

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting June 9, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, June 9, 2014 held in the Library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thad Killingbeck, Bill Kuhn, Becky Kindle, Barney Lindsay,
Mark Pratt, Brian Kollman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rhonda Hamby

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

as per roster

Call to Order:

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order in the Library at Heppner Elementary at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kaden Combe and a quorum was established. There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA – Dave Fowler; OSEA - Kathie Goad; IMESD – None. Mr. Dirksen shared with the audience that IMESD is busy working on professional development, Smarter Balance and Common Core for next year. Mr. Killingbeck referred to a recent article in the newspaper relating to education and these issues.

Chairman Thad Killingbeck recessed the regular meeting at 7:02 pm and opened the Budget hearing for comments. There were no comments and the meeting was recessed at 7:05 pm and the regular meeting was reconvened.

Out of State Trip Request: Jeff Searles made a presentation to the board on behalf of all MCSD band programs. They are requesting permission for a trip out of state in the spring of 2015. The trip is to Disneyland for participation in the World Projects EXPLORE THE WORLD WITH MUSIC program. Students will sight-read and record music from Disney files in a simulated film-scoring studio as they learn the critical role each member of the concert band plays in delivering a pitch-perfect performance. They will also perform on one of the main stages at Disneyland. The cost estimate is \$1300.00 per person. Board policy requires permission for trips out of state and that is the reason for this presentation today. Mr. Searles asked for questions from the board. Bill Kuhn agreed that this is a great idea and a wonderful opportunity for the kids. Mr. Searles said that he and other band directors have received a warm reception from parents who have lots of fundraising ideas. Mr. Kuhn asked if all schools attending are on board with fundraising. Mr. Searles assured the board there is a plan in place and fundraising will be a group effort. Mr. Lindsay requested that a representative from the group give a report to the board upon their return. Richard Drake asked about liability insurance. Mr. Fletcher will check into the issue.

Out of State Trip Request – Jeff Searles

Motion: Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve the request for an out of state band trip by Jeff Searles. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

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

Noes:

Motion Passed

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 May 12, 2014;
- B. Approved Financial Report and Enrollment Report for June 2014;
- C. 1st Reading of Rescinded, New or Revised Policies: IIBGB Web Pages; IIBGA Electronic Communication;
- D. Ratify OSEA Reopener Language for 2014-15;
- E. Approve Annual Organizational Details for 2014-15;
- F. Approve Successor Agreement with Morrow Co Rec District;
- G. Approve Resolution 2013-14-13 Authorizing the County Treasurer to Invest District Funds;
- H. Approve Resolution 2013-14-11 Committed Funds

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

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

Graduation – Mr. Dirksen reported that 137 seniors graduated across the district. This year there were 1005 college credits earned by seniors; 5 years ago we hoped for 100 credits to be earned, this is a fantastic number. I appreciate the board and staff working with Eastern Promise. The hurdles we have gotten over are great; I personally feel this is a great accomplishment. \$2,257,406.00 was earned by seniors in scholarship money. Irrigon Jr/Sr High School earned 1.6 million. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids; we are on the right track with students moving on with their life. Mr. Lindsay commented on Gear-up Grant funds, and what a terrific program and opportunity it has been.

Summer School – Summer School is in full swing and will run through the month of June.

Morrow County Rec District – Mr. Dirksen thanked the stake holders for the \$29, 250 increase in funds for 2014-15; this is fantastic support. Sometimes we forget, but this is not the norm, and we thank Morrow County residents for supporting the school district.

Heppner Tennis Courts – The City of Heppner has interest in the tennis courts; they would like to know what the districts plans are for the courts. The city has interest in upgrading the courts. Does the board want to pursue a proposal? Bill Kuhn was unsure the city wants to own the courts; there are funds to repaint and improve. Andy Fletcher explained that MCSD is not financially set to maintain the courts, it is best for MCSD to transfer ownership of the courts to the city; this would be a win win for both sides. There is discussion about removing the basketball hoops so the courts could be used for just tennis. The basketball hoops would be returned to the school district. Brian Kollman agreed, this would be a win win for all. Mr. Dirksen will put together a proposal for the board to review.

District Office – Lexington - All asbestos has been removed from the building. We will advertise for a buyer, working with the City of Lexington. If we cannot secure a buyer, we will look at the building coming down. During this process, we will work with Lexington stake holders. The quote for removing the asbestos was \$26,000, and the final was \$17,800.00 (not including trash bins and air samples), good news.

Wrap Around Coordinator – We are looking to hire someone to start Aug 1st in this position. This position will facilitate and support families working with all agencies. The ESD will be the hiring agency. Brian Kollman wondered, can 1 person do all of this. Umatilla has had 2 in the past and are up to 4 people in this position. Bill Kuhn asked that this person be introduced to the board when hired.

Air Conditioning at Riverside Jr/Sr High School – The control panel on one of the air conditioning units at Riverside has not been working. This is the result on a recent power surge that took out the control panel. This is a fairly new system, 3 years old. We are currently seeking a second opinion. The overall plan is to replace it with a new system through the Energy Trust of Oregon. The estimate to repair is \$10,000; we are looking at replacing/upgrading the system anyway.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business

At 7:29 pm the regular session was recessed and the budget hearing was reconvened. There being no further input from the public concerning the adoption of the budget, Chairman Killingbeck adjourned the Budget Hearing at 7:30 and reconvened the regular meeting where the following action was taken:

2014-15 Budget

Motion: Becky Kindle moved to approve Resolution 2013-14-12 to Adopt the 2014-15 Budget in the amount of \$30,987,110; to Make Appropriations; to Impose the ad valorem tax in the amount of \$4.03420/\$1000 of assessed value; and, to Categorize the Tax. Brian Kollman seconded the motion.

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

Noes:

Motion Passed

American Tower – Mr. Dirksen asked if the board is interested in a work session with American Tower. This would allow for more information on their proposal to place a cell tower on MCSD property. Mr. Killingbeck does not think this is a good idea, and would not like to pursue the issue. Barney would like to listen to their proposal. Andy Fletcher agreed, this would give us the opportunity for more information. American Tower likes our site and wants to place their tower; they might be interested negotiating. Bill Kuhn has specific questions regarding the liability to MCSD. Brian Kollman is willing to listen to what they have to say. June 11, 12 or 17 are the available dates for the work session.

Work Session with American Tower

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to hold a work session with American Tower June 11, 2014 at 6:00pm at Heppner Elementary School. Barney Lindsay seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Killingbeck, Kuhn, Kindle, Lindsay, Pratt, Kollman
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Chairman Thad Killingbeck read the announcements. He thanked the board and administration for another successful year.

Chairman Thad Killingbeck recessed the regular meeting at 7:36 pm.

At 7:37 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(h) – Legal; and ORS 192.061 – Expulsion.

At 7:49 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened.

At 7:50 pm the regular meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted:

Cheryl Costello, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____