

Unofficial Minutes Board of Directors Meeting August 8, 2011

These are minutes of the Morrow County School District Board of Directors regular meeting of August 8th, 2011 held in the board room at the District Office in Lexington, OR at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Kuhn, Barney Lindsay, Brian Kollman, Berto Hernandez, Becky Kindle and Thad Killingbeck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Navarro – board member-elect was absent

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dirk Dirksen, Julie Ashbeck, Andy Fletcher, George Mendoza, Mark Jones, Matt Combe, Daye Stone, John Sebastian, Craig Bensen, Jacque Johnson, and Dave Melville

OTHERS PRESENT: Press

Call to Order

Chairman Lindsay called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the board room at the District Office in Lexington on Monday, August 8th. The pledge of allegiance was recited; and a quorum was established.

Additions/Changes/Deletions to Agenda – Nothing further to add to the agenda.

Swear in New Board Members: . The first order of business was to swear in the newly elected board members: Superintendent Dirk Dirksen administered the Oath of Office to Bill Kuhn, Becky Kindle and Brian Kollman. Tony Navarro was absent and will officially become a member of the board upon his oath at the next regular meeting in September.

Election of Board Officers for 2011-12

Bill Kuhn nominated Thad Killingbeck for Board Chairman. Brian Kollman seconded the motion, closed the nominations and the following vote was cast.

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

Bill Kuhn nominated Barney Lindsay for Board Vice Chairman. Berto Hernandez seconded the motion, closed the nominations and a unanimous vote was cast.

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

Public Comments

Delegations: MCEA – Paul Beagle welcomed the new board members and noted that this year will be a difficult year financially, which will lead to some interesting conversations. OSEA – No representation; ESD – Michael Lasher from InterMountain ESD will be the representative who will be attending MCSD board meetings this year. He reported that the ESD was cut by 12% - which amounted to \$430K – most of that being absorbed by administration in the recent merger. Mr. Lasher spoke about Eastern Promise which is an exciting topic for all of the districts. The collaboration is between IMESD, BMCC, EOU and TVCC, as well as the local high schools in the consortium. He noted that this is a great scholarship opportunity for high school students. More information on this will be forthcoming as programs and courses are put into place. Patrons – n/a

2. Consent Agenda

Motion:	On a motion by Barney Lindsay and a second by Bill Kuhn the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
A.	Approved minutes of the regular meeting; & executive session meeting of June 13, 2011;
B.	Approved Financial Report
C.	Resignations: Michelle Gaede, 4 th grade teacher at WRE; Jessica Lehmann, Spanish teacher at IJSH; Anne Osterland, 6 th grade teacher at IES; Randy McKimmy, ed asst at SBE; Sarah Harris, ed asst at MEC.
D.	Extra Duty Resignations: Stephanie Sweeney, asst track coach at HJH; Melissa Coiner, head track at HHS; Kelly Doherty, head volleyball coach at RHS;
E.	Employment: Eric Lougee, ESL ed asst at MEC, replacing Mayra Colin-Carrillo; Javier Garcia, ed asst at HHS, replacing Martha Munkers; Louise Keinzle music at WRE/SBE; Sybil Stewart, 4 th grade at WRE; TaMara Thornton, 5 th grade at IES;
F.	Approve Extra Duty Coaching Contracts: Jeremy Wilson, head girls basketball coach at HHS; Melissa Lindsay, asst girls basketball coach at HHS
G.	Declared Conflict of Interest with Crown Paper Company
Ayes:	Kuhn, Lindsay, Hernandez, Kindle, Kollman, Killingbeck,
Noes:	n/a
Motion Passed	

