

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** on February 8, 2021, via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Larry Vollmer. Janis Braich lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STUDENT ENVOYS:

Charlotte Stuart
 Hannah Smith

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
 Melanie Martinoff, Board Secretary

AUDIENCE:

See attached list

The Board heard Student Reports:

Newby Elementary School teachers presented to the board on teacher clarity. Teachers need a deep understanding of the standards to be able to teach with clarity. The teachers had a refresher course. With CDL, they used the book “Distance Playbook” which covers teacher clarity. The TOSA team has done that. Melissa Parker spoke about what she has done with teachers in regards intentional instruction. Justice Wetter - 3rd grade teacher and Cinthya Murguia -1st grade teacher are both in their first year of teaching. Ms. Murguia showed a video of 1st graders learning how to tell time. Ms. Wetter shared a rubric on comparing and contrasting different stories. Kari Roberts and Mackenzie Smith, both 4th grade teachers, showed a video with students discussing why they are learning what they are learning. Carrie Ellis, a 4th grade teacher, showed some math learning and went over the “why” of learning what they are learning.

Introductions and Communications

Board Chair, Larry Vollmer read the proclamation declaring March 1 - 5, 2021 to be Classified School Employee Week. Text of the proclamation follows:

WHEREAS the education of our youth is imperative to our school district, to Oregon, to our nation, our world;

WHEREAS classified school employees in our school districts, education service districts and community colleges are the “backbone” of our public school system;

WHEREAS classified employees work directly with our children, staff, parents, volunteers, business partners and community members and are responsible for the transportation, nutrition and general well-being of our children as well as assisting certified staff in direct instruction;

WHEREAS classified employees ensure the smooth operation of our offices, the maintenance of buildings and property, and the safety of our staff and students and the community trusts them as important messengers about our schools;

WHEREAS our community depends on classified employees to serve students and other staff, often in challenging circumstances and classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture our youth throughout their K-12 years;

WE MEMBERS OF THE McMinnville School Board join Governor Kate Brown in proclaiming March 1 through March 5, 2021 to be CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK in McMinnville, Oregon, and encourage all members of our community to join in this observance recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

Dr. Russell said Kelly Robins is the President of the McMinnville chapter of the OSEA.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Carson Benner and **seconded by** Barbara Carter, the Consent Agenda was approved on a **unanimous vote** items in the consent agenda.

The Board accepted with gratitude, gifts to the District: Sandra Pierce donated hand soaps, sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, clothing etc. valued at \$200 to the MHS resource room, the McMinnville volunteer fire department donated a check for \$300 towards MHS Cheer, Dutch Brothers donated hot chocolate gift certificates valued at \$540 for Memorial Elementary school radical reading challenge incentives, Doug Burch donated a Bundy 2 saxophone and Olds trombone Pro level valued at a combined \$900 for use for students in need at MHS, Courtney Seiffert donated a check for \$1,500 for the Stubberfield fund for athletics, Schwertzer Engineering Laboratories donated a check for \$100 to help students with math and science and make them lifelong learners at MHS, McMinnville Ministries donated a check for \$705 for student needs at Sue Buel elementary school, Mr. Larry Elliott donated a Honda six HP 2 inch gasoline powered water pump model WT 20, Everkilt 15 inch hoses, a wheeled cart, gas cans, and oil for the pump altogether valued at \$1572 for MSD facility needs.

Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Business Meeting, the January 14, 2021 Executive Session, the January 23, 2021 Board Retreat and the January 25, 2021 Work Session were approved.

Personnel actions were approved. Licensed New Hire: Noah Bennett-Fey and Ms. Ruiz . Licensed resignation: Anthony Taramasco. Classified New Hire: Sunmi Kim and Jesus Espana. Classified Resignation: Cecilia Mazhary Maciel, Marla Allen, Molly Herbst and Zachary Silver. Administrative PERS Retirement: Dan Sheppard.

The Board heard Monthly Reports.

