

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting & Work Session
January 11th, 2011

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of January 11th, 2011 held in the library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm. Preceding this meeting the board held a work session for a presentation by Rinda Montgomery Conwell of North Central ESD on distance learning. Following the work session, the board and administration were served a dinner in honor of school board appreciation month by the HES student council and prepared by the Heppner Parent Teacher Organization.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Daniel Daltoso, Thad Killingbeck, Pat McNamee, Berto Hernandez & Craig Miles

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Dirk Dirksen, Craig Bensen, Mark Jones, Joel Chavez, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Daye Stone, Dave Melville, George Mendoza, Dave Melville. Julie Ashbeck was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Cara Osmin ; OSEA – Martha Munkers; ESD – Sarah Crane-Simpson; Patrons – n/a; Press

Call to Order

Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR; a quorum was established; and the national anthem was performed by the HES choir under the direction of Michelle Stone.

Comments/Public

MCEA –Cara Osmin; OSEA – Martha Munkers; ESD – Sarah Crane-Simpson, reported on the local service plans that will be distributed to districts. A representative from the ESD will be present at the February meeting to go over the plans for 2011-12.

2.C. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Craig Miles 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 December 13th, 2010;
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: Amy Tolar, from her position as head secretary at IJSH;
- D. Employment: Chelsie Bonifer, SpEd assistant at SBE, replacing Kim Finley; Kory Waterland, .5 FTE kindergarten teacher at ACH
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Randal Olsen, head wrestling coach at RJH
- F. Approve Resolution 2010-11-06 to Accept Title I ARRA Grant for WRE - \$34,669
- G. Approve Resolution 2010-11-07 to Accept Wildhorse Grant for HHS - \$3540

Ayes Lindsay, Daltoso, Killingbeck, Kuhn, Miles, Daltoso, Hernandez

Noes n/a

Motion passed

3.A Reports & Presentations

- **Open Board Positions:** Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Dan Daltoso and Pat McNamee's terms all will expire 6/30/11. Superintendent Burrows expressed his hope that they would all file for re-election. The filing deadline is March 17th, 2011 and they are accepting applications now at the County Clerk's office.
- **Community Education Committees:** Following the November 2010 resolution to eliminate the CEC's, it is now time to put this topic before a vote of the people. The district is in the process now of getting the ballot title and summary prepared for the election in May. Over the last 4 election cycles only one person has filed and the past several years they have been inactive due to the lack of a quorum to conduct business.
- **New Phone System:** Superintendent Burrows reported that the new district-wide phone system will be installed during spring break. It is a digital system that will have the capability to dial the 4 digit extensions of other schools in the Umatilla-Morrow consortium. Sixty-five (65%) of the costs are direct e-rate payments and the remainder we are using telcom e-rate rebates from the last three years to pay for the system.
- **State School Fund:** Reported that Governor Kitzhauber's starting point for funding is \$5.4 billion for the schools, but after the legislature acts will be closer to \$5.6 to \$5.7 billion. We will be able to run at the same level for next year, but I strongly recommend that next spring we ask for another serial levy.
- **HES School Reports:** HES student body advisor, Sue Gibbs introduced various members of the student government: Kevin Murray; Kolby Currin; Sydney Qualls; Sophie Grant; Reiah Waite; Jaycee Currin; and Claire Grieb. Specific events were highlighted such as the canned food drive, playground equipment, Christmas parade floats, popcorn day money being used for Red Ribbon Week, and the health assembly.
- HES teachers, Molly Rill and Sherry Matteson reported on the Parents 4 Parents group that has been formed to help parents get involved in the schools and to have a healthy support system. They want to hold a Smart Heart health fair this year.
- **Software Presentation:** Matt Matz, IJSH assistant principal demonstrated software that he has developed to track discipline issues and another program that is hooked to an electronic reader board for announcements.
- **Principal Reports:** Google Apps; what are the penalties for not making AMAO? Asked Matt Combe to include maintenance updates in a report; Geography Bee winners from HES – Jaden Mahoney; Demi Schmidt; Logan Greib.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

- **Compliance with Division 22 Standards Annual Statement to the Community:**

"I have reviewed or caused to be reviewed, State Standards as outlined in Chapter 581, Division 22, of the Oregon Administrative Rules, and hereby certify that the District is in compliance with the " Standards for Elementary and Secondary Schools."

s. Mark Burrows, Superintendent

- **Approve Resolution 2010-11-05 Software Copyright**

Motion:	Pat McNamee made a motion to Approve Resolution 2010-11-05 Software Copyright. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Daltoso, Kuhn, Killingbeck, McNamee, Miles, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **Approval of 2009-10 Annual Audit – Tabled until February for action at that time.**

- **Ratification of OSEA, Chapter 59 Successor Contract – 7-1-10 through 6-30-13**

Motion:	Craig Miles moved to ratify the successor agreement for the classified staff. The motion was seconded by Thad Killingbeck.
Ayes	Lindsay, Daltoso, Kuhn, Killingbeck, McNamee, Miles, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **School Board Recognition Month** – The assistant superintendent handed out personal gifts for each board member, while Mr. Burrows read a proclamation. At 8:05 pm the meeting was recessed to enjoy refreshments with the board members.

Chairman Lindsay read announcements and the regular meeting was recessed at 8:05 pm. At 8:20 pm the meeting reconvened and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(a)(f) – Employment & Records Exempt. At 9:03 executive session closed, the regular meeting reconvened and the following action was taken:

Motion:	Dan Daltoso made a motion to direct the superintendent to hold public meetings in each community for the consideration of promoting Dirk Dirksen to superintendent. The motion was seconded by Thad Killingbeck.
Ayes	Lindsay, Daltoso, Kuhn, Killingbeck, McNamee, Miles, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda Lorenz, Acting Secretary

Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____