

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting March 10, 2014

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of Monday, March 10, 2014 held in the library at Heppner Elementary School in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Thad Killingbeck, Brian Kollman, Rhonda Hamby, Barney Lindsay & Mark Pratt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Becky Kindle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, George Mendoza, Julie Ashbeck, Cheryl Costello, Erin Stocker, Andy Fletcher, Craig Bensen, Tina Joyce, Matt Combe, Marie Shimer, Joel Chavez, Matt Matz, Mark Jones. Brandon Hammond was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: as per roster

Call to Order

Chairman Thad Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Heppner Elementary School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a quorum was established. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Delegations: MCEA – Dave Fowler; OSEA – Kathie Goad thanked the board and DO for acknowledging classified week; IM-ESD – Cheri Rhinhart – OEBC has identified early learning initiatives and has identified the most effective indicator to be 3rd grade reading. If they are not a reader by 3rd grade, the odds are against them in completing high school. She reported on the creation of the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub. The annual Crystal Apple Awards are coming up with presentation of winners to be held May 21st at 5:15pm at the Red Lion in Pendleton. Bill Kuhn asked if the ESD has plans to track the success of the Eastern Promise program with post high school students. Cheri Rhinhart can't answer that question regarding the longitudinal database but reported that students are graduating from college 2 years early due to Eastern Promise. We, as a district, are not yet tracking this data although, she hopes that will happen. Cheri will make contact with Chris Mulvihill regarding information on tracking this data.

Heppner TSA Request

Dave Fowler, Heppner TSA Advisor and 4 TSA members were in attendance to request board approval to allow them to attend the TSA National Convention in Washington, DC. They also plan to visit the Smithsonian during this visit.

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to allow students from the Heppner TSA group to attend the TSA National Convention in Washington DC. Barney Lindsey seconded the motion. The group will present to the board upon their return.
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Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Hamby, Killingbeck, Pratt, Lindsay
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Noes:	
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Motion Passed	
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Presentation of Longevity Pins & Introduction of New Staff: Principal Matt Combe acknowledged his recipients who were unable to attend the meeting: Jessica Stelk – 5 year pin, Sue Gibbs – 15 year pin.

Heppner Elementary School Chess Club

Mary Ann Elguezabal and Sherry Matteson reported on the HES Chess Club and its success. They currently have 54 elementary and junior high students in the Chess Club. They will be attending the state tournament in Portland this weekend. The club helps students with self-esteem; some students who typically struggle in the classroom are finding success in the Chess Club. Mary Ann raffled a Chess Club t-shirt.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsey, and a second by Mark Pratt, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of February 10, 2014;
B.	Approved Financial Report and Enrollment Report for March 2014
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Joel Chavez, from .5 FTE ELL Director, MCSD; Jeromy Wilson, non-renewal, head girls basketball coach HHS; Blaine Ganvoa, resignation, Athletic Director IJSHS; Norma Ayala, resignation, asst. girls soccer coach RHS; Dan Verley, resignation, head softball coach IHS ;
D.	Employment/Promotions/Transfers: Renee Zielinski, head secretary, RJSHS;
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: Lori Grimes, asst. track coach RHS; Jason Dunten, wrestling coach IJH; Alaina Lemmon, drama advisor HHS; Larry Palmer, head track coach HHS; Laura Winters, asst. track HHS;
F.	Adoption of Rescinded, New and/or Revised Policies: BFD – <u>Board Policy Implementation</u> (Revision); JF-JFA – <u>Student Rights & Responsibilities</u> (New); JFC – <u>Student Conduct & Discipline</u> (Rescind & Replace); JFCJ – <u>Weapons in the Schools</u> (Rescind & Replace); JG – <u>Student Discipline</u> (Rescind & Replace); JGAB – <u>Use of Restraint & Seclusion</u> (Rescind & Replace);
G.	Resolution 2013-14-07 to Accept Unanticipated Revenue \$150,000 Morrow Education Foundation.
H.	Took employment action for the licensed staff for the 2014-15 school year.
I.	Took action to renew Greenways & I Will Graduate Programs for the 2014-15 school year.
J.	1 st Reading of Rescinded, New and/or Revised Policies: BDDH – <u>Public Participation in Board Meetings</u> (Revision)
K.	Adoption of JGAB-AR – <u>Restraint and Seclusion</u>
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Killingbeck, Hamby, Pratt, Lindsay,
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

3. Reports & Presentations

Apology to Stuart Dick – Mr. Dirksen read a public apology to Stuart Dick regarding the issues relating to his coaching position at IHS. Expressed the need for the district to be held accountable and do what is in the best interest of the student athlete.

Sports Recognition – Mr. Dirksen praised the accomplishments of recent sports teams in all 3 communities; Coached by Mark Lemmon, Heppner had their 1st ever state champion wrestlers in Ryan Smith 106 lbs. and Jared Lemmon 126 lbs., the team placed 5th overall; Heppner football had two athletes named to the 2A East/West Shrine team; Hans Rockwell won his 3rd straight state wrestling title for RHS and the team finished 5th overall; the Riverside cheer squad coached by Lisa Pratt & Cheryl Costello won the 3A/2A/1A state cheerleading championship; the Irrigon cheer squad finished 3rd in the 3A/2A/1A state cheerleading championships (best 2A team). IHS boys' basketball, coached by Jake McElligott, won the 2A boys basketball championship game 42-21.

Crystal Apple – Nominations are open for the annual Crystal Apple Awards. Deadline to submit is April 1st.

Oregon GEARUP – RHS will be part of the plan that went to the federal level (Oregon plan has been accepted). If RHS is accepted, it will mean 15K over 6 years.

District Math Contest – The district math contest will be April 9th at 6:30pm at Irrigon Elementary School.

LA Text Adoption – The LA textbook adoption is at the building level. Mr. Mendoza will present the textbooks at an open house March 18th in the board room at Heppner Elementary from 4:30-6:30pm for public review. Barney Lindsey asked if a digital copy of the textbook came with the paper version; he also asked about an in-service for parents to learn how to access the digital copy.

Spring Break – March 24-28, 2014.

Administrative Reports – Board member Bill Kuhn inquired about the future of the old district office in Lexington.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Accept Oster Professional Group as District Auditors

Motion:	Barney Lindsey made a motion to approve Oster Professional Group as the District Auditors. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Hamby, Killingbeck, Pratt, Lindsey
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Approval of Contract with Oster Professional Group

Motion:	Rhonda Hamby made a motion to approve the contract with Oster Professional Group. Barney Lindsey seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Hamby, Killingbeck, Pratt, Lindsey
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Adoption of the 2014-2015 Budget Calendar

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to approve the adoption of the 2014-2015 Budget Calendar. Mark Pratt seconded the motion.
Ayes:	Kuhn, Kollman, Hamby, Killingbeck, Pratt, Lindsay
Noes:	
Motion Passed	

Chairman Killingbeck read the announcements, and then recessed the meeting at 7:33 pm.

At 7:33 pm, Executive Session was called into order under ORS 192.660(2)(b)(d)(e) to discuss a personnel issue; negotiations, real estate.

At 8:23 pm the session concluded; the regular meeting reconvened and immediately adjourned:

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman

Date Approved: _____