

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting & Work Session
February 8th, 2010

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors work session and regular meeting of February 8th, 2010 held in the library at Riverside High School in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm .

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Pat McNamee, Daniel Daltoso and Berto Hernandez .

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thad Killingbeck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Craig Bensen, Matthew Matz, Mark Jones, Joel Chavez, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe, John Sebastian, Daye Stone Donna Barton & Dave Melville

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Mark Mulvihill; Patrons – Ray Michaels; Press

Call to Order

Chairman Barney Lindsay called an Executive Session to order under ORS 192.660(2)(h) at 5:15 pm to discuss a legal issue via teleconference with an attorney. The session closed at 6:10 pm. At 6:20 pm the board held a work session to discuss grading. Mr. Burrows began by saying that the current grading system is outdated and questioned whether the system is helping all kids over the bar or simply sorting kids, and in some cases, discouraging kids. Another work session will be scheduled to continue this topic. The work session concluded at 7:00 pm. At 7:05 pm, Chairman Lindsay called the regular meeting to order in the library at Riverside High School in Boardman, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The only change to the agenda was that Betsy Shane would not be present to demo Promethean boards, and another teacher has agreed to fill in.

Comments/Public

- MCEA –Marilyn Post was present and responded to Ray Michael’s concerns regarding the prescription plan for the district. Marilyn also announced that MCEA will be awarding education scholarships again this year. Pat Barron from Irrigon High School was awarded with a \$400 scholarship; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Superintendent, Mark Mulvihill will report later in the meeting on the Local Service Plans, the ESD Merger and ALDP; Public comments – Ray Michaels, Boardman pharmacist was present to apologize to the board and staff for disassociating himself from the processor of our district insurance – ODS, citing that he is no longer willing to absorb the losses on prescriptions.

2.C. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Craig Miles and a second by Daniel Daltoso the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of January 11, 2011;
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: Brian Cook, head wrestling coach at IJH; Cynthia Skillings, 2 hr. asst cook at HHS
- D. Employment: Pat Klaviter, SpEd assistant at RHS, replacing Judy Woody
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Stephanie Sweeney, head track coach at HJH; Janelle Healy, .5 FTE head softball coach at HHS
- F. Approved Resolution 2009-10-05 to Accept and Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue for the HHS Fairgrounds Project

Ayes Kuhn, Miles, Lindsay, Daltoso, McNamee, Hernandez

Noes n/a

Motion passed

3.A Reports & Presentations

- **Enrollment:** Superintendent Burrows reported that last month enrollment was down slightly, mainly due to students traveling for the holidays. This month the student population is up another 25 students. He further reported that the PSU population center statistics reports Morrow County as the county with the most school-aged children (age 0 to 17 years) in the state.
- **Finances:** Reported that the district, through careful fiscal planning, is not feeling a lot of the economic pains that other districts are experiencing. With the passage of Ballot Measures 66 & 67, we will keep the budget intact. The economic forecast from the state today is down \$180 million. Even though we will have about \$300K less in revenue than we anticipated, we will have enough in carryover to get us through the next fiscal year, if we are able to be flat-funded.
- **Investing in Innovation:** Received word that Heppner High School has been asked to partner with OSU for a proficiency based learning project. This “Investing in Innovation” grant will be an excellent opportunity to provide staff development for the entire school district.
- **Educators of the Year:** Ellen Hendergart, Irrigon library tech; John Flaherty, Heppner High School social studies teacher; and Dirk Dirksen, principal at Riverside High School for the Boardman community.
- **Local Option Tax Report:** County Assessor, Greg Sweek was in attendance to explain some of the issues surrounding the nearly \$200,000 reduction in the amount of local option tax revenue that the district was expecting. Part of the confusion comes from outdated software used during the initial planning process. The district will write a letter to the county court supporting the purchase of updated software.
- **Principal Reports:** Selection of HHS students to take the writing assessments; Migrant parent meetings.

Unfinished Business - None at this time

New Business

- **Riverside High School Named “Outstanding” by ODE:** Superintendent Burrows and Board Chairman Barney Lindsay recognized and presented a plaque to Riverside High School Principal, Dirk Dirksen and his staff, for being named an “Outstanding” school by the Oregon Department of Education for 2008-09 school year.
- **ESD Report & Approval of Local Service Plan:** ESD Superintendent, Mark Mulvihill reported on the progress of the ESD merger with Union-Baker and Malheur ESD – the merged ESDs would be called Intermountain ESD. Dr. Mulvihill also updated the board on the ALDP – Alternative Learning Delivery Program and it’s progress to date. The virtual education program has 60 courses that are offered now throughout the consortium. The board unanimously approved the Local Service Plans for 2010-11. Additionally, after discussion about the 2010-11 Local Service Plans, the following action was taken:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to Approve the 2010-11 Local Service Plans from the Umatilla-Morrow ESD as presented. Pat McNamee seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

New Business (Continued)

- **MidCo Bus Scholarships:** Marci Buschke, from MidColumbia Bus Company was in attendance to present the district with a check for \$1750 for three \$500 scholarships for a RHS, HHS and IJSH graduate and \$250 for a Morrow Ed Center graduate.
- **HHS Field Trip Request**

Motion:	Craig Miles moved to allow Dave Fowler, HHS technology teacher, and 2 students to attend the TSA National Convention on the east coast during the summer of 2010. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, McNamee, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

After reading the announcements, the board moved to Betsy Shane’s room for the Promethean Board Demonstration. At 8:42 pm the regular meeting recessed and Executive Session was opened under ORS192.660(2)(b)(m) – Personnel and Student Records. Chairman Lindsay closed Executive Session at 9:08 pm, re-opened the regular meeting and took the following action:

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to deny the attendance variance of an IJSH student to attend Hermiston High School. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, Hernandez
Abstentions	McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

At 9:10 pm the regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____