

MINUTES

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD OF DISTRICT NO. 40, YAMHILL COUNTY

McMINNVILLE, OREGON

The Board Business Meeting was held both in person at the McMinnville School District Office, 800 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville OR 97128 and via zoom.

The Board of Directors of McMinnville School District met in Regular Session on August 9, 2021, virtually and in person in the School District Office at 800 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chair Benner. Chair Benner led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Abbie Warmbier
Dr. Paul Haddeland
Mr. Carson Benner
Ms. Janis Braich
Mr. Larry Vollmer
Mr. Jason Bizon
Mr. Gerardo Partida

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

Ms. Debbie Brockett, Superintendent
Melanie Martinoff, Board Secretary

AUDIENCE:

Kourtney Ferrua, Laurie Fry, Steffanie Frost, David Bousquet, Kevin Carroll, Bryan Skinner, Jack Crabtree, Ileana Barsotti, Amy Conover, Sophia Conover, Lexie Conover, Kate Bonilla, Mike Madden, Rodney Hutchison, Anna Barsotti, Mary Hughes, Joyce Wickware, Leonard Wickware, Jessica Bamba, Jessalyn Bamba, Brooke Zollinger, Deb Zollinger, Monte Blackburn, Sarah Herman, Pamela Heiman, Delanie Morgan, Geoffry Hazelton, Yalanda Leitz, Shawn Lietz, Aaron Akers, Olivia Akers, Brianna Dowell, Tara Gray, Brittney Fanche, Brennan Ranche, Kelsey Robinson, Nick Robinson and see the list of people who attended virtually.

Introductions and Communications

There were none.

Review of Agenda

There were none.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Larry Vollmer, seconded by Jason Bizon, the Consent Agenda was approved on a unanimous vote.

The following gifts to the district were approved and gratefully appreciated: Five checks from Dr. Maryalice Russell from the Fidelity Charitable Donor Advised Fund for specific scholarships; one for \$1,000 for the Marcia Russell Performing Arts Scholarship at MHS, one for \$1,000 for the Jimmy Russell Professional Technical / Vocational Scholarship at MHS, one for \$1,000 for the George Bryson Scholarship Fund, one for \$2,000 for the First Generation Post Secondary Continuation Fund, and one for \$1,000 for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Staples donated school supplies for the McMinnville School District valued at \$575.00 and Mr. Guy Frugia donated 1 set of golf clubs with bag, a set of irons (left handed) and a pair of golf shoes all valued at \$400.

The minutes of the July 12, 2021 board business meeting and the July 31, 2021 board retreat were approved.

Personnel actions were approved. Licensed new hires Megan Sandmann, Loretta Benenati, Michael Connor, Joshua Glickman, Margaret Hale, Daniel McNicholas, David Nicoli, Brian Smith, Robert Stuton, Anna Mitchell, and Ryan Tate. Licensed Resignations: Debra Middleton, Delaney Adix, and Keara Broadhead. Classified New Hires: Nicole Pilkenton, Jennifer Amerson, Katie Perez, Brooke Steward, Aryn Pepinos, Haley Ayres, Emily Kelly, Laura Falbey, Russell Ludwig and Victoria Patton. Classified Resignations: Alejandra Ceja Montes, Jonathan Marchesi, Courtney Myrick, Melanie Johnson, David Dixon and Sunmi Kim. Confidential Retirement: John Friedrich.

The Board heard Monthly Reports.

3.1 Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Brockett spoke about the mask mandate for schools that Governor Brown is issuing. The McMinnville School District is going to follow the mask mandate by the Governor. There are repercussions for the District if the guidelines aren't followed. The District will try and make the mask wearing as easy as possible and provide a welcoming and safe environment for students.

House bill 2560 will come into effect January 1, 2021 which entails enabling virtual viewers to make public comment; verbal or written depending on what the Board decides. Larry Vollmer stated that he would like a work session topic on this topic.

3.2 Facilities and Operations Report. Bryan Skinner presented the Facilities and Operations report. The Memorial ADA Parking project is finished apart from the fencing which is scheduled for completion mid August. The Boys Varsity Baseball ADA parking is in progress. The annual water sampling / lead testing is underway.

3.3 Fiscal Report. Samantha Nelson gave the August Fiscal Report. There is a lot of planning and facility work right now. The Finance department is working on the audit right now for October.

4.1 Unfinished Business

Laurie Fry presented the new logo information to the board. She spoke about the process of putting together a new logo and a brief history of other well known logos. The District wanted a

clear, recognizable and scalable logo. The District sent out a thought exchange

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asking for information from the parents and staff about it. 650 people participated and 410 people shared their thoughts. The participants liked the logo overall.

On motion by Larry Vollmer, seconded by Abbie Warmbier the decision to approve the logo was approved unanimously.

5.1 New Business

Steffanie Frost, Kevin Carroll and Kourtney Ferrua gave the report concerning the back to school plans for McMinnville School District: The Safe Return to In Person Plan and the Continuity plan. The first works to plan mental health supports, health and safety strategies, and accommodations for children with disabilities amongst other topics. Safety measures will include the usual hand washing, good ventilation and other elements that were used last year. For special education, they are following the guidance from the ODE and will look at the accommodations that can be made for the children. This is an ongoing and changing event.

The Continuity of Services plans are tied to ESSER. There are five buckets investments can fall under: empowering, adaptable instruction, time and attention, conditions for teachers, relationships and mental health supports as well as family and community partnerships.

The next steps are to engage parents and staff in August with Thoughtexchange. There will be also inservice training and professional development. On August 23, the Superintendent will submit the plans. The board said they really enjoyed the thoughtexchanges that went out and think this is a good way to reach out to parents.

Carson Benner asked how many new teachers. Steffanie Frost said that right now there are now 76 new teachers and 47 new classified staff.

There was a question on the number of bus drivers. They are 20 drivers short right now. The District is coming up with a plan to deal with that.

The District will host vaccine sites on site.

The Board invited public comment: Melanie Martinoff read a summary of written comment that was received. The following people spoke: Ileana Barsotti on keeping schools open and even with masks, Amy Conover reported on how the school didn't help enough during construction and Covid19. She asked if there will be an online option for students, with a choice for masks and vaccines and if they can do sports without masks. Kate Bonilla is a staff member as well as a parent. She wants evidence based safety measures put into place for students. She asked what the status of the staff. Mike Madden spoke on letting parents make their own choice about masks. He doesn't want to have his kids wear a mask. Rodney Hutchinson spoke about how masks should be a personal choice. Rodney said that the main concern is mental health issues related to the wearing of masks.

Directors Comments -

Gerardo thanked everyone's comments. He said we are all here because of kids.

Dr. Haddeland said that he is happy that everyone came here to talk. He said that we are less than a month away from school starting. He hopes we can all show each other's opinions respect.

Abbie Warmbier thanked everyone for their hard work with the budget. She has a student going back to school and she is excited.

Jason Bizon said how excited he is to have his students go back to school in person. He said that the issue around safety the Board takes seriously. Right now there are Governor's orders that the District has to follow.

Carson Benner wanted to echo Director Warmbier and Director Bizon's comments. He hopes that this is just a short blip into a fantastic school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Attest:

Board Chair Superintendent

