

Unofficial Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting, February 13, 2023

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:00 pm held at Heppner Jr/Sr High School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Becky Kindle, Richard Cole, Jacob Cain, Rosa Delgado, Mary Killion, Ashley Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Kollman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matt Combe, Barbara Phillips, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, John Christy (via Zoom), Jill Ledbetter, Jami Carbray, Kaira Rysdam, Ryan Gerry, Dieter Waite, Rose Palmer, Jason Duntun, Laura Browne Winters, Patrick Kerrigan, Bart Prouty, Tiffanie Greenup, Autumn Morgan, Brandi Sweeney.

OTHERS PRESENT:

as per roster

Call to Order:

Board Chair, Becky Kindle 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 – None

OSEA – None

Presentations

Oregon Coaches Athletic Association:

Rob Younger, Director of Oregon Athletics Association, along with Chris Knudsen, Associate Director, presented Greg Grant his award for being named Coach of the Year. Greg will be also be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet in May. Rob and Chris highlighted Greg’s many accomplishments through his coaching career which include multiple Coach of the Year awards and State Championships. Greg has also coached other sports, and volunteers on committees representing coaches of MCSD and other smaller schools in the state.

Annual Financial Report - Rob Tremper, Dickey and Tremper, LLP:

Mr. Tremper presented the MCSD annual financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Jill Miller – Counselor – Hepper Jr/Sr High School:

Jill Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Curriculum, Sown to Grow which includes classroom guidance lessons, emotional check-ins, self-reflection, goal setting, and real time reporting. Mrs. Miller in her role as Academic Advisor has been holding student meetings, doing academic monitoring, and reviewing transcripts and career mapping with students. HJSHS has been having open lab nights and have been able to do campus visits to BMCC/WWCC, Phagens’/COCC, and EOU.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jacob Cain seconded the motion.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meetings of December 12, 2022, special meetings of January 5, 2023, January 9, 2023, and January 12, 2023;
- B. Approved Financial Report, Enrollment Report, and Employment Action including rehiring of spring coaches;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: JHCD/JHCDA
- D. Adoption of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: IGBB
- E. Adoption of New, Revised or Rescinded AR’s: None

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay,
Noes:
Motion Passed

Superintendent Report

- Mr. Combe thanked the School Board for their service in recognition of Board Appreciation Month.
- Graduation Rates for MCSD remain strong with over 96% of our seniors from last year graduating on time and within their 4-year cohorts.
- The most recent COSA state budget forecast update sounds promising for the next biennium. The Governor’s recent proposal starting at 9.9 billion was a pleasant surprise as earlier forecasts predicted it starting at 9.5 billion. We are still hoping for 10.3 to keep up with inflation demands, but many predict it will land in the 10.1-10.2 range.
- The New Superintendent Academy Cohort has been a positive experience for Mr. Combe and continues to be a great reminder of how important the educational work we do is and the collaboration and networking with other educational leaders from around our region and state have been a positive networking experience.
- The forward progress and momentum we have experienced this year remains positive as we are nearing the completion of our winter sports/extracurricular seasons. For our students, athletics and extracurricular activities continue to play played a large part in this positive synergy.
 - Mr. Combe acknowledged and thanked our building administrators and our MCSD staff for their hard work and focused efforts with student learning this school year; “We don’t always hear often enough the good positive things that are happening in our schools and I don’t want that to be taken for granted in relationship to the hard work and extra efforts of our MCSD staff”.
- Winter Sports are just about to wrap up and MCSD had good turnouts and participation this winter. District and State playoffs are closing in fast and believe it or not Spring sports will be beginning soon!

Executive Director of Human Resources Report:

Erin Stocker gave an overview of the two calendar options for the 2023-24 school year.

Option 1 – pre-Labor Day start, no Friday workdays after a Monday Holiday, school year ends June 14th.

Option 2 – pre-Labor Day start, keep Friday workdays after a Monday holiday, school year ends June 7th.

Director of Educational Services Report:

Marie Shimer – updated the board on the 7-12 Math curriculum adoption. 7-12 staff have chosen to go with EdGems curriculum for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade, and Big Ideas for Geometry. Elementary is not ready to make a decision on curriculum adoption.

Sped Coordinatiior Report:

Marissa Turner reported that the SPED Departments continue to work on state reporting and updating data. Spring will be a busy time with initial sped referrals and incoming kindergartners.

Unfinished Business

- **Resolution #2022-23-12 – Corrective Action Plan** - The Corrective Action Plan submitted is to correct audit findings from the recent audit by Dickey & Tremper.

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-23-12 – Corrective Action Plan. Mary Killion seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **Board Meeting 2022/23 Calendar - Revised** – The Board Meeting calendar is revised to reflect a change in start time to 6:00pm for all meetings unless otherwise posted.

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the revised Board Meeting 2022/23 calendar. Jacob Cain seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

New Business

- **Resolution #2022-23-11 – IMESD Local Service Plan 2023/24** – Resolution adopting the IMESD Local Service Plan for the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-23-11 – IMESD Local Service Plan. Mary Killion seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **Resolution #2022-23-09 – Unanticipated Revenue**
 - \$1000.00 to HES from the Robert Kilkenney Family Foundation for student coats.
 - \$4228.74 to HJSHS from ResilientIG Threemile Acquisitions for the FFA program.
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 - \$5500.00 to RJSHS from RHS Booster Club for the track.
 - \$500.00 to IES from Boardman **Indoor** Soccer League for ASB fund.
 - \$150.00 to SBE from Oregon Education Association Foundation for SBE student needs.

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-23-09 – Unanticipated Revenue. Jacob Cain seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **2021-22 Financial Audit Report** – The Board acknowledge receipt of the 2021-22 Financial Audit Report done by Dickey and Tremper LLP.
- **Math Adoption – 7-12** – Adoption of 7-12 EdGems and Big Ideas.

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to approve the 7-12 Math Adoption. Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **MCS D Calendar Options 2023/24**

Motion: Jacob Cain made a motion to approve the MCS D Calendar Options 2023/24. Richard Cole seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **Budget Committee** - The board discussed the two current vacancies on the budget committee and prospective appointees. The Board will appoint new budget committee members at the March board meeting.
- **Adoption 2023/2024 Budget Calendar**

Motion: Richard Cole made a motion to adopt the 2023/24 Budget Calendar. Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

- **OSAA Cooperative Sponsorships – Ione/Heppner Tennis and Heppner/Ione Golf**

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the two Cooperative Sponsorships. Jacob Cain seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cain, Cole, Delgado, Kindle, Killion, Lindsay

Noes:

Motion Passed

Chair Kindle read the announcements:

- No School – Monday, February 20, 2023, Presidents Day Holiday
- Classified Appreciation Week – March 6 – 10, 2023
- Next Board Meeting – Monday, March 13, 2023, 6:00pm – A.C. Houghton Elementary

Chair Kindle recessed the regular meeting at 7:15pm

Chair Kindle convened the Executive Session at 7:30pm under ORS 192.660(2)(i) – To review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

The Executive session concluded and the regular meeting reconvened and was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Becky Kindle, Board Chair

Date Approved: _____