

**Unofficial Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

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These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 held in the library at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman, 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, Rhonda Lorenz, Dirk Dirksen, Craig Bensen, Matthew Matz, Mark Jones, Joel Chavez, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Daye Stone

**OTHERS PRESENT:** MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Mary Apple; Patrons – n/a; Press

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 in the library at Windy River Elementary School in Boardman, 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 – Mary Apple reporting that the ESD merger with Union-Baker and Malheur ESD’s has not yet happened. Malheur ESD has pulled out of the merger. Mark Mulvihill will be coming to visit with all boards in the near future regarding a new merger plan. Mr. Burrows encouraged the board to send him any questions regarding the merger, so that he could relay those to Dr. Mulvihill.

**2.C. Consent Agenda**

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Pat McNamee the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session meeting of March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Tim Beatty, science teacher at RHS; Alison Ogden, .5 FTE elementary teacher at SBE; Shane Fritz, Spanish teacher at RHS; Carol Chapman, 4 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher at WRE; Maribel Torres, rally advisor at RHS
D.	Employment: Mayra Colin-Carillo, Alt Ed Asst at MEC; Elaine Moore, SpEd assistant at IES
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: Eric Keller, head wrestling coach at IJH; Kyle Carpenter, head track coach at RJH; Breena Tolar, asst track coach at IJH; Jason Dunten, head track coach at IJH
F.	Approved Resolution 2009-10-06 to Accept Unanticipated Revenue – Echo Wind Farms
G.	Approved Attendance Variance for Cassiday & Kaden McQuain to attend MCSD, from Umatilla SD – 2010-11.
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Lindsay, Daltoso, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

### 3.A Reports & Presentations

- **Untimely Death:** Superintendent Burrows sadly reported that Beth Creason, SBE kindergarten teacher passed away unexpectedly last night. This came just weeks after the death of a former district employee and a student at Irrigon Elementary School. Sincere condolences to the Creason family were extended.
- **School Finance:** Reported on school finance, noting that several districts in our area are significantly cutting staff again to cope with shortfalls in funding. At this point MCSD is cautiously optimistic, noting that we will maintain programs at the current level for next year. The forecast coming from the state for the 2011-13 biennium, however, remains bleak. He noted with Oregon's unemployment and state income tax being the major contributor to the SSF, this leaves the state legislature attempting to find \$2.5 billion for the 2011-13 biennium. The legislature estimates it will require 18% more funding to maintain services in the next cycle.
- **Qualified School Construction Bond:** Reported that the district has been approved for the QSBA – Qualified School Construction Bond. This funding will take care of the entire Riverside HS HVAC retrofit project that will commence this spring and early summer.
- **Food Service Costs:** Food service costs continue to rise. Mr. Burrows will present facts and figures at the next board meeting and will likely ask for a price increase for meals in the 2010-11 school year.
- **Technology Update:** Reported that after years of not being fully funded for technology, we are able to go ahead with improving tech needs, including the computer rotation and phone system. Bob Silva & Cheri Rhinhart from the ESD will fill in all the details in their presentation.
- **Instructional Time/Calendar:** After the calendar options were presented last month, Chairman Lindsay requested that a poll be taken of building principals as to their thoughts on more days of instruction prior to the close of testing windows. Mr. Burrows and the admin team all agree with this, but noted that it will take a year to adjust schedules that are currently set. This early start will be presented as an option next year.
- **Riverside High School:** Kudos to Riverside High School – Deb Peterson from Portland State is doing her dissertation on high schools that perform well and serve high Hispanic populations – she chose the top 6, and then narrowed that to RHS, who is doing an extraordinary job. She will be coming out to do research in the near future.
- **WRE School Improvement Report:** Cathie Prindle reported in the absence of principal, Mark Jones, on the WRE school improvement progress the past couple of years. She is confident, with the progress following the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of testing, that there will be significant improvement by years' end.
- **ESD Technology Report:** Bob Silva and Cheri Rhinhart from the ESD were in attendance to report that the back e-rate funding has been released for MCSD, and that the computer rotation will be greater than anticipated. Additionally, a new district-wide phone system will be installed. Mr. Silva also explained the virtual systems that will allow 4 workstations to be hooked to one computer for greater efficiency, and will have enough power to do whatever the students need to.
- **Absolute Engineering Report:** Mitch Crowe, the engineer for the Riverside High HVAC retrofit project, was in attendance to brief the board on the process to date. He went over the 3-phases – the mechanical room, the major room with the chillers, cooling towers, etc., and the east mechanical room. He noted that there would be a walk-through of the project on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, where he will meet with contractors and hand out drawings prior to bidding. The bids should be opened and presented to the board for awarding at the May meeting with the project to commence as soon as school is dismissed for the summer.
- **Principal Reports:** Great to see so many articles celebrating student success.

## Unfinished Business

- **Policy Adoption - :** Rescinded old policy IIA – Criteria for Textbook/Instructional Materials Selection; Adopted new policy IIA – Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials; Adopted IIA/IIAC-AR – Handling of Questioned or Challenged Materials; Adopted IIA – Challenge Request Form; Adopted Policy JHFF - Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students

Motion:	Dan Daltoso moved to rescind old policy and adopt new policies, administrative regulations and forms as referenced above. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **2010-11 School Calendar:**

Motion:	Craig Miles made a motion to adopt Calendar Option A, with a pre-Labor Day Start and 2 weeks at Christmas. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements:** 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 May.

- **Name Screening Committee – RHS Assistant Principal**

Motion:	Dan Daltoso moved to name the Screening Committee for the Assistant Principal position at Riverside High School as follows: Thad Killingbeck (board); Mark Burrows (superintendent); Julie Ashbeck (HR); Dirk Dirksen (principal); Maribel Torres (counselor); Claude Birt (teacher); Dave Boor (teacher); Cheryl Costello (classified) and Frank Rivera (parent). Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **Resolution 2009-10-07 - QSBA**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-10-07 for the Financing Agreement for QSBA Funding. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **IES Field Trip Request:**

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to approve the IES Field Trip request to OMSI, in place of going to Outdoor School this year for the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade science trip. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

**Announcements**

- Math Contest, Heppner Elementary School, 6 pm April 22, 2010
- First Budget Committee Meeting, DO, 7 pm May 3, 2010
- Next Board Meeting, IJSH, 7 pm May 10, 2010

Chairman Lindsay recessed the meeting at 8:20 pm. At 8:27 pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS192.660(2)(a)(d)(h) – Personnel, Negotiations and Legal & ORS 332,061(1) – Student Expulsion. Daniel Daltoso was not present for Executive Session. At 9:08 pm Chairman Lindsay closed executive session, reconvened the regular meeting and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

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Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

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Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_