

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 September 14, 2020, virtually via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Larry Vollmer. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
 Melanie Martinoff, Board Secretary

STUDENT ENVOYS

AUDIENCE:

See attached.

Introductions and Communications

There were no changes to the agenda or communications.

Davey Atree reviewed summer school 2020 which took place for three weeks in August for 1st through 5th grade students. The schedule was Monday through Thursday and summer school served 271 students. They covered English, mathematics, Iready math and Iready reading. Students did well with synchronous teaching along with independent work time. Davey reviewed with the board student guidance for zoom meetings. 271 students successfully did the remote summer school learning. Teachers learned that it was important not to rush sessions. Breakout rooms worked well for students and the students could ask teachers for help during independent work time. Teachers also had office hours.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Dr. Paul Haddeland, **seconded by** Carson Benner, the *Consent Agenda* was approved on a **unanimous vote**.

The Gifts to the District were gratefully accepted: John C. Holley and Candace Newland-Holley gave a check for \$750 for MHS and the Carole Newland Whitehead Scholarship fund and Sandra Pierce donated clothes, back packs, and school supplies valued at \$300 to the MHS Resource room.

The minutes of the August 10, 2020 business session, the August 24, 2020, Work Session and the August 31st executive session were approved.

Personnel actions were approved. Licensed new hires: Delaney Adix (Toohey), Cree Nelson, Lysha Wasser, Kourtney Wessels, Brianne Birman, Justice Wetter, Miranda Linville and Reeve Woodward. Licensed resignations: Stephanie Seet, Tara Nelson, Toby Carver and Kim McManus. Classified new hires: Ashley Higgins, Carla Romero, Aracely Garcia Arenas, Kassie Skaufel, Marse D'Orazio, Eva Medina, Janet Fisher, Rita Martinez-Salas, Caesar Morales-Suares and Brynna Reardon. Classified resignation: Michelle Barrett, Cynthia Bilodeau, Zachary Smith, Nicole Pilkenton and Jeremy Bailey.

The Board heard Monthly Reports.

Superintendent's Report: COVID19 numbers for Yamhill County currently show improvement made from approximately 60/100,000 to 31/100,000 positive cases. The wildfires caused a one day delay for the start of school for staff to switch offices from in building to home if they elected to do so. Governor Brown did another press release today and she is encouraging people to consider several charitables agencies. Dr. Russell recognized Pete Keenan and the custodians, nutrition services, Laurie Fry for her communication efforts, the MSD tech team, teachers on special assignment who have helped put together the CDL and also the administrators who worked all summer to provide resources to staff and students fall 2020.

Director of Fiscal Services Report: Susan Escure showed the enrollment report. Elementary is below projections and secondary is consistent with projections. Susan reviewed General Fund Revenue and Expenditures, the cash report, nutrition services revenue and expenditures and the capital projects budget summary. Auditors are coming the last week of September and benefits close tomorrow so there is much work to be done for the rest of the month. Students can receive free meals this fall like during summer feeding.

Manager of Facilities Report: Dr. Russell gave the facilities report. There are a few items left to finish on the roof projects. During the summer, some students climbed up on Duniway's roof. Recently some panels were installed so the roof is now inaccessible. District HVAC systems have been adjusted to reduce smoke intake for the buildings.

Under Unfinished Business

4.1 The board reviewed the following policies for second reading:

- **EBC/EBCA – Emergency Procedures and Disaster Plans**

On Motion by: Carson Benner, and **seconded by:** Janis Braich the board gave **unanimous approval** for the above mentioned policies.

Under New Business

5.1 The board reviewed policies for first reading:

- **EEA – Transportation**
- **JECCA and JECAA A/R Part-Time Students**

They will return for second reading at the next board business meeting.

5.2 The board reviewed policy

- **IKF-AR Graduation Requirement**

Staff recommend the suspension of .5 credit requirement for PEP for the class of 2021 and 2022 given ODE's reduction of this requirement.

On Motion by: Carson Benner and **seconded by:** Barbara Carter, the board gave **unanimous approval** for suspending the PEP requirement for the graduating class of 2021 and 2022.

5.3 Dan Sheppard, Hallie Carpenter and staff from Columbus elementary presented the Collaborative Problem Solving program. This year, the McMinnville School District received a 3 year grant through the Yamhill County Care Organization to do this. The District was also funded for RULER (Recognizing, Understanding, Labeling, Expressing and Regulating) and sources of strength for secondary level on suicide prevention. Teachers talked about their CPS training and the potential it has to improve student success in schools.

5.4 Kourtney Ferrua discussed interdistrict transfers. There is a waiting list of students that would like to enroll in the district. The school district would like to increase the students allowed into the district by 25 students to 159 students.

On Motion by: Dr. Paul Haddeland and **seconded by:** Carson Benner, the board gave **unanimous approval** for increasing the number of students who may enter the district with an interdistrict transfer by 25 for a total of 159 students.

The Board invited public comment: There were no public comments.

6.1 McEA read a prepared statement to the board. The full statement is attached.

Directors Comments:

Barbara Carter said she read the teachers letters she received. She knows the teachers can do this. Things will start ironing themselves out.

Carson Benner does not appreciate the negativity that McEA presents.

Gerardo Partida thanked teachers for their good work.

Dr. Haddeland said that he received numerous emails and he reached out to some teachers he knows. He said there is a lot of anxiety. He said he is frustrated at the McEA which is trying to drive a wedge in the district. He said it's time to get back to school. Teachers just need to trust in themselves.

Janis echoed what Paul said. She said it's normal to be anxious about something new, like a new job. However we have to work together. It will get better and better. Parents would like more face to face time for the kids with teachers.

Larry said that the Board is there to serve the students. They are all volunteers. The board understands that the schedule may not be perfect, but it will get better.

The board work session will be on Monday, September 28, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attest:

Board Chair

Superintendent