

# MINUTES

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

The Board of Directors of the McMinnville School District met in **Work Session** on November 23, 2020 virtually via zoom. Chairperson Larry Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent  
Melanie Martinoff, Admin Assistant

AUDIENCE: Robin Van Buren, Amy Fast, Kourtney Ferrua, Steffanie Frost, Kate Pabst, Dennis Ray and Thomas Rockefeller from Northwest Leadership Associates, Steve Kelley and Sarah Herb from the OSBA and Hank Harris from Human Capital Enterprises .

The board heard presentations from three different executive search firms; Northwest Leadership Associates, the Oregon School Board Association and Human Capital Enterprises.

Robin Van Buren presented the board with information on the McMinnville High School Response Team who are working to put equity into action. For every 15 or so students, there is a “grizzly nation” teacher who meets with them regularly to make sure they are doing ok with comprehensive distance learning and socio-emotionally. There are three tiers of students as far as assistance is concerned. They reach out to the top two tiers more often. Right now 15% of kids need more assistance, really due to COVID. They have started some limited in person instruction to help out these students. There are 20 students who will be involved soon with LIPI.

Robin Van Buren also presented on the McMinnville High School ESD. Equity in action: Instruction, Connection and Support gives the students the ability to learn whatever their situation may be. Robin spoke about how teachers are creating lessons to reach out to students in different ways with distance learning and to make it equitable. Teachers are adapting to distance learning and their students are getting into a rhythm. Yanira and Janis said they were happy to see some kids were getting connections.

### **Subcommittee reports**

Subcommittee reports were given by the board.

In Fiscal subcommittee, the budget and enrollment was discussed. Kindergarten enrollment is down 4.8% from the anticipated number of students.

In Instructional Subcommittee, they discussed in person learning when students return.

The Facilities Subcommittee covered building repairs and the publication in the American High School and University magazine on the work that was accomplished at MHS.

### **Directors Comments**

Directors comments were made.

Barbara appreciates the staff finding ways to reach students during this distance learning.

Yanira echoed Barbara's sentiments.

The Session adjourned at 8:22 p.m.