

Unofficial Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
August 11th, 2008

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of August 11th, 2008 held in the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burrows, Phyllis Danielson, Rhonda Lorenz, Julie Ashbeck, Dirk Dirksen, Jacque Johnson, Daye Stone, Matthew Matz, Craig Bensen, John Sebastian, Joel Chavez, and Mark Jones. Matt Combe and Forrest McKinnis were not present.

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

Call to Order

Chairman Craig Miles called the regular board meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Morrow Education Center in Irrigon, OR; a quorum was established; and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to Agenda – The scheduling of a work session discussed about Board Goals and student achievement. Thank you letters for summer reading programs for the Parks & Rec Districts and the OR Trail Library District.

Election of Board Officers for 2008-09

Motion:	Nancy Vander Does made a motion to nominate and cast votes for Craig Miles to serve as Board Chairman for the 2008-09 school year; Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.
Ayes	McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Abstentions	Miles
Motion passed	
Motion:	Nancy Vander Does made a motion to nominate and cast votes for Barney Lindsay to serve as Board Vice Chairman for the 2008-09 school year; Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.
Ayes	McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Hernandez, Miles
Noes	n/a
Abstentions	Lindsay
Motion passed	

2.C. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved as presented after a question about Substitute Pay.

Motion:	On a motion by Nancy Vander Does and a second by Barney Lindsay the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of regular meeting of June 9th, 2008; Executive Session minutes of June 9 th , 2008; and work session minutes of June 26 th , 2008;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: David Chavez, assistant custodian at IJSH; Mike Burrows, head custodian at AC Houghton; Lea Mathieu, LA teacher at RHS; Josh Browning, LA teacher at HJH; Petra Payne, TAG coordinator at HHS; Judy Daniels, ed assistant at IJSH;
D.	Employment: Virgil Hausinger, assistant custodian at IJSH replacing David Chavez; Jeff Whitbeck, assistant custodian at ACH, replacing Virgil Hausinger; Andrea Nelson, LA/SS teacher at HJH, replacing Josh Browning; David Norton, counselor at HES/HHS; Sharon Hindman, assistant cook at IES, replacing Lea Nunamaker; Mark Christiansen, art teacher at IJSH, replacing Ray Davis; Darlene Snyder, head cook at SBE, replacing Kathy Hyder; Jennifer Hackett, assistant cook at SBE, replacing Bonnie Matlack; Alice English, counselor at IJSH, replacing Johanna Davis; Kyle Carpenter, LA teacher at RHS, replacing Paula Cavaness; Joleen Odens assistant custodian at RHS, replacing Larry Berry;
E.	Transfers: Jean Strange, from WRE to PE/Art at HES/HHS; Jose DeLoera, assistant custodian at SBE to IES/MEC; Darlene Marquardt, business teacher at HHS to ACH/IES music teacher; Cecelia Drake, reading teacher at RHS to ACH; Paula Cavaness, LA at IJSH to LA at RHS; Cathie Prindle, from elementary at SBE to WRE; Sonia Sanchez, child development specialist at WRE to WRE/SBE; Larry Anderson, from IES/MEC assistant custodian to SBE; Wendy Appleton, from music at SBE to music at SBE/WRE; Michael Cates, from SBE PE to SBE/WRE PE
E.	Extra Duty Contracts: David Norton, boys basketball coach at HHS; Abel Burnett, head football coach at IJSH; John Flaherty, TAG Coordinator at HHS; Sonia Sanchez, assistant girls basketball coach at RJH; Joshua Bettsworth, head football coach at IJH
F.	Approved attendance variances for: From MCSD to Arlington SD – Raleigh and Kylee McClure; from MCSD to Hermiston SD – Mackenzie Byrd
G.	Approved state substitute rate for teachers in the amount of \$150.16 per day
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Hernandez, Lindsay
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations – Superintendent & Board

