

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting, September 13, 2021

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:00 pm held at the North District Office/MEC, in Irrigon, Oregon.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacob Cain, Richard Cole, Kalie Davis, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Brian Kollman, Barney Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen (Zoom), Cheryl Costello, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Patrick Kerrigan. Via Zoom - Jody Deardorff, Marissa Turner, John Christy, Jill Ledbetter, Jami Carbray, David Norton, Steve Sheller, Kaira Rysdam, Stephanie Ewing, Ryan Keefauver, Rose Palmer, Matt Combe, Dieter Waite.

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

Call to Order:

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

Delegations:

MCEA – Charlene Baker; OSEA – Bart Prouty

Presentations

Travel Request, Riverside Jr/Sr High School FFA – Madison Hynes, Advisor; FFA members: Yazelia Ayala, Brenda Trujillo, Cynthia Gonzales, Makaila Lantis, Will Killion, Wyatt Browne, Perla Rodriguez and Halie Orcutt presented a power point to the Board requesting permission to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana October 24-31, 2021.

Travel Request – Riverside Jr/Sr High School FFA

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve the Riverside Jr/Sr High School FFA travel request to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Barney Lindsay seconded the motion.

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

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

IJSHS WEB Crew - Rose Palmer, IJSHS Asst. Principal and Juan Resendiz, Sophomore shared with the Board what the WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Crew is and what their mission is. This is a mentor program consisting of a large diverse group of students (9th & 10th Graders this year) who meet with and mentor 7th graders all year long to help them adjust to a new school.

Public Comment

The following guests spoke to voice their concerns related to the vaccine mandate and MOU for staff, legality related to the mandate, and the future of education: Tim Dickenson, Jean Collins, Corey Miller, Genessa Knowles, Brian Knowles.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and work session minutes of August 9, 2021;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report and Employment Action;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: None
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: None
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: None
- F. CCS School Based Counseling Agreement

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

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

Superintendent Report

- **Update** – Mr. Dirksen provided the Board with a health update.
- **Introductions** – Marissa Turner, SpEd coordinator for the district and MEC vice principal; John Christy will serve as principal at WRE.
- **COVID Mandates** – Mr. Dirksen gave an update on where the district is related to the newest mandates. The district is trying to meet the needs of all and keep schools open with student activities happening. This is a frustrating time for all. We have been in contact with lawyers and are on the best path we can be at this time related to mandates and liability. Last year we did a good job at keeping schools open. Looking forward to the Think Big Space at the SAGE Center, having pumpkin patch field trips, guest speakers, sports, FFA trips, all activities that are good for kids. We are doing our best to make things happen for our kids and meet the needs of all. We are following the law and do the best to keep schools open. Mr. Dirksen encouraged those with questions/concerns to give him a call and have a conversation.

Director of Educational Services Report

- **Graduation Requirements** - Mrs. Shimer reviewed graduation requirements and diploma types as they relate to Senate Bill 744. Headlines in the news lately have been a bit foggy related to graduation requirements. MCSD graduation standards have not changed.

Chair Kindle thanked administration for their monthly reports. She encouraged everyone to read the IMESD Talking Points. The focus is on a high school student who presented to the Imbler Board.

Unfinished Business

- **OSBA Annual Convention** – The convention scheduled for November has been cancelled.
- **Board letter to MCSD Staff** – Chair Kindle read the proposed letter to be sent to staff. She thanked Kalie Davis for her work in helping to create the letter.

Board Letter to Staff

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve the letter to staff as presented. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

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

Noes:

Motion Passed

New Business

- **Resolution #2021-22-04 – Unanticipated Revenue**

- \$20,000.00 from Columbia River Technologies to IJSHS for their track fund.
- \$425.00 from Umatilla Electric to SBE for school supplies.
- \$1,500.00 from Columbia River Technologies to WRE for school supplies.
- \$9,322.89 from Oregon Community Foundation to Heppner schools for promotion of music education for school-aged children and youth who live in the attendance area served by Heppner public schools – preference given to activities that provide instruction in acoustic instruments, voice and appreciation of classical music.

Resolution #2021-22-04 – Unanticipated Revenue

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

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

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **SIA Annual Report** – This annual report is provided for information and public viewing.
- **OSBA Webinar - Learn About Board Roles & Responsibilities** – The free webinar is September 15th from 12:00-1:00pm.
- **OSBA Elections** – Positions on the OSBA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee are up for election. This is a great opportunity for someone on the MCSD Board to run for a position if interested.
- **OSBA Fall Regional Listening Sessions** - Fall Regional Listening Sessions will be held in-person Wednesday, October 20th at BMCC – Student Union Room. Dinner at 6:00pm – Meeting at 6:30pm.
- **OSBA Rolls of Advocacy** – Scott Rogers, President Elect OSBA Board and Mark Mulvihill, IMESD Superintendent spoke to the Board about board roles of advocacy. There was much discussion related to the current mandates and the speed in which things were processed, the voice of the east side of the state not being heard, and what are other districts doing in their respond to mandates. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Mulvihill discussed where we are with mandates, what is happening in other regions/districts, things to do to voice concerns at the legislative/state level, what we can do moving forward that is in the best interest of our students/staff, and what we can and are doing to keep schools open.

Chair Kindle read the announcements:

- STEAM Friday – October 15, 2021
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, October 11, 2021 - Heppner

Chair Kindle adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Becky Kindle, Board Chair

Date Approved: _____