

**Unofficial Minutes
Work Session & Board of Directors Meeting
December 12, 2011**

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors work session and regular meeting of December 12th, 2011 held in the library at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Barney Lindsay, Becky Kindle, Tony Navarro, Berto Hernandez, Bill Kuhn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Thad Killingbeck & Brian Kollman

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 and Matt Matz were absent.

OTHERS PRESENT: Press

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Barney Lindsay opened the work session at 5:30 pm to work on the Action Plan associated with the 2011-12 adopted Board Goals. At 7:00 pm, Mr. Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at Irrigon Elementary School in Irrigon, OR. The pledge of allegiance was recited; and a quorum was established.

Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda – n/a

Public Comments

Delegations: Representing MCEA (Paul Beagle) and OSEA (Kathie Goad), they each extended holiday greetings to the board. ESD – Michael Lasher was present to give an update on Eastern Promise and reported that he will be doing a presentation in January on the local service plans as it pertains to district services; Patrons – n/a

2. Consent Agenda

Motion: On a motion by Bill Kuhn and a second by Berto Hernandez, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

- A. Approved minutes of the regular meeting; & executive session meeting of November 14th, 2011;
- B. Approved Financial Report
- C. Resignations: n/a
- D. Retirements; Cara Osmin, WRE teacher - to complete this school year.
- E. Extra Duty Resignations: Brian Snyder, head wrestling coach at IJH; Breena Tolar, asst track coach at IJH; Jim Kindle, HHS head baseball coach
- F. Employment: n/a
- G. Extra Duty Contracts: Stuart Dick, head girls basketball coach at IJSH; Troy Johnson, asst boys basketball coach at IJSH; Breena Tolar, asst boys basketball coach at IJH
- H. Resolution 2011-12-07 – Accept & Appropriate Unanticipated Revenue – Gear-Up Grant
- I. Resolution 2011-12-08 – To Refinance the PERS Bond

Ayes: Navarro, Lindsay, Kindle, Hernandez, Kuhn

Noes: n/a

Motion Passed

3. Reports & Presentations

- Law Conference - Ben Cannon spoke on the vision from the Governor, specifically the 40-40-20 plan; achievement compacts that will document student growth, with funding likely being connected to them in some manner. (i.e., exiting ELL programs; maintaining growth.
- School Improvement - this will be more on the state level with regard to the NCLB waiver. Even though it may be state controlled, it will still have federal oversight.
- Social Media & Search & Seizure - Reviewed policy on both of these topics - policies did seem very much in line with what they were talking about in the sessions. We may need to update the social media policy as newer technologies emerge.
- Community Education Foundation Committee – the district has been working with Gary Neal at the Port of Morrow for establishment of a foundation where businesses and private citizens can give money for various educational endeavors.
- Renewal Wind Energy: Reported that there have been meetings with Andrew O’Connell who works with renewable wind energy - MCSD could see a \$30,000 donation; also met with Columbia Gorge Community College who has received a large grant to develop renewal wind energy curriculum and other online classes for that industry.
- ESD will do a presentation next month on the local service plans and what they mean to MCSD - discussion will be held in January with a vote in February on the plans for 2012-13.
- Refinancing of PERS Bond – This refinance looks like it will save about \$5,000 over the next 10 years, if we can afford the re-financing. This will depend on whether Portland Public Schools “stays in” on the refinance of this bond, as they are paying the majority of the associated fees.
- Local Option Levy – this is the last year of the 3 year levy. We would be looking at keeping all the language the same, but would like to discuss putting it on the ballot for five years instead of three years - this represents no increase of taxes for anyone.
- Food Service - we are at the end of our contract with Chartwells. We want to get together with the 3 food service vendors and an outside consultant for a meeting.
- We have not heard back on the dates for the School Health Advisory Committee meeting from Brad Victor (ODE). He will do a presentation on developing this committee.
- HB3681-Open Enrollment – in visiting with the local districts in our area, the consensus is the cap on enrollment of -0- transfer agreements - that way the money stay with the students. This would ensure that a district would not end up with a large number of high needs students, who are very expensive. More coming on this in the upcoming months.
- Enrollment - we are down 20 students from the same time last year, which is the normal pattern.
- GEAR Up Grant – we will have a presentation in February. Chuck Helstead will be here and will be working out the logistics for both Irrigon and Riverside. The posting of the staff position (a site manager) should be ready to go no later than the second week of January. This person will be working directly with students and administration; almost like an extra counselor for kids making post- secondary education plans.
- RHS – 3A State Title in Soccer – we would like to invite the team when the board meeting is at RHS in February to recognize them for their accomplishments.

Reports & Presentations (Continued)

- Riverside Graduation Time Change - Mr. Elizondo has met with the community, and explained that his child is graduating at exactly the same day and time. After working with parents, the time was changed from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Superintendent Evaluation – A work session was scheduled for 5:30 pm prior to the January board meeting to begin preparation for the board evaluation of the superintendent.

Principal Reports

- There were questions about the Rural Development Initiative; MD&A Report - state funding of \$150K less; additional PERS of 5%; serial option levy - if that does not go through it will be another \$400K loss conservatively.

IES School Report

- Darlene Marquardt - Reported on a typical day in the life of a music, business, technology teacher at IES; she featured students doing bucket drumming; concerts; Mrs. Marquardt is the president for the Oregon Business Education Association, so in addition to her teaching assignment, she was also responsible for coordinating the annual conference.

Assistant Superintendent Report

- Because Mr. Mendoza did an at length presentation of the Action Plan associated with the Board Goals at the Work Session preceding the meeting, there was no additional report this month.

Unfinished Business.

Budget Committee Appointments – Tony Navarro recommended Vanessa Lopez to serve on the Committee

Tony Navarro moved, seconded by Becky Kindle to appoint Vanessa Lopez to the Budget Committee for a three year term ending 6/30/14.

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

OSBA Officer Election

Becky Kindle made a motion to support Dave Krumbein (OSBA Board) and Thad Killingbeck (Legislative Policy Committee). The motion was seconded by Berto Hernandez.

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

Unfinished Business (Continued)

OSBA Resolution #1 Amending Existing OSBA Policy to Allow for Greater Flexibility Between Legislative Sessions.

Bill Kuhn made a motion to support OSBA Resolution #1, seconded by Becky Kindle.

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

OSBA Resolution #2 to Allow for Two Consecutive Terms for the Secretary-Treasurer

Bill Kuhn made a motion to support OSBA Resolution #2, seconded by Becky Kindle.

Ayes: Hernandez, Navarro, Kuhn, Kindle,
Noes: Lindsay
Motion Passed

New Business

Adopt the 2012-13 Budget Calendar

Becky Kindle moved to accept the 2012-13 Budget Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Berto Hernandez.

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

1st Rdg – IIABB Use of Feature Films/Video – presented and accepted as a first reading with action in January.

1st Rdt – Revision to BCE – Temporary & Standing Committees – presented and accepted as a first reading with action in January.

Announcements: Vice Chairman Lindsay read the following announcements:

- Last Day of School for Students/Staff December 16th, 2011
- Christmas Break December 19th – January 2, 2012
- School Resumes January 3, 2012
- Next Board Meeting, Heppner Elementary, 7 pm January 9, 2012

Recess

The regular meeting was recessed at 8:00 pm – Tony Navarro excused himself from Executive Session and left the meeting. At 8:07 pm Mr. Lindsay reconvened the regular meeting and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Personnel. Executive session ended at 8:25 pm; the regular meeting was reconvened and was immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____