.

TELL Oregon Survey – Mr. Mendoza presented the board with the TELL Oregon Survey results. On the whole, MCSD educators are fairly satisfied in their work environment as compared to the state: Teachers have more time to collaborate with colleagues, are able to educate with minimal disruptions, and feel students understand expectations for their conduct and follow school rules. In fact, when it came to most categories- MCSD teachers are more satisfied at work than many of their colleagues across the state.

Unfinished Business:

American Tower - Mr. Dirksen updated the Board regarding the possibility of American Tower placing a cell tower on MCSD property. Currently the City of Irrigon is saying no to the proposal from American Tower to place a cell tower in Irrigon. The district is waiting to see what the City of Irrigon does.

New Business

Board Work Session - A Board Work Session has been set for August 21st at 6:00 pm at Heppner Elementary School. The purpose of this work session is to establish 2014-15 Board Goals.

Kindergarten - Barney Lindsay inquired about the projected number of kindergarteners for 2014-15 (SBE 75-80, ACH 55, HES 23). Mr. Lindsay inquired as to the number of students it takes to hire another teacher. Mr. Dirksen reported there needs to be 24 more students enrolled above the projected number to hire an additional teacher.

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements. He will attend District Wide In-Service, Monday, August 25th at Riverside Jr/Sr High School.

Chairman Thad Killingbeck recessed the regular meeting at 7:28 pm.

At 7:35 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(h) – Legal

At 7:42 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened.

There was inquiry from the board regarding the IMESD Technology Summit. A request was made for a report next month regarding the Technology Summit.

At 7:44 pm the regular meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____