

Official Minutes

Board of Directors Regular Meeting, March 9, 2026

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors meeting held on Monday, March 9, 2026 6:00pm at Irrigon Elementary School/Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Cole

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Erin Stocker, Marissa Turner, Gabe Hansen, Barbara Phillips, Jill Ledbetter, Karen Frenette, Rose Palmer, Maria Ortega, Laura Winters, Ryan Gerry, Sarah Christy, Rachel Herron, Steve Sheller, John Christy, Karen Shelton, Brandi Sweeney, Autumn Morgan, Charlene Baker, Cynthia Hodgdon

OTHERS PRESENT: Heppner Gazette – Andrea Di Salvo

Call to Order:

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

Review Agenda: No Additions or corrections to agenda were noted. Mrs. Phillips let the board know an adjustment had been made to Employment Action.

Public Comment: None

Delegations:

MCEA: Charlene Baker

OSEA: None

Presentations:

- **Early Graduation Request – Riverside Jr/Sr High School – Giselle Pacheco**

Motion: Ashley Lindsay made a motion to approve the Early Graduation request, Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

AYES: Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes – February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting, February 9, 2026, Executive Session.
2. Approve Financial Report
3. Enrollment Report
4. Employment Action – Regular and Licensed Staff Extension/Non-Extension

Motion: Mary Killion made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

Superintendent Report – Mr. Combe

- **Partnership Acknowledgment/Recognition** - Morrow County Unified Recreation District & Good Shepard Community Health Foundation – The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Tennis Courts was held at IJSH
- **Bond Progress Update** – Scott Rogers our Project Manager from Wenaha has provided an updated progress report in the board packet.
- **Enrollment** - Our enrollment as of today is 2171, which is down fifty-six from the same time last school year. We are currently +23 (incoming vs outgoing) with our inter-district transfers to date.

- **Financial Report** - Gabe has included a detailed financial report in the board packet. We continue to watch our expenditures with a needs vs wants mindset while monitoring forecasting reports and updates at both the state and federal levels as we begin budgeting process for the 2026-27 school year. The most recent economic forecast that was released last month was better than expected, so we remain optimistically hopeful going into our budget/forecasting portion of the school year.
- **Graduation Rates** - If you missed the recent regional/state press releases on graduate rates? For the 5th consecutive year MCSD was yet again among the leaders of both our region and state with our 96+% graduation rates. Kudos to our MCSD staff for their continued hard work and diligence to ensure that our MCSD students continue to graduate on time!
- **Maintenance/Facilities Report** – Recently walk-throughs were conducted at each of our buildings to identify needs of each building/campus across the district.
- **OSBA Bonds, Ballots & Buildings Conference** - Gabe, Brandi & I recently attended/presented at the annual conference held in Salem. It was a very worthwhile experience as we shared our perspective and takeaways from our past bond-related project experiences and the important work involved along with lessons learned from our MCSD bond-related process.
- **Winter athletic and extracurricular activities** – Schools are wrapping up winter athletics and post season competitions will begin soon. I continue making my rounds to all three of our MCSD communities and enjoy watching our students compete in their athletic and extracurricular competitions/events.
- **And finally** - I would like to acknowledge and thank each of you for your dedication, commitment and continued voluntary service to the students and staff of MCSD.

Executive Director of Human Resources Report – Mrs. Stocker –

- 2026-27 Calendar Option – Staff chose Option A
- Meetings have been held with building Principals going through student achievement goals, as well as, personal and professional goals.

Director of Educational Services Report: Mrs. Shimer –

- The District is in the process of updating the SIS and it will be ready to go for the schools and parents in the Fall.
- Social Studies 7-12 Curriculum adoption is almost complete and will be presented to the Board in April.
- Summer Learning Grant is available and the District will be applying next week.

Sped Coordinator Report – Marissa Turner –

- Community Counseling Services is providing trainings to the community and staff on Suicide prevention. Trainings will also be available in Spanish.

MCSD Bond Report – Monthly report from the Wenaha group.

Unfinished Business

1. 2026-27 Calendar Options

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve the 2026/27 school calendar option A, Ashley Lindsay seconded the motion.

AYES: Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

New Business

1. Unanticipated Revenue: Resolution #2025-26-09

Motion: Becky Kindle made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-26-09, unanticipated revenue, Rosa Delgado seconded the motion.

AYES: Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

2. Resolution #2025-26-10 – Declaration of Surplus Equipment

Motion: Rosa Delgado made a motion to approve Resolution #2025-26-10 declaring the Welder at HHS Surplus Equipment, Erin Anderson seconded the motion.

AYES: Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

5. Budget Committee – Three new budget committee members were appointed.

Motion: Ashley Lindsay made a motion to appoint Tanner Britt, Sarah Rea, and Veronica Lezama to the Budget Committee, Mary Killion seconded the motion.

AYES: Brian Kollman, Becky Kindle, Mary Killion, Rosa Delgado, Erin Anderson, Ashley Lindsay

Motion passed

Vice Chair Kollman read the announcements:

- OGEC - Statement of Economic Interest filing window opens March 15, 2026
- End of 3rd Quarter – April 2, 2026
- Spring Break – March 23-27, 2026
- Next Regular Board Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:00pm – Sam Boardman Elementary School

Vice Chair Kollman recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:32p.m. and convened the Executive Session at 6:34pm.

Vice Chair Kollman reconvened the Regular Meeting and adjourned the meeting at 6:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Phillips, Board Secretary

Date

Director Kindle

Date