

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting September 12, 2011

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of September 12th, 2011 held in the library at Heppner High School at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Brian Kollman, Berto Hernandez, Becky Kindle, Thad Killingbeck and Tony Navarro

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

n/a

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dirk Dirksen, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, George Mendoza, Mark Jones, Matt Combe, Daye Stone, Joel Chavez, John Sebastian, Robert Elizondo, Craig Bensen, Jacque Johnson, and Dave Melville

OTHERS PRESENT:

Press

Call to Order

Chairman Killingbeck called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the library at Heppner High School on Monday, September 12, 2011. The pledge of allegiance was recited; and a quorum was established.

Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda – OSBA Elections added to New Business – the agenda was officially set.

Swear in New Board Member: The first order of business was to swear in Tony Navarro as a board member.

Public Comments

Delegations: MCEA – Paul Beagle thanked the administration and district office staff for a smooth start to the new school year; OSEA – Kathy Goad; ESD – Michael Lasher from InterMountain ESD reported on Eastern Promise noting that they will be working with BMCC, TVCC, EOU and local districts in this, and although the ESD has not yet seen the check, \$500K has been committed to jointly fund this project. Speech and biology will be offered winter quarter rather than spring. Michael also noted that the ESD theme for this year is to “implement and listen” - they are implementing new local service plans and want to listen more to administrators and boards with changes that they would like to see in the future. Barney noted that he had heard positive comments about the board training put on by the ESD. Patrons – n/a.

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 meeting of August 8, 2011; work session of August 10, 2011 and work session of September 1, 2011;
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: LeAnn Wright, dept secretary at HHS; Ellen Hendergart, library tech at IES; Jose DeLoera, asst custodian at IES;
- D. Extra Duty Resignations: Lisa Connell, asst volleyball coach at RHS; Cindy Ayala, asst girls soccer coach at RHS; Tom Grimes, asst football at RJH
- E. Employment: Heather Stephens, K-1 teacher at ACH; Heather Hancock, SpEd asst at SBE; Stephanie Swindler, SpEd assistant at SBE; Mark Rouska, alt ed assistant at MEC; Michelle Osborne, asst cook at IJSH; Kevin Toms, assistant custodian at RHS; Rosa Salazar, ELL ed asst at WRE; Jeremy LaFramboise, SpEd asst at WRE; Yadira Gonzalez, .5 FTE counselor at SBE
- F. Promotions: Tracie Bunch, from SpEd asst to dept secretary at HHS; Anita Donovan, from general ed asst to .5 library tech/.5 fte ed asst at IES

- G/ Extra Duty Contracts: Jose Romero, head soccer coach at IJSH; Javier Garcia, head girls basketball coach at HJH; Anna Conklin, asst girls basketball coach at HJH; Ken Grieb, asst boys basketball coach at HHS; Luke Swanson, asst boys basketball coach at HJH; Brandi Verley, rally advisor at IJSH; Kristi Richmond, asst volleyball coach at IJH; Kyle Carpenter, asst football coach at RJH; Kristin Anderson, head volleyball coach at RJH.
- H. Resolution 2011-12-01 – To Accept & Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue - \$2000 from Target
- I. Resolution 2011-12-02 – To Accept & Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue -- \$5,000 Community Grant 101
- J/ Resolution 2011-12-03 -- To Accept & Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue -- \$5414 from Morrow County Commission on Children & Families

