

Unofficial Minutes
Work Session & Board of Directors Meeting
August 10, 2009

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Work Session and Board of Directors regular meeting of August 10th, 2009, held in the district office board room in Lexington, OR

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Miles, Bill Kuhn, Pat McNamee, Barney Lindsay, and Thad Killingbeck.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Berto Hernandez and Daniel Daltoso

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

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – No representation. Patrons – n/a; Press

Work Session: Chairman Miles called the work session to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 10th, 2009. The topics of discussion were pay freezes/step increases for administrators/confidential staff; CEC election and the viability of the committees; RHS small school funding and the increase of 2 FTE licensed staff, as well as plans for upgrade of HVAC system; breakfast prices and the possible need to increase. The work session closed at 6:55 pm.

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The first order of business was to swear in the new board members. Superintendent Burrows administered the Oath of Office to Thad Killingbeck and Barney Lindsay for 4 year terms concluding June 30, 2013.

Election of Board Officers for 2009-10

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to nominate and cast votes for Barney Lindsay to serve as Board Chairman for the 2009-10 school year; Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	McNamee, Kuhn, Killingbeck, Miles
Noes	n/a
Abstentions	Lindsay
Motion passed	
Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to nominate and cast votes for Daniel Daltoso to serve as Board Vice Chairman for the 2009-10 school year; Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	McNamee, Kuhn, Killingbeck, Miles, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Abstentions	n/a
Motion passed	

Comments/Public

MCEA – Marilyn Post – no comment from MCEA at this time; OSEA – no representation; ESD – No representation
Cade Burnett was in attendance to give a report from the Umatilla-Morrow Head Start.

Additions to the Agenda

Under New Business: Canvass Election Results & Discussion on Viability of Committees; Add Executive Session 192-660(2)(b) – Personnel

2.C. Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Craig Miles the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the budget hearing; the regular meeting; and executive session of June 8, 2009;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Erich Harjo, PE teacher at IJSH; Danica Harjo, half-time 1 st grade teacher at SBE; Jennifer Cox, 6 th grade teacher at WRE; Dawn Mills, ½ time ed assistant at ACH; Connie Rodriguez, asst cook/food service clerical assistant at RHS
D.	Employment: Jessica Lehmann, Spanish teacher at IJSH; Jason Dunten, PE teacher at IJSH; Randal Olsen, PE teacher at RHS; Kristen Caldwell, LA teacher at RHS; Sam Cornelius, LA teacher at RHS
E.	Approved Resolution 2009-10-01 to Accept Unanticipated Revenue - \$7000 Wildhorse Grant to RHS
F.	Approved Attendance Variance Renewal: McKenzie Byrd from MCSD to Sandstone Middle School in Hermiston
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Lindsay, McNamee, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations

- **Umatilla-Morrow Head Start Assessment Report:** Cade Burnett, from the Umatilla-Morrow Head Start was in attendance to present a report on assessment results of pre-schoolers. He noted that Currently UMHS serves 80 children in the communities of Heppner, Irrigon and Boardman, with about 15% of these students being disability kids, low income families, etc.. He stated that the assessments that are done are outcome measured and resemble the benchmarks for K-12 kids.
- **Superintendent Report:** Mr. Burrows happily reported that the new academic year is in full swing, having just completed the administrators retreat with a focus on student achievement. He noted that we are in the 5th year of a Best Practices Staff Development program – SIOP. Mrs. Danielson has been putting together power standards for teachers...which are the “building blocks” for reading and math curriculum. He noted that this year through Title money, each principal will have a budget to bring staff back to work to collaborate to make sure assessment and data are useful.
- **AYP:** Reported that 5 of the 8 schools made AYP, with RHS, IJSH, and WRE not making adequate yearly progress. In each case, it was the sub-groups of ELL and/or SpEd. Along with Mrs. Danielson, the school administrators will all be working on school improvement plans, particularly the 3 schools not making AYP. Mr. Burrows reported that it’s a shame when you miss in one area, and that the schools do not get any credit for the improvements that have been made.
- **IJSH – 3A Classification:** Mr. Burrows reported that OSAA is trying to put IJSH into the 3A classification for sports. The district will be checking to see where OSAA got the ADM that they are reporting for IJSH. The 3A classification is the same league that Riverside is in, which would also include Vale, Nyssa, John Day and Burns.

- **School Finance:** Reported that the districts have a message from Ed Dennis wanting all to realize that schools did not get \$6 billion in funding, and will be lucky to get \$5.8 billion. \$200 million will be set into reserves for next year, but it is likely that this will be eaten up by the continuing recession. The district should be OK for this year, but 2010-11 is a worry.
- **Assessment Report:** Reported that with the help of Mrs. Danielson and the principals, the assessment report will be presented for the September meeting. Mr. Kuhn questioned what happens when schools do not make AYP. Mrs. Danielson stated that the first year, the school goes into school-wide improvement mode to address the needs of the sub-groups that did not make AYP. The second year not making AYP, the school notifies parents that they have the right to transfer their child (at the expense of the district) to another school in the district who is making AYP.

Unfinished Business

Adopt Misc. Policies

Motion:	Pat McNamee moved to adopt miscellaneous policies being presented. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion. [ADA; Non-Discrimination; EEO; FMLA; Section 504 and Credit for Proficiency].
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, McNamee, Miles, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

New Business

Accepted the following policies as a first reading for revision. Special education policy updates to be rescinded and replaced with new policy: IG BAG – SpEd Procedural Safeguards; IG BAH – SpEd Evaluation Procedures; IG BAJ – SpEd – Free Appropriate Public Education.

Adopt New AR's Associated with Policies

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to adopt the Administrative Regulations that support the policies recently adopted under unfinished business. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, McNamee, Miles, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Canvass CEC Election Results, Etc.

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to canvass the CEC election results as certified by the County Clerk. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Motion	Following discussion on the past couple CEC elections and the fact that there has been no quorum at any of the 3 CECs for the past year or two, Craig Miles made a motion to direct the superintendent to seek legal advice regarding continuing the CEC's and to then to write letters to the CEC members. Bill Kuhn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Motion	Bill Kuhn moved to direct the superintendent to look into what would be required to remove the district's obligation of continuing the CEC's through the election process. Craig Miles seconded the motion
Ayes	Kuhn, McNamee, Miles, Killingbeck, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

After reading the announcements, Superintendent Burrows asked Barney Lindsay to be present at the August 24th District-wide Inservice to speak to the staff.

Motion to Recess

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to recess the regular meeting at 8:06 pm. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, McNamee, Miles, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

At 8:16 pm, Chairman Lindsay reconvened the regular meeting and immediately entered into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Personnel. Executive Session concluded at 8:33 pm and open session resumed.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:34 pm. Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, McNamee, Miles, Killingbeck
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____