

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting & Work Session

February 10, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors work session and regular meeting of Monday, February 10, 2014 held in the library at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Thad Killingbeck, Brian Kollman, Rhonda Hamby, Barney Lindsay, Becky Kindle & Mark Pratt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, Craig Bensen, Tina Joyce, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Joel Chavez, Matt Matz, Erin Stocker. Mark Jones & Brandon Hammond were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

The board met for a work session at 6:00 pm prior to the regular meeting in the staff room at Irrigon Elementary School. The purpose of the work session was to begin the preliminary process for the evaluation of the superintendent. Following discussion of the 9 standards for which Mr. Dirksen will be evaluated, the board will work toward putting together the final document.

Call to Order

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA – Dave Fowler; OSEA – no representation; IM-ESD – Cheri Rhinhart – reported on early learning hubs and the collaboration among local agencies.

Don Russell, representing the Morrow County Education Foundation was in attendance to present the district with a check for \$150,000. This is money that has come through the Columbia River Enterprise Zone. Mr. Dirksen noted that the majority of this money will go into technology infrastructure needed for e-readers, ipads and other classroom devices. Beside the infrastructure, the district is looking at what more they can do through Eastern Promise and extended options for students at the high school level and more field trips at the elementary level. Mr. Killingbeck thanked the foundation for their support and noted that we are honored to live in a county where students and education come first.

Presentation of Longevity Pins & Introduction of New Staff: Principal Erin Stocker introduced staff new to her building: Becky Davis, ed assistant; Barb Phillips, school secretary; Nichole Pearson, ed assistant; Stacy Oglevee, head cook; and Ms. Addie Cole, student teacher.

Hepner FFA Request: Beth Dickenson and 3 FFA members were in attendance to request that the board allow them to travel to Washington DC to attend a leadership conference. This is a conference that is put on by the National FFA organization. They will need to begin fundraising in order to raise the money to attend.

Motion: Bill Kuhn made a motion to allow students from the Hepner FFA to attend the Leadership Conference in Washington DC this summer. Mark Pratt seconded the motion. The group will present to the board upon their return.

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Hamby, Killingbeck, Pratt, Lindsay, Kindle

Noes:

Motion Passed

2. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of January 13, 2014;
- B. Approved Financial Report and Enrollment/Attendance Report for February 2014
- C. Resignations/Retirements: Kylieen Cody, temporary Spanish teacher at IJSH & RHS;
- D. Employment/Promotions/Transfers: Stacy Oglevee, from RHS SpEd asst to IES Head Cook;
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Jim Kindle, head baseball coach at HHS; Todd Lindsay, asst baseball coach at HHS;
- F. 1st Rdg of Rescinded, New and/or Revised Policies: BFD – Board Policy Implementation (Revision); JF-JFA – Student Rights & Responsibilities (New); JFC – Student Conduct & Discipline (Rescind & Replace); JFCJ – Weapons in the Schools (Rescind & Replace); JG – Student Discipline (Rescind & Replace); JGAB – Use of Restraint & Seclusion (Rescind & Replace);
- G. Resolution 2013-14-06 to Accept Unanticipated Revenue

Ayes: Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Hamby, Pratt, Lindsay, Kindle

Noes: n/a

3. Reports & Presentations

Inclement Weather: The superintendent noted that the district schools were all closed due to heavy snow and icy road conditions, thanked Desert Sands Development – Al Phillips for clearing the Irrigon Schools and Ryan Miller for taking care of Heppner Schools; Boardman custodians assisted for SBE, WRE and RHS, as well as administrators.

Graduation Rates: Mr. Dirksen reported that the graduation rates have come out from the state and there will be a release on the district website soon. The state average for standard diploma is 68.7%, MCSD is 71.43%. Mr. Dirksen said that while it is good to be above the state average, we will continue to get better.

Wrap Around Services: Mr. Dirksen reported that Umatilla County has had Wrap-Around Services between the schools, DHS, Head Start, Law Enforcement and the Health Department. Morrow County is attempting to set up a similar scenario with those agencies, and has been attending several meetings.

HB2220: Assistant Superintendent Mendoza reported that HB2220 is the Proficiency Bill – every student has to receive a report based on state standards. The district is taking the current report card and will produce a proficiency report card based on the state report cards. Additionally, student grades cannot use behavior or attendance in determining grades.

Textbook Adoption: Reported that the process for textbook adoption is underway, and the textbooks/materials will be presented at the next board meeting for public input before adoption by the board later in the spring.

IES Presentations - LA Intervention Program– Laura Rowe, Dawn Sharp, and Angel Prongua presented for the board. Laura Rowe reported on Strategies to Reading Success; EasyCBM is the universal screener; progress monitoring of students on a regular basis. Mrs. Rowe showed graphs of IES 5th graders showing growth and proficiency. IES is encouraged by the growth that is being made. **Academic Momentum & Eastern Promise** – Dawn Sharp provided some background on how Academic Momentum came into being with the commitment of the stakeholders and the sharing of responsibilities. Students were to develop a Personal Development Plan that will follow the student through high school. Upon completion of all requirements, EOU will award a \$500 scholarship to each student wanting to attend that school. Angel Prongua reported on 7 lessons that will all be addressed as the program continues: career paths; barriers; short and long term goal setting; self-evaluation; researching careers.

Administrative Reports -- several questions related to safety concerns and plans were asked by board members.

Unfinished Business

Evaluation of the Superintendent -- Chairman Killingbeck reported that the board met in a pre-meeting work session for the preliminary evaluation of the superintendent. The process was discussed as far as the self-reflection; rating forms and the plan for the final evaluation document. Overall, by consensus the board gave Mr. Dirksen an Excellent rating on his evaluation.

New Business

Resolution 2013-14-04 Approval of the 2014-15 Local Service Plans – IM-ESD

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve the 2014-15 Local Service Plans as presented and referenced in the ESD handout brochure of services. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Hamby, Killingbeck, Pratt, Kindle, Lindsay
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Resolution 2013-14-05 Annual Renewal of Open Enrollment

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-14-05 for the Annual Renewal of Open Enrollment. This action would mean that the district would accept zero students for Open Enrollment. Rhonda Hamby seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Hamby, Killingbeck, Pratt, Kindle, Lindsay
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements, then recessed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

At 8:23 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(b) to discuss a personnel issue.

At 8:42 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened and immediately adjourned:

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____