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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 February 10, 2020, in the School District Office at 800 NE Lafayette Ave. McMinnville, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Larry Vollmer. Evan Ewing lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STUDENT ENVOYS:

Megan Bomberger
Evan Ewing

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
Melanie Martinoff, Board Secretary

AUDIENCE:

Susan Escure, Dan Sheppard, Stephanie Legard, Kathi Fowler, Margie Johnson, Allison Eitzen, Starla Pointer, Darlene Geddes, Kourtney Ferrua, Tony Vicknair, Marty Palacios, Davey Altree, Kristian Frack, Kim Price, Hilary Brittan Lack, Jill Long, Amy Fast, Veronica Chase, Mark Hinthorn, Julie Gluff, Christine Walker, Brian Crain, Adam Gray, Julie Gluff, Lauren Berg, Christie Wertz, Brittany Ruiz Sierra, Debbie Hilfiker, David Bousquet, Kristian Frack, Eric Svec, Kate Ballan, Michelle Ju, Christine Walker, Debbie Palacios, Jerry Hart, Anne Massey, Sereta Campbell, Mimi Weinrub and parents of the Wascher children who gave the student reports.

The Board heard Student Reports:

Wascher Elementary School Kindergarten students presented to the board what they have learned about coding with their teachers Sarah Horst, Shelly Shilhanek and Lisa Hill. Students who presented were: Dillon Marshall, Tucker Jech, Rider Schumacher, Michael Moore, Madison Brown, Emma Sauter, Kylie Abon, Andrew McMahan and Maximus Drebin. They are learning cubelets and ozzobots and demonstrated using them to the board. The students are going to be the ambassadors for coding for their classrooms.

Introductions and Communications

Board Chair, Larry Vollmer read the proclamation declaring March 2 - 6, 2020 to be Classified School Employee Week. Text of the proclamation follows:

WHEREAS the education of our youth is imperative to our school district, to Oregon, to our nation, our world;

WHEREAS classified school employees in our school districts, education service districts and community colleges are the “backbone” of our public school system;

WHEREAS classified employees work directly with our children, staff, parents, volunteers, business partners and community members and are responsible for the transportation, nutrition and general well-being of our children as well as assisting certified staff in direct instruction;

WHEREAS classified employees ensure the smooth operation of our offices, the maintenance of buildings and property, and the safety of our staff and students and the community trusts them as important messengers about our schools;

WHEREAS our community depends on classified employees to serve students and other staff, often in challenging circumstances and classified employees, with their diverse talents and true dedication, nurture our youth throughout their K-12 years;

WE MEMBERS OF THE McMinnville School Board join Governor Kate Brown in proclaiming March 2 through March 6, 2020 to be CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK in McMinnville, Oregon, and encourage all members of our community to join in this observance recognizing the dedication and hard work of these individuals.

Dr. Russell introduced Kelly Robins, Co-President of the McMinnville chapter of the OSEA is here to represent classified employees.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Dr. Paul Haddeland and **seconded by** Janis Braich, the Consent Agenda was approved on a **unanimous vote** items in the consent agenda.

The Board accepted with gratitude, gifts to the District: Jerome Blankenship of Northwood signs donated part of the restoration of the Bear Hugs sign for MHS valued at \$225, Steve and Dorene Ellis donated \$50 to pay for the lamination of placemats for Miss Ellis’ class that will be used for Meals on Wheels, Stephanie Kramer donated a clarinet for the Duniway Middle School band program that is valued at \$300, George and Sandra Lee Cicolani donated a check for \$200 to be used for the Duniway Middle School fitness center and KGW School Supply Drive donated \$500 worth of school supplies to be used through the school district.

Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Business Meeting and the January 27, 2020 Work Session were approved.

Personnel actions were approved. Licensed Retirement: Kathy Nobiletti and Sue Henry. Licensed Resignation: Timothy Love, Kimberly Hanson, Laura Neilson and Shannon Biamonte. Licensed New Hire: Kate Bonilla, Megan Sandmann and Shari Exo. Classified Resignation: Krista Scott, Jacqueline Robertson and Andrea Walker. Classified New Hire: Michelle Barrett, Marcine Dillon and Melissa Custer. Classified Retirement: Sandi Hanes, Mahara Garneff Landazuri, Sequoyah Kearns and Gloria Kemper. Admin new hire: Kevin Carroll.

The Board heard Monthly Reports.

Student Envoy Reports:

Evan Ewing and Megan Bomberger gave the report on what is happening at MHS in academics, athletics, activities and the arts. Unity week is next week. 2020 represents the 2nd year the high school is doing mental health week. There will be workshops students can attend. The two robotics teams took first and second place for the same award. This weekend is the district wrestling tournament. The cheer team has a competition next weekend as well. Forecasting has started for students. The Symphonic choir has a concert Wednesday February 12th. Many art competitions are taking place currently. Evan Ewing will be going to New York City in April after winning the state Shakespeare competition.

