

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 at 7:30 p.m.** on January 27, 2020. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent

AUDIENCE: Steffanie Frost, Susan Escure, Shane Fox, Kristian Frack, Kourtney Ferrua, Ramon Alvarez, Siria Larmay, Suzanne Scarborough, Cielo Tahmaseb, Veronica Chase.

The Board was provided an update on Equity work in the District. Participants of Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 Equity classes shared their experiences from the course.

Veronica Chase and Siria Larmay spoke to the board on the importance of understanding who the students really are and to try and understand their culture, traditions and tailor education to their needs.

Ramon Alvarez said it is sometimes the first person to say the student's name correctly that makes a difference. He likes to validate the student's identity and then the students know it is safe to thrive in his class.

Shane Fox said he grew up in a white community and through the equity class, he has been able to speak about race. He says he has the tools to talk about and understand institutional racism and white privilege.

Siria Larmay said that the class gave us concrete tools to talk about race. If you have people to talk about it with, it helps. Helping kids feel comfortable from within their own skin is the goal. It's important to educate the whole staff.

Cielo Tahmaseb said that equity is represented in many different ways. She is learning and growing and changing and excited to see what she will do with this new learning to impact her students. She wants to affect the achievement gap with this knowledge.

Kristian Frack said that Hattie's research shows the 1.29 effect on students from teacher expectations.

Those representing the equity class, expressed interest in making the course work available to all staff.

The board gave their director's comments.

Barbara felt the facility tour was very helpful. Jazz night was full and the kids were so talented.

Subcommittee reports were given.

Janis said that the water testing went well.

Barbara Carter took the tour of the school based health center and enjoyed learning what it offered.

For the Fiscal sub committee, the auditor met with them to go over the audit.

Gerardo said that they reviewed the drone policy.

Director Comments were given

Gerardo said that the retreat presentation was helpful and he appreciated the training.

Carson said that Bistro night was cancelled due to bad weather.

Tim watched 7 basketball games at the high school

The Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.