

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, October 14, 2024

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024, 6:00 pm held at Irrigon Jr/Sr High School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Cole, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Brian Kollman, Ashley Lindsay, Erin Anderson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosa Delgado

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Barbara Phillips, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, John Christy, Karen Shelton, Jami Carbray, Sarah Christy, Steve Sheller, Ryan Gerry, Laura Winters, Rose Palmer, Maria Ortega, Karen Frenette, Jill Ledbetter, Rachel Herron, Patrick Kerrigan, Dave Fowler, Bart Prouty, Paul Keefer, Cynthia Hodgdon

OTHERS PRESENT: George Shimer

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Richard Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established.

Public Comment

None

Delegations:

MCEA – Cynthia Hodgdon

OSEA – None

Presentation: Irrigon Jr/Sr High School – ASB students Aurora Bishop and Saxon Byers gave a Powerpoint Presentation to the Board. Highlights included:

- Money raised at recent football game selling concessions will be donated to the wrap around program.
- Middle school students are now included in ASB and are part of the leadership class.
- Homecoming 2024 included He-man Volleyball, Powderpuff Football, bonfire, royalty, football game, and dance.
- In honor of Veterans Day IJSHS will host an assembly for Veterans.
- Honor Roll Incentive event for both Junior and Senior high school students.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2024;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report, Employment Action;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: GCDA/GDDA(Rescind), GCDA/GDDA (Readopt), JGA, KG-Form
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: EBBA, JGAB

Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

Superintendent Report

- The first quarter of the 2024-25 school year will be wrapping up soon. Our enrollment as of today is 2244, which is up 24 from the end of last school year.
- Financials: Gabe has included the financial report for your review. We will continue to monitor our needs vs wants spending plan as we progress through this fiscal year in an effort to reduce our overall spending as we await the SSF/Budgeting number estimates for the next biennium as well as the MCSD Bond results in May of 2025. An additional unanticipated expense that will have an impact on all PERS agencies, including our district, is a recently reported increase with PERS related rates which will take effect for the 2025-26 school year.

- Student Threats - We value the partnerships with our local law enforcement agency partners, including our SRO's and our safety related planning processes including communication plans/strategies concerning safety threats. As a reminder we still use "I Love You Guys" Foundation and the SRP (Standard Response Protocol) Process for planned drills and emergency plans such as reunification as one example. Once law enforcement agency/partners are aware and get involved with serious threats they become the lead agency in charge, which includes collaboration on protocols, messaging, etc.
- SSF Update - The COSA funding group's advocacy work on reprioritization of K-12th grade State School Funding continues leading up to the legislative session beginning in January of 2025.
- Maintenance/Facilities update, as reported last month, most all of our 2024 summer projects have wrapped up. We will continue to strategically plan projects and timelines for spring and summer of 2025, in an effort to help safeguard for any unforeseen emergent issues.
- Fall athletic and extracurricular activities are continuing with good participation numbers across the district within all of our programs.
- Update and point of clarification regarding the recent EO article related to the IMESD facilitating a regional schools' pilot collaborative effort for continuing coverage of athletic and extracurricular activities. The cost per student was misleading as it is actually based on a breakdown of the OSAA adjusted classification numbers for schools in the region, not to be confused with the total overall enrollment numbers of any IMESD component district.
- Bond Committee Update - Our MCSD Bond work with the Wenaha Group will continue this Wednesday evening, as we progress with our MCSD bond planning and future recommendations.
- The Oregon School Boards Association - Fall Regional Legislative Roadshow Meetings for district superintendents and school board members. The IMESD will host our regional meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Executive Director of Human Resources Report

- Two Elementary Professional Development days were held.
- September 20th was for Licensed staff and focused on Math. The trainer from Ready Math provided info on what to teach and how to navigate the curriculum and priorities to focus on to make sure students meet their benchmarks. Instructional Coaches helped with how to teach the strategies.
- September 27th was for Classified staff focusing on classroom support, how to support the teacher as well as student management, de-escalation and strategies. Lots of tools were provided throughout the day. Staff thought the training was applicable and helpful. The district received a lot of thank yous for giving them the opportunity.

Director of Educational Services Report

- Secondary Professional Development was held in September. Instructional Coaches did a lot of the planning and facilitation for the day. Time was spent working on assessments, breakout sessions, and gradebook help for the teachers.
- Classified Professional Development was spent on I love You Guys and the reunification process. SRO's attended and helped with the training.
- Charting communication efforts - Integrated guidance. Surveys will go out to parents as we go into Measure 98 and SIA grants. Reader boards were purchased to help with communication to the communities.

Special Education Coordinator Report

- Professional Development – have started having new SPED teacher meetings. Have held one and trained on the paperwork and processes, holding another next week. We are wanting to make sure the new SPED teachers are trained and have solid foundations.

Unfinished Business

- **None**

New Business

• **Resolution #2024-25-04 – Unanticipated Revenue**

Motion: Brian Kollman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-25-04 for unanticipated revenue. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cole, Kollman, Anderson, Killion, Kindle, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

Chair Cole read the announcements:

- CBAC Meeting – October 16, 2024, 5:30pm, North DO/MEC
- OSBA Legislative Road Show - October 24, 2024 - Pendleton Convention Center
- End of 1st Quarter – October 24, 2024
- Veteran’s Day – November 11, 2024
- OSBA Legislative Road Show - October 24, 2024 - Pendleton Convention Center
- Special Board Meeting – October 28, 2024, 5:30pm – North DO/MEC
- Next Regular Board Meeting – November 12, 2024 – Heppner Elementary School

Chair Cole adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Richard Cole, Board Chair

Date Approved: _____