

MINUTES

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD OF DISTRICT NO. 40, YAMHILL COUNTY

McMINNVILLE, OREGON

The Board of Directors of McMinnville School District met in **Regular Session** in a virtual meeting on April 12, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Larry Vollmer. Janis Braich said the pledge of allegiance. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Paul Haddeland
Mr. Gerardo Partida
Mr. Larry Vollmer
Mr. Carson Benner
Mrs. Barbara Carter
Ms. Janis Braich
Ms. Yanira Vera

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STUDENT ENVOYS:

Hannah Smith
Charlotte Stuart

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
Melanie Martinoff, Board Secretary

AUDIENCE:

See attached list.

1.4 Student Reports

Kathi Fowler along with teachers Carissa DeYoung and Rylee Ramos shared the beginnings of the implementation of the RULER program (Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing, and Regulating emotions) at Columbus Elementary School. Teachers learn skills to create and sustain a positive emotional climate.

1.5 Introductions and Communications

There were no introductions and communications.

Larry Vollmer read two proclamations: the 2021 Public School Volunteer Week Proclamation and the 2021 Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

2021 School Volunteer Week

WHEREAS public school volunteers contribute unselfishly to the success of Oregon's students, teaching and support staff and the goals of American public education;

WHEREAS school volunteers ensure that every student gets help and encouragement according to need;

WHEREAS school volunteers support students and teachers inside and beyond the classroom in myriad ways regardless of the hour and without monetary gain;

WHEREAS school volunteers act dependably, creatively and collaboratively to accomplish whatever tasks they are assigned or commit themselves to;

WHEREAS school volunteers stretch school -district resources to ensure that all students achieve a complete and well -rounded education;

WHEREAS, school volunteer exhibit care, model the best in citizenship and create a climate that fosters learning and a love of education;

We declare our everlasting appreciation to public -school volunteers of the McMinnville School District, who, regardless of situation, age, race, or creed, step forward to help, thus widening horizons for others as well as themselves.

THEREFORE, the School Board of McMinnville School District proclaims April 19 to 23, 2021 School Volunteer Recognition Week, and we urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local volunteers in preparing today's students for tomorrow's world.

PROCLAMATION

2021 Teacher Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, today's teachers mold our future citizens through their guidance and education, and

WHEREAS, today's teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds and abilities, and

WHEREAS, our society expects public education to provide quality education services to all children, no matter what their backgrounds or abilities, and

WHEREAS, our country's future depends, in large measure, upon the education our youth receive today, and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes that its teachers are providing quality education services to our children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the School Board of McMinnville School District No. 40 designates the week of May 3-7, 2021, as Teacher Appreciation Week in this community, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT the McMinnville School Board calls on the community to join with it in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for a job well done.

1.6 Review of Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

2.0 Consent Agenda

On motion by Dr. Paul Haddeland seconded by Barbara Carter, the Consent Agenda was approved on a unanimous vote.

The Board accepted with gratitude, gifts to the District: the McMinnville Noon Rotary Club donated a check for \$2,135 to assist with the Duniway Athletic program, the Blackbaud/PG&E giving fund donated a check for \$231 for the student help account to assist with the student help account at Columbus Elementary School, Mac D-Bros Corp donated checks valued at \$3,000 for the resource room at MHS, Joe Padberg donated a list of robotics materials that will help the robotics program at MHS, Staples donated boxes of school supplies to the District valued at \$875, Communication Connections of Yamhill donated learning supplies such as sensory balls, lego sets, mini arts and crafts kits, kinetic sand, toys, books, floor cushions, sensory games, a doll house, a kitchenette, cubicles, book shelves etc. valued at \$975 to be used by RISE, Mr. Starlit and Ms. O'Melia donated a check for \$800 to be used for the Dunn / Zukerman Technical Scholarship for students in financial need and Michelle Brown donated a check for \$1,000 to be use by the Cheer Team at MHS.

Minutes of the March 8, 2021 business meeting, March 9, 2021 executive session, March 10th 2021 executive session, March 11, 2021 executive session, March 12, 2021 executive session, March 15th business and work session and the March 29 special board business session were approved.

The Board heard Monthly Reports.

3.1 Student Envoy Report Hannah Smith and Charlotte Stuart presented to the board on what the high school students have been doing recently. The school is being readied for starting back on Monday, April 19, 2021.

The ASB is restocking the resource room by hosting a restock drive this week. Volleyball has been undefeated this year and will finish tied for first in the state. Spring Sports begin next week. The play “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” has started rehearsals. Quarter four begins April 19th. Forecasting for next year has started.

