

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting September 13th, 2010

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of September 13th, 2010 held in the library at Heppner High School in Heppner, OR at 7:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Craig Miles, Daniel Daltoso, Thad Killingbeck, Pat McNamee & Berto Hernandez.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

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

OTHERS PRESENT: MCEA – Dieter Waite; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Sarah Crane-Simpson; Patrons – n/a; Press

Call to Order

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

Comments/Public

- MCEA –Dieter Waite – “excited for the beginning of the new school year, and keep your fingers crossed for a better financial outlook”; OSEA – No representation; ESD – Sarah Crane-Simpson, is the SpEd coordinator for the ESD and will be working over in Morrow County on occasion; She also reported that the merger has been approved by ODE and we will soon be getting monthly reports on the progress of the merger.

2.C. Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Craig Miles and a second by Pat McNamee the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting and executive session meeting of August 9, 2010;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations/Retirements: Minerva DeLoera, ELL asst at RHS; Ivan Dike, assistant football coach at IJSH; Joy Hearn, ed assistant at IJSH; asst girls basketball coach at IJSH; head volleyball coach at IJH
D.	Employment: Tim Beatty, temporary contrat for science at IJSH, for teacher on parental leave; Ashley Smith, kindergarten teacher at SBE; Gloria Schmidt, ELL ed asst at RHS, replacing Minerva DeLoera; Mary Kay Holmquist, asst cook at WRE, replacing Alicia Hearn; Autumn Morgan, .5 FTE accts payable clerk, replacing portion of Mary Kay Bellamy’s assignment at DO;
E.	Transfer/Promotion: Bonnie Matlack, from asst cook at SBE to head cook at WRE – temporary for one year only, for person on approved leave
F.	Extra Duty Contracts: Stormy Botefuhr, asst volleyball coach at IJH; Jessica Lehmann, head soccer at IJSH; Jeremy Rosenbalm, head boys basketball coach at HHS; Cheryl Costello/Maribel Torres, rally advisor at RHS; Jeremy Rosenbalm, .5 FTE asst football coach at HHS; Cindy Ayala, asst girls soccer at RHS; Randal Olsen, asst football at RHS; Clair Costello, asst football at RHS; Dieter Waite, asst volleyball at HHS; Stephanie Sweeney, asst boys basketball coach at HJH.
G.	Approved Resolution 2010-11-01 Accepting and Appropriating Unanticipated Revenues – Title 1C
H.	Approved Resolution 2010-11-02 Accepting and Appropriating Unanticipated Revenues – GEAR-UP Program
Ayes	Miles, Lindsay, Daltoso, Killingbeck, Kuhn, Hernandez, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

3.A Reports & Presentations

- **District-wide Inservice:** Superintendent Burrows reported the recent district-wide inservice was the best of the last 7 years; staff were excited and seemed to enjoy the trainings; PLCs will be the focus this year. The elementary schools have been meeting by grade level, but it is more difficult to accomplish this at this level. The high schools will be meeting by content areas such as math, science, social studies, etc..
- **School Finance:** Reported on school finance – September quarterly report was not encouraging – it was down \$377 million and this is added to the \$577 already noted. The governor will likely declare across the board cuts.
- **OASE Coalition:** Mr. Burrows is a member of this coalition, and at the last meeting they reported on some historical data of funding from 2003-05 until the present. They noted an increase in the human services budget of 69.4%; public safety at 47.2% and education at only a 16.7% increase for the same period of time.
- **Race to the Top:** : Oregon did not do so well in the original grant application; they have however, been successful in a consortium with other states - \$160 million to build new assessment tests; common core standards; national curriculum. The work should begin in the next couple years.
- **Enrollment:** this time it appears that enrollment is down 35-40 kids from where we ended last June. We are down 25 kids in Heppner and the north end schools have flat enrollment.
- **Family Involvement Matters:** This is a program through the ESD that is being facilitated by PSU and sponsored by ODE. This program fits our board goal of parent involvement. Phyllis will go through the training and will train others. It will be a sustainable program.
- **HVAC at RHS:** HVAC at RHS is nearing completion. The major construction is finished; kudos to Mr. Dirksen and staff for putting up with the slight inconvenience while the finishing touches are being completed
- **Attendance Variance Report:** this report is being provided as per policy. We are ahead in terms of numbers of students coming into Morrow County Schools.
- **Credit for Proficiency Report:** HHS teachers Andrea Nelson, Troy Morgan and Dieter Waite gave an enlightening report on the HHS credit for proficiency program from 2009-10 and how they worked out the bugs. They have seen excellent results in student performance and have new ideas in place for this school year to make the program even better.
- **Principal Reports:** : questions about AP courses being offered at each of the high schools; thanks from board members on enthusiastic reports from the principals for the beginning of the new school year.

Unfinished Business

- **Adoption of Attendance Variances – Policy JECB**

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso moved to adopt policy JECB– <u>Attendance Variances</u> as presented following new language having to do with the supt making a monthly report to the board; Thad Killingbeck seconded the motion.
Ayes	Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, Killingbeck, McNamee, Hernandez
Noes	Kuhn
Motion passed	

- **Adoption of 2010-11 Board Goals**

Motion:	Daniel Daltoso made a motion to adopt the 2010-11 board goals with the addition of a technology goal added to #5. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion.
Ayes	Kuhn, Lindsay, Daltoso, Miles, Killingbeck, Hernandez, McNamee
Noes	n/a
Motion passed	

New Business

- **Future of Community Education Committees:** Mr. Burrows reported that after trying to keep the local school committees viable for the past five years, they are no longer even functional. Because of 21st Century laws, we now have site councils at all buildings and these committees have become redundant. Additionally, we are being told that the cost of running these local school committee elections will go up significantly. Board attorney, Doug Hojem has been contacted to work out details if the board should wish to move forward with putting this topic to a vote of the people. The consensus of the board was to move forward with this plan.

Chairman Lindsay read announcements; then recessed the regular meeting at 8:20 pm. At 8:25 pm the meeting reconvened and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(f) – Negotiations. At 8:30 the regular meeting reconvened and promptly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Julie Ashbeck, Executive Secretary

Barney Lindsay, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____