

**Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2009**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of May 11, 2009 held in the library at Irrigon High School in Irrigon, OR

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Matthew Matz, Craig Bensen, Daye Stone, Joel Chavez, Jacque Johnson, Matt Combe and Mark Jones. John Sebastian was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Marilyn Post; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Michael Lasher. Patrons – n/a; Press

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Irrigon High School in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Comments/Public

MCEA – Marilyn Post – no comment from MCEA at this time; OSEA – no representation; ESD – Michael Lasher, announced Morrow County’s Crystal Apple Award winners and noted the celebration set for May 13th at the Pendleton Red Lion. He also reported on the progress of the Virtual Academy for the Umatilla-Morrow consortium of school districts, and noted that they would be piloting this in the fall of 2009.

2.C. Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Pat McNamee and a second by Daniel Daltoso the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of work session and regular meeting of April 13, 2009; Executive Session minutes of April 13, 2009; and Budget Committee minutes of May 4, 2009
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Brenda Newport, ELL educational assistant at ACH; Tracie Kennedy, SpEd assistant at WRE;
D.	Employment/Promotion: Lindsay Orem, SpEd teacher at HHS, replacing Sam Thurston; Maribel Torres, RHS counselor, replacing G. Ann Thomas; Jennifer Matlack, promotion to assistant custodian from ACH ed asst.
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: Jake McElligott, head boys basketball coach at IJSH;
F.	Approved the Continued Employment of Classified and Confidential Staff for 2009-10 school year.
Ayes	Kuhn, Miles, Daltoso, Lindsay, McNamee, Hernandez, VanderDoes
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations

- **School Finance Report:** Superintendent Mark Burrows reported on a couple of important dates coming up in the near future. On May 15th, the state will be releasing school finance numbers for the 2009-11 biennium; and, on May 19th is the election for the 3 year serial levy for operating funds. When the district knows the outcome of these two events, they can proceed with making plans for the 2009-10 school year.

- **Crystal Apple Awards:** Two teachers and two classified staff were nominated and selected this year as recipients of the Crystal Apple Awards. Theresa Proctor-Reece (ELL teacher at WRE) and Sherry Matteson (1st grade teacher at HES) were the two teachers selected. Kathy Cutsforth (assistant custodian at HES) and Susie Lemmon (educational assistant at MEC) were the classified employees selected. There will be a celebration on May 13th at the Pendleton Red Lion to honor all the recipients

- **Credit by Proficiency Report:** HHS principal, Daye Stone reported on his trip to Scappoose High School along with Dave Fowler to see a high school that uses the credit by proficiency model. He presented a power point highlighting the measurement of outcomes and awarding of grades due to proficiency. HHS hopes to pilot this beginning in the fall of 2009.

- **Science Inquiry Class Report:** IJSH science teacher, Heather Miller was present along with two of her students to make a presentation on how their science class used a \$2000 ecology grant. Along with studying the ecosystems along the Trailside Ecology of the Columbia River Heritage Trail, the class was able to donate an Interpretive Sign for the trail. The 2 x 3 foot sign will be unveiled the end of this school year.

- **Wellness Committee Report:** : Jenny Chavez, from OSU extension reported that the Wellness Committee has met 4-5 times this year and has been taking a look at health and wellness issues in the schools and community, noting areas that need improvement; things that the district is doing great; and working on creative ideas for improvement next year. She stressed that using “food for rewards” should be minimized and perhaps replaced with an activity. She also would like to see more parents, staff and community members on the Wellness Committee.

Unfinished Business – None at this time

New Business

Nomination to OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to nominate Barney Lindsay to the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee as the representative from Region 2. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Daltoso, McNamee, Miles, Hernandez, VanderDoes
Noes	n/a
Abstentions	Barney Lindsay
Motion passed	

IMAC Request for Land Donation

Motion:	Bill Kuhn moved to approve the request of the Irrigon Multicultural Arts Center committee to donate district-owned land between the old Irrigon school and Highway 730 on South Main Avenue, including the frontage and the parking lot with the following stipulations: if IMAC ceases to exist the district gets the property back; that MCSD has a perpetual easement to the parking lot area; and that all costs associated with this transfer be paid by IMAC. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, McNamee, Miles, Hernandez, Vander Does
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

- **Board Representation at Graduation:** By consensus the board representatives at graduation will be - Morrow Ed Center – Barney Lindsay on June 4th at 7pm; Pat McNamee at IJSH on June 5th at 7pm; Nancy Vander Does at Riverside High at 10:00 am on June 6th; and Bill Kuhn at Heppner High at 2:00 pm on June 6th.

After reading the announcements, Barney Lindsay moved and Pat McNamee seconded to recess the meeting at 8:24 pm. A unanimous vote was cast to do so. At 8:38 pm the meeting reconvened and the board went directly into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) & ORS 332.061(1) & ORS 192.660(m) – negotiations & student expulsion.

At 9:28 pm Executive Session closed and the regular meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____