3.2 Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Russell spoke about the summer program opportunities including camps at Evergreen and summer school at the schools. Kourtney showed some possible classes that might be offered. Schedules are being aligned for these classes. Kids on the Block (KOB) is a topic of conversation between the School District and the City of McMinnville and they are looking at different options. They are putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for KOB. Janis said fundraising used to be done to help fund kids for KOB who couldn’t afford it. Dayton / MSD Meadowbrook will be a building site where families can choose where to go to school either Dayton or McMinnville. A map of the development was shown. Dr. Russell spoke about the 35 sq foot requirement for classrooms right now. Tony Vicknair showed different classroom layouts. When they were developing the plans to open up again on April 19th, they had to use the 35 square feet per person in the room with 6 feet between students. McEA would need to agree to a closer space between kids to go back to 3 feet in space between kids. Amy Fast talked about returning to school on April 19 Hybrid for 6-12 graders. She showed the schedule for students and videos of teachers explaining how they will be teaching during the back to school time. Amy also talked about special activities for seniors. The prom is a drive in movie at Evergreen with seniors only on May 1st for \$5. Seniors for graduation can sign up for a group of 10 to walk through and get their diplomas in person. The District is working with county health to provide vaccines for school age students.

3.3 Financial Report: Samantha Nelson discussed the financial packet with the board. Enrollment is steady from last month. Expenses jumped in March as licensed employees received their checks reflecting salary increases starting from July 1st onwards. Nutrition Services revenues are down but hopefully will increase with students back in buildings. SIA is expected to be fully funded. The first School District budget work session is Wednesday, April 21st.

3.4 Facilities and Operations Report Pete Keenan said that the spring break regulatory inspections and maintenance tasks were completed. All 1,300 HVAC air filters in district buildings were changed using recommended MERV 13 filters. The Columbus cafeteria ceiling was replaced. Three sidewalks were fixed. The Wortman stadium press box roof was replaced.

3.5 Principal Report: Kathi Fowler from Columbus shared a video of the first few days of hybrid / CDL learning.

Under New Business

4.1 2021-2022 School Calendar. Steffanie Frost discussed the school year calendar 2021-2022. The recommended option was option A. Steffanie went over all the highlights of the calendar.

On Motion By Barbara Carter **Seconded By** Gerardo Partida, **Motion Passed Unanimously** to approve school year calendar option A for school year 2021-2022.

Under Unfinished Business

5.1 Bond Refunding Resolution #08-2021. Samantha Nelson and Susan Escure presented the bond refunding resolution which will save taxpayers money.

On motion by Carson Benner **seconded by** Barbara Carter, **Motion Passed Unanimously** to pass the bond refunding program and resolution.

5.2 Interdistrict Transfers. Kourtney Ferrua reviewed interdistrict transfers. It was suggested that there be 159 interdistrict transfers and no cap for transfers out of the district.

On Motion By Barbara Carter **Seconded By** Janis Braich **Motion Passed Unanimously** to approve 159 interdistrict transfers into McMinnville School District with no cap for transfers out of the district.

5.3 Budget Committee Vacancy. The board has reviewed the application and John Linder was the only applicant.

On Motion By Janis Braich **Seconded By** Paul Haddeland the **Motion Passed Unanimously** to appoint John Linder to the budget committee.

5.4 Policies- First Reading. The following policies were read for the first time.

- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR - FMLA/OFLA Leave Benefits
- GCPC/GDPC - Retirement of Staff
- IJ - School Counseling Program
- JB - Equal Educational Opportunity
- JFCM - Threats of Violence

These will return for second reading at the next board meeting.

6.0 McEA. Adam Gray presented.

7.0 The Board noticed public comment: There was one letter from Scott Neal that the board received.

8.0 Directors Comments
Directors Comments were given.

Gerardo said he is excited that the secondary level is about to go back in person.

Paul said that he appreciates Scott and Lisa Neal's letter. The district is trying to get students back into school but the District still has to follow ODE, OHA guidelines.

Barbara wanted to recognize the public school volunteers and the teachers who have put so much effort into hybrid learning.

Yanira said that she would like to see the District discuss getting kids back into school using Tony Vicknair's charts for September. She enjoyed Columbus' discussion on the mood meter.

Janis said that she loved the Columbus video. She said she can't wait for kids to be back in the classroom. She really misses that.

Carson thanked Scott and Lisa Neal for their letter. He acknowledged that it has taken the administrators so much work to get kids back in on the 19th. He encouraged everyone to try and get kids back in schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Attest:

Board Chair

Superintendent