

MINUTES

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD OF DISTRICT NO. 40, YAMHILL COUNTY McMINNVILLE, OREGON

The Board of Directors of the McMinnville School District met in **Work Session** on April 26, 2021 in the School District Office at 800 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, Oregon. Vice Chair Carson Benner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Larry Vollmer

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
Melanie Martinoff, Administrative Assistant

AUDIENCE: Zach Geary, Susan Muir, Jeff Towery, Hilary Brittan Lack, Samantha Nelson, Tony Vicknair, Kevin Carroll, Kim Price, Steffanie Frost, Amy Fast, Brian Crain, Starla Pointer, Stephanie Legard, Davey Altree, Allison Eitzen, Teresa Denney, Dan Sheppard, Kathi Fowler, Lauren Berg

Susan Muir, Jeff Towery and Zach Geary from the City of McMinnville spoke about Kids on the Block program. Susan said that she knows that KOB needs to provide for more families. Long term funding also needs to be secured. There have been some fundraising projects over the years that have provided some funding. Linfield students have worked in the program. The City employed Oregon ASK to review the KOB program. It is one of the few afterschool programs of it's kind in Oregon. They used a tool they have to measure different aspects of KOB. There are only a few cities that provide after school programs like KOB.

Dr. Russell said that the city has done a good job with Oregon ASK in reviewing the program. The school district isn't sure other providers could run KOB out of the school district buildings. Carson said he is struggling with understanding it. He wanted to know if the city wants to wash it's hands of KOB or play some role in it. Dr. Russell said that KOB has played an important role in the community.

Samantha Nelson showed some financial worksheets on what it might cost for the school district to run it. It was a lot more expensive using district staff. Dr. Russell said that the District will get back to the City on the RFP and whether or not the District will

take a role in it. McMinnville City only wants to pay for McMinnville kids and not the City of Lafayette's.

Dr. Haddeland said that KOB is a program that is very much needed.

Kourtney Ferrua went over the Summer Enrichment Programs. They include extended learning, credit recovery, EL / Migrant camp, Evergreen science camps, a choir camp, Math and construction, mural painting, and wings and waves camps for 4th and 5th graders.

Dr. Russell spoke about the possibility of not participating in the SBAC exams. Several other districts have opted out. Data means a lot to the District. However, looking at which tests would be offered, it doesn't make sense to participate this year. The District will be doing testing next year. There is no remote testing option so CDL students would need to come into the buildings. The District has been doing Iready assessment tests all year.

Tony Vicknair discussed capacity data. Looking at the elementary options for the rest of this year, there would be a need for 339 desks to bring kids back with the 3 feet requirement. That is possible using our existing stock of desks. However, in the fall, there would be a need for purchasing more desks if distancing is required. There would be more classrooms needed and more teachers as well. Two thirds of the kids are in hybrid. Right now with the 3 feet distance requirement, the schools could only accommodate the hybrid kids back in school. Dr. Russell stated that the District is working on getting all kids back in school in the fall. There should be guidance soon from the Governor on this.

Dr. Russell showed a video which the ODE produced using teacher Karly Knauss in a TV spot.

The board discussed subcommittee reports.

Policy Subcommittee - the Board members went over the policies for first and second reading.

Long Range Facility Subcommittee discussed all the goings on with seismic work at Patton and turf field grooming.

The Finance Subcommittee met about the upcoming budget.

The Instructional Improvement committee reviewed new materials considering the foreign language materials for younger students.

Director comments were given.

Janis enjoyed the videos the ODE did.

Yanira thanked everyone for all of the work they are doing.

Barbara said the number of summer offerings are impressive for this year.

Gerardo said the Certificate of Excellence given to the finance department for 11 years in a row was a big accomplishment.

Dr. Haddeland said the KOB issue is interesting.

Carson said getting the students back in the classroom is important. He wants to support an equitable program with a new KOB. He supports the city handling it.

The Work Session adjourned at 9:16 p.m.