

**Unofficial Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 10, 2020**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020, at the District Office - HES and via Zoom in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barney Lindsay, Richard Cole, Andy Fletcher, Mary Killion, Becky Kindle, Brian Kollman, Marcie Rodelo

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dirk Dirksen, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Cheryl Costello, Beth O’Hanlon, Aaron Gosiak, Kaira Rysdam, John Christy, David Norton, Kyle Aurdahl, Jill Ledbetter, Matt Combe, Dieter Waite, Stephanie Ewing, Ryan Keefauver, Rose Palmer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** as per roster

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**Call to Order:**

Chair Barney Lindsay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the District Office - HES in Heppner, OR (via Zoom). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

**Delegations:** MCEA – Dave Fowler; OSEA – None.

**Public Forum**

Mr. Justin Nelson:

- Mr. Nelson apologized for his comments at the August 4, 2020 board meeting regarding an incomplete agenda.
- Mr. Nelson discussed concerns about some of the language in Goal #1 of the draft 2020/21 Board Goals.
- He raised concerns around teachers being required to teach from the building (during CDL) as opposed to working from home and the hardship this will place on families and the community.

Mr. Tim Dickenson:

- Mr. Dickenson applauded the board for writing a letter to Governor Brown/ODE challenging the current metrics for reopening.
- He discussed his challenge (from the last board meeting) regarding local administrators, teachers and staff being contacted for their opinion and being a part of the decision-making process related to online learning.
- Citing statistics, Mr. Dickenson discussed how COVID rates are calculated.
- Mr. Dickenson also expressed concerns around daycare and the issues that online learning will create.

**Election of Board Officers**

Election of the Board Chair for 2020/21.

**Election of Board Chair**

Motion:	Brian Kollman nominated Becky Kindle to serve as Board Chair for the 2020/21 school year. Andy Fletcher seconded the nomination.
Ayes:	Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

### **Election of Vice Chair**

Motion: Barney Lindsay nominated Richard Cole to serve as Vice Chair for the 2020/21 school year. Andy Fletcher seconded the nomination.

Ayes: Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

### **Consent Agenda**

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

A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2020 and special meeting of August 4, 2020;

B. Approved Financial Report and Employment Action;

C. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: GBEB, GBN/JBA, JBA/GBN, JHCC

D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: EBC/EBCA, GBLA, GBL, JHH

E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR's: None

F. MCSD Suicide Prevention Plan

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

### **Superintendent Report**

- **Bond** – The Bond was put on pause through the summer. There will need to be discussion at the September board meeting as to the path we want to go moving forward. DLR Group will present the long-range plan (ODE requirement) in September.
- **Suicide Prevention Plan** – The district worked closely with Community Counseling preparing an easy to follow plan that includes prevention and intervention. We are fully staffed with CCS/CARE and they are ready to make contact with families as concerns arise. SRO's will also support in this effort.
- **Interdistrict Transfer Students** – Umatilla/Morrow County Superintendents have put a pause on new interdistrict transfer requests during this time of COVID.
- **Liability** – Currently, there is no liability insurance related to COVID. OSBA and PACE are not covering COVID at the present time.
- **Athletics** – Athletics seasons have been shortened, beginning in January and running through June (3 seasons). Spring sports will be extended later into June.
- **Letter of Support** - Congressman Walden has written a letter to the Governor and ODE requesting the reopening metrics be reviewed.
- **COVID** – Mr. Dirksen shared COVID case numbers he was given: new cases over last 5 weeks: 42, 48, 52, 61, and last week 52 new cases. Information provided by the local health department.
- **Volunteers** – At this time, we are unable to allow volunteers on campus.

We are trying to get students back on campus, following the rules we have. We will keep working on this and will continue to reach for the goal - the hybrid plan in some form.

Several board members expressed their appreciation for the work being done by Mr. Dirksen and staff to create the best learning option for our students.

## Unfinished Business

- **Letter to Governor Brown** – Mr. Dirksen reviewed the letter to Governor Brown requesting a new metric for reopening. The letter will be mailed Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

### Board Letter of Support

Motion: Andy Fletcher made a motion to mail the letter to the governor as written. Barney Lindsay seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

- **Blueprint Review** – Mr. Dirksen reviewed the Operational Blueprint for School Reentry. This was written based on a hybrid model. Board members applauded staff for the work put into preparing the blueprint.

### Operational Blueprint

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the blueprint as written to present to county commissioners. Andy Fletcher seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

## New Business

- **Resolution #2020-21-02 – Unanticipated Revenue**
  - \$2,000.00 from Exxon Mobil to ACH – no restrictions on use.
  - \$12,782.00 from Columbia River Technologies to HJSHS for 4 new volleyball net systems.
  - \$3,000.00 from Howard & Beth Bryant Foundation to HJSHS for 4 new volleyball net systems.
  - \$20,000.00 (50 laptops) from Amazon Web Services for use with distance learning and STEM activities.
  - \$19,837.86 (cheese boards and snacks) from Columbia River Processing for the district food program.
  - \$800.00 (toothbrush kits) from Advantage Dental for the summer food program.

### Resolution #2020-21-02 – Unanticipated Revenue

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve the resolution for unanticipated revenue. Andy Fletcher seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

- **Food Service** – Amendment to the original contract with Sodexo (2018-2022) which increases the price Sodexo charges the district.

### Sodexo Contract

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve the amendment to the Sodexo contract. Andy Fletcher seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

- **Adoption of 2020/21 Board Goals** – After discussion around the draft board goals for 2020/21, the goals were presented to the board for adoption as written.

**2020/21 Board Goals**

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to adopt the 2020/21 Board Goals as written. Andy Fletcher seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Fletcher, Killion, Kindle, Kollman, Lindsay, Rodelo

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

**Announcements:**

- 2020/21 Staff In-Service – August 24 – September 3, 2020
- No School, Monday, September 7, 2020, Labor Day Holiday
- Students Begin – September 8, 2020
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, September 3, 2020 – Heppner Jr/Sr High School.

The September 3, 2020 board meeting is an addition. Mr. Dirksen is hopeful he will have additional information regarding possible updated reopening metrics prior to students beginning. The September 14, 2020 board meeting will remain on the calendar for the time being in case it is needed.

Chair Kindle adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

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Becky Kindle, Board Chair

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