

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, April 14, 2014 held in the library at Riverside Jr/Sr High School in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Kollman, Bill Kuhn, Becky Kindler, Rhonda Hamby, Barney Lindsay & Mark Pratt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Thad Killingbeck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Julie Ashbeck, Cheryl Costello, Erin Stocker, Andy Fletcher, Tina Joyce, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Joel Chavez, Matt Matz, Mark Jones, Brandon Hammond

OTHERS PRESENT:

as per roster

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Barney Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Bianca Barajas, Riverside Jr/Sr High School student, sang the National Anthem and a quorum was established. There were no additions, corrections or deletions to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA – none; OSEA – Kathie Goad; IM-ESD – Cheri Rhinhart – She reported on progress with Common Core/Smarter Balance with regard to assessment and school improvement. The annual Crystal Apple Awards are coming up with presentation of winners to be held May 21st at 5:15pm at the Red Lion in Pendleton.

Cheerleading Presentation: Ken Grieb, Morrow County Commissioner presented a certificate of congratulations to Riverside Cheerleading Coaches Lisa Pratt and Cheryl Costello, congratulating them and their squad for their recent OSAA State Cheerleading 1A/2A/3A Championship. Principal Marie Shimer introduced cheerleading coaches Lisa Pratt and Cheryl Costello and spoke about their dedication to the program and all the hard work the girls put into the program. Lisa Pratt and Cheryl Costello introduced their squad and spoke about the program; addressing what their year looks like and future plans for the squad to attend competitions (local & state) and their desire to attend Nationals next year in Anaheim, California. There was a video presentation. Barney congratulated the coaches/squad and encouraged them to perform for elementary schools.

Eastern Promise: - Kris Mulvihill with IMESD gave a presentation, highlighting the opportunities Eastern Promise has for students wanting to gain college credit while in high school. She discussed the desire to encourage and grow a college going culture, and the 40/40/20 goal. Eastern Promise works towards merging high school and college together and preparing students for the rigor of college. A handout, using RHS as the example, showed the possible AAOT Degree pathway available to students who participate in Eastern Promise. Kris spoke to the cost of college and the savings to a student taking advantage of credits available through Eastern Promise (\$10.00 per credit vs \$500.00.) Morrow County School District will pay for the 1st 9 credits a student earns through Eastern Promise. She encouraged students to take care of their general education requirements through Eastern Promise while still in high school. Kris offered to visit with all schools/students that are interested in Eastern Promise.

Presentation of Longevity Pins & Introduction of New Staff: Principal Marie Shimer acknowledged her recipients who were unable to attend the meeting: Elvia Ayala – 5 year pin, Tammy Ellis – 20 year pin, Jody Marston – 20 year pin. Marie introduced new staff: Brandon Hammond, Vice Principal, Tristan Holechek, Math Teacher, and Trevor Pyke, Language Arts Teacher.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn, and a second by Becky Kindle, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of March 10, 2014;
- B. Approved Financial Report and Enrollment Report for April 2014;
- C. Resignations/Retirements: Alysun Burns resigned from temp. 2nd grade at ACH; Jason Whitbeck resigned from assistant high school track coach, IJSHS; TaMara Thornton resigned from science teacher, IJSHS; Eric Shular resigned from head junior high football coach, IJSHS ; Kathy Dickenson retired from educational assistant, HJSHS;
- D. Employment/Promotions/Transfers: Cynthia Rives, educational assistant, RJSJS; Pat King, PERS Retiree, special education teacher, RJSJS; Mike Royer, PERS Retiree, counselor, RJSJS/IJSHS; Kelsie Fox, temporary one-on-one special education assistant, HJSHS;
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Dave Cooley, head softball coach, IJSHS; Dieter Waite, head junior high track coach, HJSHS; Bridget Waite, assistant junior high track coach, HJSHS;
- F. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: BDDH – Public Participation in Board Meeting (Revised);
- G. Resolution 2013-14-08 to Accept Unanticipated Revenue \$26,333.00 ODE Educator Effectiveness Grant;
- H. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New and/or Revised Policies: JECB – Admission of Nonresident Students (Rescind and Replace); JECF – Interdistrict Transfer of Resident Students (Rescind and Replace)

Ayes: Kollman, Hamby, Pratt, Lindsay, Kuhn, Kindle

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

Happenings – spring is here and there are lots of activities happening in Morrow County Schools: Field Trips; OAKS testing; Graduation; an exciting time for all students and staff. It is great to be a part of all this activity.

