

MINUTES

OF THE

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

The Board of Directors of the McMinnville School District met in **Executive Session** on April 27, 2020 in the School District Office at 800 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, Oregon at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) Labor Negotiations.

The Board of Directors of the McMinnville School District met in **Work Session**. Larry Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Tim Roberts

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
Melanie Martinoff, Administrative Assistant

AUDIENCE: Steffanie Frost, Stephanie Legard, Susan Escure, Lu Ann Anderson, Ron Cutter, Lisa Freiley, Ron Cutter, Brittany Sierra, Sarah Bercier, Dr. Amy Fast and Silas Halloran Steiner and Mike Franklin.

Lisa Freiley, Former OSBA attorney and current Willamette Education School District attorney spoke to the board about foreign travel for students. If all the trip literature states that students are traveling with their foreign language teacher and the teacher has informational meetings in the school classroom there could be the assumption that this is a school sponsored trip. Make sure to review district policy on this subject. Districts should consider such travel and think about other items that could cause issues such as fires, warnings on illnesses, lack of medical facilities and kidnapping. There should also be very specific student conduct rules which clearly outline what is expected of students. Trip information should state that the parents are financially responsible for bringing their students back early for breaking student conduct rules. The District determines protocol for out of country student arrests and illness so everyone is prepared for these situations. All of these items need to be very clear before the parents / students sign up and the District makes any decisions regarding such travel. Anyone who travels with students should have criminal investigation forms completed. The District should research the company the students travel with.

Dr. Russell said that she hopes the Board policy subcommittee will be reviewing policy related to out of state and out of country travel.

Ron Cutter, representing the District's liability carrier, Brown and Brown, spoke about the costs for liability and property insurance related to out of country travel. The insurance company is always worried about the worst case scenario. For example a student from a Connecticut school went to China and received a tick bite and it turned into encephalitis. Ron recommends that if there is travel abroad that other insurance is purchased. In Oregon, there is a tort cap, but outside of the state there is no cap. Ron also recommended that either the District embraces the trip and is all in or the District has nothing to do with it. They recommend the District completely divorces itself from out of country travel. They would also recommend foreign liability coverage for students if out of country travel be permitted.

Lisa suggested that there should be a real analysis of any trip; its purpose, transportation details etc. All trips should have contingency plans.

Dr. Amy Fast spoke about graduation. The high school will be having the seniors come in to pick up their senior gear as well as senior photos. On June 5th, the hope is to have a physical distancing event and divide the students up between three locations and have them listen to the principal's speech, valedictorian's speeches on the local radio station. MHS will get parade permits for the cars and they will work with the McMinnville police department.

The high school also wants to celebrate senior day, scholarship night and an honors assembly. Amy said that it will be memorable. She asked the board members to reserve June 5th to wave students off to their parade.

Subcommittee reports were given.

Long Range Subcommittee: Dr. Haddeland spoke about the new roofing projects that are coming up. They are also working on some summer cleaning projects.

Instructional Improvement subcommittee; attendees talked about chromebook and hotspot distribution and the website information.

Directors comments were given.

Dr. Haddeland is pleased that Dr. Fast is working so hard on providing a good graduation for seniors

Janis also appreciated Amy's work for graduation. Janis said she admires the teachers work as she is working with her own grandchild with distance learning and it is a new platform. She has enjoyed the teacher parades.

Gerardo said thank you again to Amy for all she is doing.

Barbara said also that Dr. Fast's plans will make this all memorable for the seniors.

Larry thanked everyone for their energy and patience with zoom meetings.

The Work Session adjourned at 9:05 p.m.