

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting March 12, 2012

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of March 12, 2012 held in the library at AC Houghton Elementary School in Boardman, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Barney Lindsay, Becky Kindle, Tony Navarro, Berto Hernandez, Bill Kuhn, Brian Kollman, Thad Killingbeck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, George Mendoza, Mark Jones, Joel Chavez, John Sebastian, Robert Elizondo, Craig Bensen, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe, Daye Stone, Marie Shimer, and Matt Matz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Press

Call to Order

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at the AC Houghton Elementary School library in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited; and a quorum was established.

Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda – Addition of OAR 332.061(1) – Student Records to Executive Session; Moved ACH School Report – Artist in Residence up earlier in the meeting.

Public Comments

Delegations: Representing MCEA – Paul Beagle; OSEA – Kathie Goad – both associations thanked Mr. Dirksen for being proactive with communication regarding the staffing situation; ESD – Michael Lasher – reported that Eastern Promise will be up and running by the fall of 2012. Presentation of a plaque to John Sebastian and ACH Staff for being named an Outstanding School by ODE for the 2010-11 school year; Also, ACH was named one of the top 18 schools in Oregon. All of these schools will be given the opportunity to apply for a \$3000 grant of which 5 will be awarded. Introduced Juan Garza, MCS D GearUp Coordinator for the district; ACH Artist in Residence presentation from ACH students – playing the fiddle.

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; Executive Session of February 13, 2012;
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: Gerald Turner, science teacher at RHS; Laura Owens, Spanish teacher at RHS; Heather Hancock, ed assistant at SBE;
- D. Retirements; John Sebastian, ACH principal
- E. Extra Duty Contracts: Stuart Dick, asst girls basketball coach at IJSH; John Qualls, head track coach at HJH; Amber Steinhoff, asst track coach at HHS; Jerry Gentry, asst baseball coach at HHS
- F. Renew or extend all licensed staff for 2012-13 as presented; Non-renew all temporary contracts
- G. Accepted the list of surplus items and authorized the sale/disposal as presented
- H. Approved cooperative sponsorship for baseball/softball for 2011-12 and 2012-13 between Ione High & Heppner High

Ayes: Navarro, Lindsay, Kindle, Hernandez, Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

- **Student Successes:** Dave Fowler, HHS tech ed teacher was present to report that Morrow County CTE students district-wide were recognized as only 2 CTE programs in the state that met in reading, writing and math on the OAKS tests. There are 5 programs in the county: Vo-Ag at HHS and IJSH; industrial arts/technology at HHS & RHS; business at RHS.
- **Reading Test Opportunities for Seniors:** At the beginning of the year, there were 30 seniors district-wide who needed to pass the reading test in order to graduate. They were given either the OAKS test or the Work Keys test administered by the district. There are now only 10 students remaining. Work Keys has opened up another avenue for these students to pass reading.
- **Suicide & Anti-Bullying Workshop:** Reported that HHS had this powerful presentation recently that was very well received. Irrigon is scheduled for the presentation in April, as is Riverside High School.
- **Food Service:** The district will have a meeting March 20th at the DO at 1:00 pm for 3 presentations – 2 from vendors and 1 self-op program. Board members Barney Lindsay and Thad Killingbeck will serve from the board.
- **Community Meetings:** Mr. Dirksen reported on feedback from his meeting with the associations and individual communities – noting that there were several themes that were common to all communities: volunteers – better process for getting volunteers into the buildings and making them welcome; athletic financing - MCURD provides for 100% of the associated costs for sports, and only a small amount from the general fund for AD's, secretarial time, travel and supplies; consider closing the district office – noted that this may be something that happens sometime in the future, but for now the district is analyzing the cost efficiency of the building; Furlough days vs. RIF'd staff; Morrow County Education Foundation – will soon be ready to accept funds, then the district can apply for grants.
- **Local Option Serial Levy:** Presentation on the dwindling dollars for education over the past 10 years; the presentation that was made to the communities on the reductions, noting that we are reducing 14 FTE, most of which have come through retirements, resignations or transfers – we will be actually reducing 1.5 FTE in counselors; and 2.0 elementary teachers. It is likely that more retirements will come in, which could add back elementary positions. Without passage of the levy – 8 elective programs will be reduced or eliminated.
- **Achievement Compacts:** Assistant Superintendent Mendoza explained what the compacts will look like, and how Oregon Education Investors Board was established for implementation of the compacts. Students at these levels should learn or be ready to: Pre-K – ready to learn; Primary – learn numeracy and fluency; intermediate – be ready for rigor; high school – be ready for college or career entry; post-secondary – be locally and globally competitive in the world.
- **Principal Reports** - this month's report focused on each school's Emergency & Safety Plans.

Unfinished Business

Adopted Calendar Option A for the 2012-13 School Calendar

Barney Lindsay made a motion to adopt Calendar Option A. Brian Kollman seconded the motion..

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman, Killingbeck
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

Adoption of Resolution 2011-12-12 – Local Option Serial Levy

Becky Kindle moved to adopt Resolution 2011-12-12 to Support the Local Option Serial Levy. Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman, Killingbeck
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

Reduction of Licensed Staff for 2012-13

Barney Lindsay made a motion to reduce 1.5 counseling positions and 2.0 elementary teaching positions, [in addition to those positions already reduced through resignation/retirements] for the 2012-13 school year. Brian Kollman seconded the motion..

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman, Killingbeck
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

New Business

Approved the HHS Field Trip Request to the National Technology Conference in Nashville, TN.

Brian Kollman moved to allow HHS students and advisor to attend the National Technology Conference in Nashville, TN this summer. Becky Kindle seconded the motion.

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Lindsay, Kindle, Kollman, Killingbeck
Noes: n/a
Motion Passed

Announcements: Chairman Killingbeck read the following announcements:

- Deadline to File for the Local Option Levy March 15, 2012
- End of 3rd Nine Weeks March 22, 2012
- Spring Break March 26-30, 2012
- Next Board Meeting, Windy River Elementary School, 7 pm April 9, 2012

There being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Killingbeck recessed the regular meeting at 8:33 pm. At 8:43 pm Executive Session was called under ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Personnel and OAR 332.061(1) for Student Records. The board then went back into open session at 8:52 pm to clarify with the press on the licensed reductions. At 8:53 pm Executive Session reconvened for a student issue. At 9:13 executive session was concluded. The board returned to the regular meeting and adjourned at 9:14 pm..

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____