SIP – SIP dollars go towards special taxing districts. Seven special districts voted for the school district to receive 20% to begin in 2015-16 for 15 years. The money received will not reduce the general fund.

Wraparound Coordinator – We hope to have a Wraparound Coordinator next year. This person will be the system facilitator between students and outside agencies they may need to be connected with. ESD, GOBHI, MCSD and the County will all donate funds for this position. This person would be a county employee.

Community Counseling - Kim Lindsay has obtained a grant to continue funding a counselor at RJSJS/IJSHS . This will allow us to double our time with a counselor from Community Counseling Services next year. This will be funded for 1 year. At the end of the year, data will be used to apply for additional funding.

Safety Protocol – Safety protocol is being practiced in all buildings. We are currently coordinating with Safety Officers and are planning a meeting to discuss additional items as needed.

Education Grants - Education Grants are coming in. The deadline to apply is May 1st. One application has been turned in with several working on them.

Lexington Building – we have received a bid of \$26,000 for the asbestos abatement. We are still looking for someone to purchase the building.

District Math Contest – the district Math Contest was held at Irrigon Elementary School. This was a well-organized, fantastic event with a great turnout. Barney congratulated Erin and George for a great event and suggested we take advantage of the great parental turnout and have a round table forum. Erin thanked Barney and gave credit to the TAG coordinator.

ELA Adoption – Rachel Luke gave a presentation on the K-6 ELA Adoption. The textbook Journeys was the focus of the K-6 grade levels. There was a great response to Journeys by staff that reviewed books presented for adoption. All agreed that this textbook would best suit the needs of students/teachers of MCSD. There is a digital component as well as the textbook. The technology and training are not currently in place for the digital component but we are working towards this and will work with the IMESD for support. We are willing to support teachers who wish to pilot this program and move forward.

Aaron Byers gave a presentation on the 7-12 ELA Adoption. The textbook from Pearson was the focus of the 7-12 grade levels. Common Core and Smarter Balance are the skills focused on. There is a large selection for teachers to pick from for lessons that is focused on Common Core. Bill Kuhn thanked the presenters and staff that were involved with textbook adoption for their time in researching the options available.

Unfinished Business

Division 22 Compliance – George Mendoza was happy to report that we are meeting all requirements.

New Business

Achievement Compact – We are working with a committee to review and update the Achievement Compact; once reviewed it will go to the school board level for review. The due date for compact submission is October, 2015. Our goals are still based on the 3% growth model.

IMESD Budget Committee – Mark Mulvihill is looking for a representative from the board to serve on the IMESD Budget Committee. Barney Lindsay has been our representative in the past. Rhonda Hamby volunteered to serve on this committee with Barney as a backup.

Adoption of the K-12 English/LA Curriculum

Motion:	Brian Kollman made a motion to approve the adoption of the K-12 English/LA Curriculum. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Hamby, Kindle, Lindsay, Kollman, Pratt
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Vice-Chairman Lindsay read the announcements, and then recessed the meeting at 8:24 pm.

At 8:24 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(d)(e)(f) to discuss a personnel issue; negotiations; real estate; records exempt.

At 8:50 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened.

Real Estate – There was discussion regarding moving forward with the purchase of land on the corner of Main Street and Wilson Road for future growth.

Negotiation of Real Estate

Motion:	Brian Kollman made a motion to allow Andy Fletcher and Dirk Dirksen to negotiate the purchase of property on the corner of Main Street & Wilson Road. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Hamby, Kindle, Lindsay, Kollman, Pratt
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

At 8:55 pm the regular meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____

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