Student Envoy Reports:

3.1 Hannah Smith and Charlotte Stuart gave the ASB report on what is happening at MHS in academics, athletics, activities and the arts. They showed some of the student artwork that was completed. Robin Van Buren spoke on a video about LIPI - limited in person instruction. ASB is having unity week next week. The theme is “connecting through it all”. There is an equity summit coming up. Sports are moving forward and they hope to have competitions. The student survey is out. There is a free Chemeketa class being offered. There have been 36 freshman recognized for their academics.

Superintendent’s Report

3.2 Superintendent Russell gave the superintendent’s report. Dr. Russell showed the board three videos illustrating what it will be like at elementary school, the cleaning that will happen and then what to expect for a child to check in. There are three items that will allow opening schools. 1) vaccines. By the end of this week, all staff will have had the opportunity to get the 1st vaccine shot and they will have the second shot by March 15th. 2) Metrics. The new metrics are 350 cases per 100,000 people a week. The hope is that the metrics work for re-opening when it’s time. 3) Safety. Safety items have been put into place in the buildings.

3.3 Samantha Nelson provided the Financial Report. Samantha talked about the enrollment report. The number of students are down, however the usual December slide did not happen. Statewide enrollment is down about 3.7% and a full 25% is kindergarteners. Nutrition Services has received 21% less funds but expenses are down 19% too. Meals for students are free this year.

3.4 Pete Keenan presented the Facilities and Operations Report. Duniway and Patton have some boiler repairs happening. The Patton lecture room is being fixed after it flooded. Sue Buel elementary got a new water heater. The modular at Grandhaven is being fixed. McMinnville High School has hosted several vaccination events in the cafeteria. There are more vaccine events on Feb 11th, 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th. The partners with Yamhill County Health, Tualatin Valley Fire and the District staff have made this happen. In December a technology grant was submitted for Patton Middle School for Seismic upgrades for \$25,000 and it was just awarded.

3.5 Principal’s Report: Davey Altree, Principal at Newby Elementary School, updated the board on what her staff and students are doing. In December there was a Newby “Giving Store”. They gave items to 103 kids, such as clothing, books, a toy and maybe a blanket. There were also boxes of food from the Covenant Church. There are after school programs in different clubs such as reading, Spanish reading, 5th grade homework, arts and crafts and lego. Davey showed the board limited in person instruction that is happening at Newby. They are celebrating student recognition by awarding students certificates for student achievement which includes a mailed yogurt shop gift certificate. They have had some virtual assemblies. Newby is preparing for the return of students to school.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Steffanie Frost presented to the board changes to the 2020-2021 school calendar. Steffanie showed the update to the calendar which is that the secondary conferences in the Spring will now be the first week in May. Elementary conferences remain April 22nd and 23rd. The reason for the change is that the CDL schedule means that the 2nd and 4th quarter teachers wouldn’t get to conference with their students.

On Motion By Barbara Carter, **Seconded by** Dr. Paul Haddeland, the **Motion Passed Unanimously** to approve the changes to the 2020-2021 school year calendar.

5.0 Employee Group

5.1 Adam Gray, president of the McEA read his statement to the board.

6.0 The Board referred to public comment which they received and read.

Directors Comments

Barbara Carter said how impressed she is at how the schools are reaching out and doing things for parents and families during these times.

Gerardo thanked the District for all their hard work. He commented how easy it is to understand the information on options coming up for Elementary students and their families from the videos.

Janis thanked Laurie for her hard work on the videos. Families are struggling right now. It is good to have information out for the parents.

Yanira said that everything the staff is doing now is great. She said the more communication the District can have with parents, the better.

Carson gave a shout out to making the vaccination efforts work. The videos are captivating. The four letters from parents were thoughtful and passionate. Parents were heard.

No future agenda items were suggested.

Chair Vollmer noted upcoming dates. There is a worksession February 22nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Attest:

Board Chair

Superintendent