

MINUTES

OF THE

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

The Board of Directors of the McMinnville School District met in a **Special Business meeting** on March 15, 2021 virtually via zoom. Chairperson Larry Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
Melanie Martinoff, Admin Assistant

WORK SESSION AUDIENCE: Susan Escure, David Bousquet, Amy Fast, Samantha Nelson, Kourtney Ferrua

The Board was presented with the recommendation followed by the Notice of Intent to Award P&C Construction Company the Request For Proposals RFP 2021-01 for Patton Middle School. This was based on interviews with the three firms by the Evaluation Committee which was comprised of Carson Benner, Pete Keenan, Susan Escure, John Abel and Rick Rainone of Cornerstone.

On motion by Barbara Carter, **seconded by** Gerardo Partida, the **Motion Passed Unanimously** to authorize the contract award to P&C Construction Company for the CM/GC work at Patton Middle School.

At 7:20 p.m. Larry Vollmer adjourned the board business meeting.

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Vollmer opened the board work session.

Dr. Russell discussed what the first days of hybrid and new CDL classes will look like. She mentioned that there were many different entrances for kids to maintain the specified distances. The bus route schedule is being refined. Kids were sent home with three meals from school. Kourtney Ferrua shared a montage of photos from the first day of school put together by Laurie Fry. It was a true team effort by all staff in order to get it to happen.

The new guidance came out today. There is no change in the 6 feet distancing so that means that the District will continue with the same guidelines and classroom set up.

Dr. Fast discussed the secondary hybrid planning. Transportation has been the trickiest consideration along with teaching different subjects for the kids. Dr. Fast showed a sample schedule. Students will enter different entrances like at the elementary schools. Team time and professional development for staff would be first thing in the morning. Classes would start at 10:10 and end at 3:25 pm. Students will walk 6 feet apart using the blue dots. The schedule is on a rolling block. There would be two groups of hybrid students by last name. Mornings are in person and CDL in the afternoon for one group while the other name group and CDL are zooming in. This is for Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday. Wednesdays are for teacher planning and students are on asynchronous learning. They grab lunch and head home all days. The periods flip so they get time with their teachers every week.

For those kids in classes that have to be in person like weight training, they will have them do a different task when they are zooming in. For example the zoom class would be doing a weight training video that the teacher created.

Susan Escure and Samantha Nelson discussed the bond refunding option. Piper Sandler Company contacted the school district about refunding the bonds to save tax payer money because of favorable rates. This will come to the board again in the business meeting in April.

Subcommittee reports

Subcommittee reports were given by the board.

Instructional Improvement covered different models for school at elementary and secondary level. They covered textbook adoption and social emotional help for kids.

Long Range facilities committee covered ventilation at schools. Columbus has a boiler leak. The Grandhaven modulars received new carpet. Options are being looked for the orchard by Grandhaven.

The Finance Subcommittee team showed that enrollment has slightly increased. There is a vacancy in the budget committee.

Directors Comments

Directors comments were made.

Yanira thought that the videos that were sent to families and kids were very well done. She congratulated everyone who took part in that development.

Janis is very happy school is back in person.

Dr. Haddeland said congratulations to the staff on doing a great job for back to school.

Barbara praised all the staff, students and parents and all the work that it has taken to get kids back in school.

Larry thanked all the other board members for their hard work.

The Session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.