3. Reports & Presentations

- Superintendent Dirksen reported that the K-12 funding for education is at \$5.7 billion. He reported that administration has been working diligently to see that staffing ratios are aligned to the formula.
- He reported that he was a bit disappointed that more people did not take advantage of the Retire-Rehire opportunity for teachers. The MOU was put in place late in the year, but we believe that with all the criteria clearly stated in the agreement, we will have some teachers who will take advantage of this opportunity.
- Mr. Dirksen also reported on the actions the district took this year so that reductions of staff and programs were not interrupted; ARRA dollars were able to be used for 3 professional development days; and some scheduled maintenance projects were delayed.
- Reported that 4 schools in MCSD met AYP – ACH; HES; HHS and SBE. Mr. Dirksen noted that one of the things that is happening is that the bar is being raised in the sub-groups. Staff and administrators feel good about the plans being put into place to address the sub-groups.
- Reported most of the staffing has been completed – with Spanish at IJSH; SpEd at IJSH and a counselor for WRE/SBE are still left to be hired.
- Advised Bill and Becky that they will need to find someone to serve on the Budget Committee. Becky's position is for a three year term and Bill's is to finish out a one year term. Tony's position also needs a representative to serve a three year term as well.
- Reported that the district is in the process of purchasing 3 vans, 2 cars and 2 pickups. More information will be forthcoming.
- Mr. Dirksen reported that Dave Melville and Daye Stone have been working on distance ed courses between HHS and MEC – and will be offering 11 sections – LA, math and social studies. They will report further at the September meeting.
- The district has encountered some abnormal maintenance issues this summer that took a bite out of the maintenance budget – we had to replace a fire panel at IES for about 4K; then a dishwasher at ACH went bad, which then required asbestos removal and testing, which was close to \$7000.
- AP Report from High Schools: Mr. Dirksen reported that 145 students took advanced courses; 42 from RHS; 27 from IJSH; and 76 from HHS. Only 16 credits were earned, which is a large motivation for Eastern Promise and the opportunity for these students to take these courses without having to pay for the expensive AP tests. The district has always found a way to pay for the students tests to help them out. Additionally, we had 6 students at RHS and 3 from IJSH who took advantage of Expanded Options. All three schools offer dual credit courses, too.

- Mr. Dirksen reported that next month the MidCo contract for transportation services will be on the agenda – we have a verbal agreement at this time; there is no change at all in the rates.
- Inquired of the board whether any were interested in being set up with district e-mail rather than their own personal e-mail. The consensus was not at this time.
- Attendance Variances: In 2010-11 school year MCS D had 10 students who came into the district and 7 that left. So far this year, we have 12 coming in and 5 who have left. In 2012-13 the new law of open enrollment will be in effect.
- Mr. Dirksen updated everyone on the Human Sexuality health curriculum; noting that the vote on the curriculum was tabled until we could meet with stakeholders. On August 16th the board will hold a work session with Brad Victor, from ODE; the health department, administrators, and several ministers from around the county to discuss the process.

Assistant Superintendent Report

- George Mendoza reported on new teacher orientation; SIOP and best practices delivered by Erin Stocker and Jill Wright to our new teachers; professional learning communities (PLC’s); SpEd curriculum – READ 180 which is an intervention program with 6-12 implementation; Success Maker – which is math and reading for K-8 and also aligns to the common core standards. This is a web based program. These programs have been purchased using ARRA dollars. Mr. Mendoza will send his power point to be uploaded to board book.

Unfinished Business.

Adopt Policy EFAA—District Nutrition & Food Services

Barney Lindsay moved, seconded by Becky Kindle to adopt EFAA – District Nutrition & Food Services policy

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

New Business

Adopt EFAA-AR—Reimbursable School Meals & Milk Program

Bill Kuhn moved, seconded by Berto Hernandez to adopt EFAA – District Nutrition & Food Services policy

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

Chairman Killingbeck read announcements and the regular meeting was recessed at 8:20 pm. At 8:28 pm Mr. Killingbeck reconvened the regular meeting and immediately went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(a)(d)(h) – Personnel, Legal, Negotiations. Executive session ended at 8:58 pm; the regular meeting was adjourned shortly thereafter, following a question on site licenses for computers.

Respectfully submitted:

 Julie Ashbeck, Board Secretary

 Thad Killingbeck, Chairman of the Board

Date Approved: _____