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

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

- Superintendent Dirksen reported on the K-12 funding for education noting that the September quarterly report shows little change in what they thought for the biennium forecasting. MCSD has budgeted conservatively and hopefully will be able to stay the course.
- He reported that our serial levy will run out this year and we will hopefully be able to put another levy on the ballot for May. Andy will be attending a training in Baker the 14th of October.
- Human Sexuality Curriculum & Timeframe: Mr. Dirksen went over the timeline that Brad Victor from ODE sent to us on the timeline for implementation of the policy and curriculum. We are on Step 2 of the process with more meetings scheduled in late October/early November.
- Reported that OSBA elections are coming up for the Columbia Region #2 – Dave Krumbein has been nominated to the OSBA board. The district will take action under New Business to nominate for either the board or the Legislative Policy Committee position that Barney Lindsay has been serving on.
- Reported that the OSBA Fall Regional is September 26th at 6:00 pm at BMCC – Julie needs a head count. Additionally, we will be registering for the OSBA Fall Convention held in Portland November 10-13th.
- Enrollment Numbers: We are down 10 students from where we were a year ago at this time. Andy presented the budgeted enrollment figures noting that we budgeted at 50 less students, hoping for 50 more students, so we are still within budget as far as population is concerned.
- Staffing Update: We still need a SpEd teacher at IJSH; Spanish at IJSH and a few classified staff left to hire.
- Food Service: food service got off to a rough start with changes in federal regulations. Mr. Dirksen noted that Andy and the kitchen staff have been working hard to work out the kinks and students seem to be full, happy and ready to learn.
- Tech Update: We have been working with the ESD to explore one computer that will run 6 different screens – the price is considerably less. The end computing has worked well with students. Questions rose concerning the backup of systems. Andy stated that we are working with \$35K so this will be a slow and gradual implementation.
- Test Scores: Mr. Dirksen read off the most recent test scores for reading and math at the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, and 11th grade.

Assistant Superintendent Report

- George Mendoza reported on Success Maker implementation and Read180 – the district has purchased licenses and has trained staff; the implementation is starting with the SpEd teaching for SpEd students and we are pleased to report that it is up and running in all but one school. Read180 has a few more snags to work out, but that will soon be operational as well. There were some issues with licenses spreading out to the schools. We are also very appreciative to the ESD for their technology support in getting these programs online.

HES & MEC Distance Ed Report

- Jolene Stensland was present to report how the distance ed courses are working between the Heppner highly qualified teachers and students at the Morrow Ed Center. She explained her Moodle site and a bit about the LA course that she is teaching. This idea came about due to declining enrollment in Heppner and the lack of HQT at the Morrow Ed Center. This is also a way that the district can tap into the home school students and retrieve lost ADM. Currently 5 teachers from Heppner are participating and teaching subjects such as LA, government, algebra, computers, business, health. Ms. Stensland says that the HHS teachers are committed to making this work.

Principal Reports

- The board was very appreciative of the new report that has been added from the business manager; and were excited to see that the reports are very much directed to the board goals.

Unfinished Business.

Budget Committee Appointment

Bill Kuhn moved, seconded by Barney Lindsay to accept the appointment recommendation from Becky Kindle of Janet Dezellum as a member of the Budget Committee through June 30, 2014.

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

New Business

Approve Successor Contract with MidColumbia Bus Co.

Bill Kuhn moved, seconded by Barney Lindsay to approve the successor contract with MidColumbia Bus Company for transportation services.

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

Adopt 2011-12 Board Goals

Barney Lindsay moved, seconded by Becky Kindle to approve and adopt the 2011-12 Board Goals as presented.

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

- Accepted JECC – Attendance Boundaries, Transfer & Eligibility as a first reading to rescind and replace with new policy JECC -Transfers, Transportation Boundaries & Eligibility.
- OSBA Election – Following discussion about the process and the nomination of Dave Krumbein to represent Columbia #2, the following action was taken:

Barney Lindsay moved, seconded by Becky Kindle to recommend Thad Killingbeck for nomination to Position #2, Columbia Region for the Legislative Policy Committee.

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

Chairman Killingbeck read announcements and the regular meeting was recessed at 8:13 pm. At 8:23pm Mr. Killingbeck reconvened the regular meeting and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(a)(b)(h) – Personnel, Legal. Executive session ended at 8:29 pm; the regular meeting was adjourned shortly thereafter, following a question on Spanish software.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____