

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

February 12th, 2007

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of February 12th, 2007 held at the Sam Boardman Elementary School library in Boardman, OR.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Matlack, Nancy Vander Does, Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee, Barney Lindsay and Berto Hernandez.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Burrows, Wade Smith, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, BJ Wilson, Daye Stone, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Tom Crane, Phyllis Danielson, Jack Thompson, Joel Chavez and Thad Killingbeck

OTHERS PRESENT:

MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA representation; ESD – Mike Palmblad; Public Forum – no representation

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. This meeting followed a work session conducted by Shannon Priem from OSBA regarding the communications audit. The 2nd and 3rd grade students from SBE performed several songs under the direction of Mrs. Wendy Appleton. The performance was enjoyed by all.

Delegations

Marilyn Post represented MCEA – no comment; Mike Palmblad representing the ESD reported on the upcoming Career Showcase on 2-14-07 at the Pendleton Convention Center. Also noted that the ESD has moved it's printshop.

2.C. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved as presented:

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Nancy Vander Does, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented:
A.	Approved minutes of regular, executive and work session of January 22 nd , 2007
B.	Approved financial report
C.	Resignations: John Thompson, assistant custodian at IES; Wayne Whitley, release from contract at the semester; Becky Seewer, tennis coach at IHS; Robin Mulder, rally advisor at IHS
D.	Employment: Gretchen Kirchner, intern teacher at RHS, replacing Wayne Whitley
E.	Termination: Juan Ayala, assistant custodian at SBE
F.	Extra Duty Contracts: Jonathan Parrish, head wrestling coach at IJH; Brian Cook, assistant wrestling coach at IJH; Robert Marshall, head track coach at IHS
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Vander Does, Matlack, McNamee, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Reports & Presentations

- School Board Award:** Chairman Miles presented the school board award to the staff of Sam Boardman Elementary School for the remarkable gains in their Accelerated Reading Program. Mr. Wilson introduced the library staff as well as some of the SBE students. To date the students have taken 10,598 tests with an 88.7% passage rate. He noted that there are kindergarten students reading at 3rd grade levels.

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

- 2. OSBA Governance Committee:** Craig Miles reported on the OSBA Governance Committee and the proposed regionalization of the state. He stated that each region will elect their own representative on the OSBA board and the legislative policy committee. At the annual meeting, the votes will be by “one board” instead of each board member. Larger district boards would have 2 votes. OSBA will put all issues together and will be presenting at the Spring Regional meetings.
- 3. Lions Club:** Board member, Kuhn, reported that when the Irrigon Lions Club disbanded several years ago, there was quite a bit of money that was transferred to the state and remains available to any Morrow County student. If the principals come across a needy child, they should keep it in mind that there is \$200 per child available for vision needs (i.e., exams, glasses, etc.).
- 4. Election 2007:** Mr. Burrows reported on Election 2007, noting that Mrs. Ashbeck has the forms that will need to be filed by March 15th, 2007, or they can be picked up at the court house.
- 5. Educator of the Year:** Reported that Thad Killingbeck was named Boardman Educator of the Year for 2007, and now joins Forrest McKinnis from Irrigon and Dave Fowler from Heppner. Congratulations to those fine educators!
- 6. Monthly Newsletter:** Superintendent Burrows read the monthly newsletter from SpEd teacher, Deb Sherman, about the wonderful successes of her students at Irrigon Elementary School.
- 7. Technology Update:** Mr. Burrows introduced Michael Lasher from the ESD, who made a presentation on an initiative that Senator Dave Nelson is putting forth that would make technology a catalyst for learning. The recommendation would be the data projector and document camera to advance instruction and student achievement. If successful, it could mean Elmo’s for each teacher’s classroom in Umatilla & Morrow counties.
- 8. Testing Report:** Assistant Superintendent, Wade Smith reported on the status of the district with regard to preliminary test results.
- 9. Safety Demonstration:** Announced that on March 7th at 10:00 am at A.C. Houghton Elementary a safety demonstration will be conducted that will demonstrate state of the art safety features (i.e., remote access security cameras, mobile GPS, etc.). MidCo Bus, the Morrow County Sheriff’s Department, ESD, and CSEPP will be participating. Local, state and federal officials will be on hand to view the presentation, as well as the media.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Adopt Miscellaneous Policy Updates and Revisions

Motion:	Pat McNamee moved and Nancy Vander Does seconded to adopt the following policy revisions: BBF – Board Member Standards of Conduct; BDD – Board Meeting Procedures; BFD – Board Policy Implementation; CCC – Hiring of Licensed Administrators; CCG – Licensed Evaluation – Administrators; CCL – Administrative Staff Development; KBA – Public Records; KBA-Form – Request for Public Records; KGB – Public Conduct on District Property;
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

5. New Business

A. **KAB – Parental Rights:** This policy is mandatory and was accepted as a first reading.

B. 2005-06 Audit:

Motion:	Barney Lindsay moved and Berto Hernandez seconded to accept the 2005-06 audit as prepared by the Oster Professional Group. The district had another clean audit.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

C. Approve Local Service Plans from ESD

Motion:	Nancy Vander Does made a motion to adopt and approve the local service plans from the ESD for 2007-08 as presented. Barney Lindsay seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Matlack, Kuhn, Vander Does, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Chairman Miles read the announcements and then recessed the meeting at 8:26 p.m.. At 8:45 pm, Executive Session was opened under ORS 192.660(2)(a)(e) to discuss employment/personnel and real estate. At 10:50 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session, returned to open session and immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____