- **Maintenance Issues:** Superintendent Burrows reported on some maintenance issues in the district. There actually were 4-5 projects that were outside of the budget. Significant progress was made this summer – the SBE roof with fire, wind and rain damage; the IES and WRE water issue – a prison crew shoveled and sealed the building walls for around \$3000 for both buildings.
- **Courier Service:** Reported on the district courier service, noting that the district may join with the hospital and MCGG to share in courier expenses. We have some teachers who live in Heppner who are being considered in working out a plan to make deliveries to the north end.
- **Teacher Retention:** Reported that teacher turnover is at an all time low; 32 teachers were hired in 2006-07; 07-08 there were 9 teachers and only 5 this year, with one being the new counselor position in Heppner.
- **Student Achievement:** Superintendent Burrows reported briefly on student achievement noting that there will be much more detail at the September meeting when the Assessment Report is given. He did share that we had an increase of 10% (writing), 14% (reading) and 18% (math).

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- **Administrative Retreat:** Reported that the administrative team just completed a retreat noting that the principals really understand the student improvement efforts and how to get each student to a higher level. The group discussed SIOP; raising the bar on lesson design and delivery; formative assessment; alignment of curriculum; standards based curriculum; language development; summer school and Friday school; grade retention; new graduation requirements; and patron communication and education. Supt Burrows recommends that a task force be put together to put all of these pieces in place.
- **Lost ADM:** Reported on the ADM issue of students leaving during the holidays and the funding for those students being cut off after 10 days. It then becomes the district’s responsibility to provide summer school to get them caught up, without any compensation for the additional services from the state. Area superintendents have begun dialog on this topic and will soon be contacting other entities about possible ideas and assistance.
- **Irrigon High School Report:** Heard a report from Craig Bensen and Matthew Matz on their ideas for Irrigon High School this year. Mr. Bensen said that all things will be considered with a “kids first” approach; the power standards will be utilized to drive curriculum in the classroom; and is excited about the AP courses that are being offered – US History, Biology, Pre-Calc and Calc. Also spoke of new course offerings in computer graphics, music appreciation, business law and psychology. Mr. Matz spoke of the strong parent communication efforts and noted that there will be an Open House in early September. He said “we will be educating students...one relationship at a time.” There will hopefully be student participation at Chamber and is excited to work with the Booster Club on various projects.
- **OEBB Report:** Business Manager, Rhonda Lorenz reported on OEBB (Oregon Educator’s Benefit Board). All school districts have now or soon will enter into this insurance pool. All MCSD insured employees have from August 15th to September 15th to go online and sign up for their insurance plans. The plans actually are cost effective for the licensed staff and a little bit more expensive for the classified. A computer lab will be available during district-wide inservice for staff to get signed up.

4. Unfinished Business – None at this time.

5. New Business

Approval of Resolution 2008-09-01 – PERS Payment

Motion:	Bill Kuhn made a motion to Approve Resolution 2008-09-01 to acknowledge that beginning in the 2008-09 school year, the district will be paying the 6% PERS for our licensed and classified staff.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

HES Property to ODOT

Motion:	Barney Lindsay made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-09-02 to sell 375 sq. ft to ODOT and approve a temporary easement of 5700 sq. ft. for property improvement near Heppner Elementary School. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

New Business (Continued)

- **Board Work Session:** Discussion was held regarding the need for a work session to look over testing results, the superintendent’s evaluation, and adoption of the 2008-09 board goals. The meeting was scheduled for 5:30 pm just prior to the September 8th, board meeting at Heppner High School.

Letters of Appreciation

Motion:	Barney Lindsay made a motion to have the board secretary send thank-you notes to the 3 Parks and Rec departments in the county, along with the Oregon Trail Library District for the very successful summer reading program. Daniel Daltoso seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

Announcements

Chairman Miles read the announcements as presented.

Adjourn the Board Meeting

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved to adjourn the regular board meeting. Bill Kuhn seconded the motion.
Ayes	Miles, McNamee, Kuhn, Vander Does, Daltoso, Lindsay, Hernandez
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

At 8:45 pm Executive Session was called to order under ORS 192.660(1)(f)(h) to discuss personnel and legal issues. At 9:40 pm, Chairman Miles closed executive session.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Craig Miles, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved:_____