Superintendent's Report Dr. Russell

Dr. Russell introduced Clem Spenner from the Willamette Educational Service District. Clem handles the threat assessment process in the region. She also introduced Police Chief Scales from the McMinnville Police Department who joined Mark Hinthorn MHS Asst. Principal and Dr. Palacios Duniway Asst. Principal. The mid valley threat assessment system has been in existence since 2000 and based on information from the FBI to evaluate school safety and threat systems. The system has two main parts: level 1 is a school site based team with many school staff trained in the process. Parents are also included. Level 2 takes place if there is a belief that the student poses a threat. Clem is contacted and that assessment could include all or some of the following groups; the school team, the police team or sheriff's office, Yamhill Family and Youth, parents, Oregon Youth Authority, DHS, and Juvenile department. After the assessment, the group comes up with strategies and interventions because they want students to be successful. Clem will be joining the district on the MHS safety night on February 27th. Mark Hinthorn thanked the WESD for the training they receive. Mark said that student safety is key. In 2012, the high school enacted a tip line in the event students hear or see something of concern. The District works with Safe Oregon who also have a tip line. The District has a great relationship with McMinnville Police Department and they work in tandem. They go to the student's house and work with the family. Every year administrators attend the Safe Schools Summit. Dr. Palacios spoke about middle schools and their safety practices. There are many levels of response and support for the students and safety. Chief Scales said that the middle school and high school teams are excellent at this. They have many mechanisms to keep students on track. It is a comprehensive system to make sure kids are safe. There are two SROs at the schools and Chief Scales has many meetings with them.

Dr. Haddeland asked how connecting with kids happens at school. Mark Hinthorn said that there are a lot of opportunities to make connections with students starting as freshmen.

Carson Benner asked if there is data regarding attacks happening in US schools. Clem said that they do tend to happen in clusters. He said that having just one positive influence in a child's life can make all the difference. If there isn't that connection at home, then schools can serve that function. The data from the student survey can be used to help find the students who need help. Dr. Palacios said the schools use PBIS – positive behavior interventions and support – to help with students.

Superintendent Russell reminded Board members that on February 24, the District will host a public meeting to solicit input on how the Student Success Act, Student investment account should be spent. That will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Escure provided the Financial Report.

On February 1st, enrollment is close to what was projected. Nutrition services have the same revenues as last year. There are 5 elementary schools getting some CEP funds which means we are reimbursed for the meals. The state with the new SSA money will try and close that gap so there will be more money for the CEP schools.

Dr. Russell presented the *Facilities and Operations Report*.

TAP grants were submitted last week for seismic improvements. Susan submitted the facility grant for high school construction. The maintenance department is working on facility requests coming through from buildings.

Principal's Report: Lauren Berg, Principal at Wascher Elementary School, updated the board on what her staff and students are doing. Staff finds out students' needs and helps them grow, invent and discover. In mathematics, the staff works hard with data to create targeted math interventions in addition to daily math blocks. English language arts is a focus. All staff has professional development and they are using four key moments for language skills. There will be a staff book study on phonics. There is the Success Now after school program. Starting in January's session, the kids can do sewing / knitting, Spanish, Theater, painting, engineering and a writer's workshop. They are setting up a culture of kindness. The PBIS team worked to build compassion for students. They are having weekly kindness ambassadors and a monthly 10 minute kindness drill. They are also doing a community give back – a food drive for their own food pantry. "Sockuary" was a success because the students have gathered almost 1,000 socks, gloves and hats to donate to the homeless. Their spring drive will be a book drive.

Under 4.1 *Unfinished Business*

Kathi Fowler and teacher Eric Svec presented a student outdoor school field trip for Columbus Elementary 5th graders to go to Twin Rocks Camp in Rockaway Beach, Oregon from May 27-29, 2020.

On Motion By Carson Benner, **Seconded by** Barbara Carter, the **Motion Passed Unanimously** to give final approval for the outdoor school field trip for Columbus Elementary 5th graders to go to Twin Rocks Camp in Rockaway Beach, Oregon from May 27-29, 2020.

Under *New Business*

5.1 Steffanie Frost presented the following *policies* for first reading:

- **BBF – Board Member Standards of Conduct**
- **DA – Financial Management Goals and Policies**
- **ECACB – Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) a.k.a. Drone**
- **GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity**

These policies will return for second reading and approval at the next board meeting.

5.2 Steffanie Frost presented the calendar for 2020-2021 for first reading. A staff committee met to work on the calendar and present two options for consideration. Labor Day will be late this next school year.

She noted that these calendar options will return for second reading and a final selection made for approval at the next board meeting in March 2020.

5.3 Amy Fast and teacher Christine Walker presented an out of country trip proposal to Germany for the GAPP program for April 2020. They go every other year and visit museums, concentration camps and other aspects of history and culture. They also go to France and Switzerland. Before they go, they first host the families from the Gapp program.

On Motion By Carson Benner **Seconded by** Janis Braich, the **Motion Passed Unanimously** to give tentative approval for the international GAPP trip to Germany in April 2020.

5.4 Amy Fast and teacher Dave Larson presented an out of state trip proposal for April 14-19, 2020 to Houston Texas for the robotics team Ursa Mechanica.

On Motion By Carson Benner **Seconded by** Janis Braich, the **Motion Passed Unanimously** to give tentative approval for an out of state trip proposal for April 14-19, 2020 to Houston Texas for the robotics team Ursa Mechanica, pending qualification.

5.4 Debbie Hilfiker presented the Sue Buel request for an outdoor school field trip to the board from April 1-3, 2020.at OMSI Camp Meriwether in Cloverdale, Oregon.

On Motion By Janis Braich Seconded by Carson Benner, the Motion Passed Unanimously to give tentative approval for the outdoor field trip for Sue Buel Elementary students from April1-3, 2020 to OMSI Camp Meriwether in Cloverdale, Oregon.

The Board interviewed candidate Jerry Hart for the Budget Committee. They said they will get back to him soon with a decision.

The Board invited public comment:

Brittany Ruiz Sierra wanted to thank the Superintendent for bringing the threat assessment information to the meeting and that handled most of her concerns. She wants the District to use social media more because people don't have time to look at the website. Brittany Ruiz spoke about house bill 4139.

Directors Comments

Barbara said she wants to thank Duniway for having her at the school.

Janis said thanks to Davey for having her at her school for this semester.

Dr. Haddeland brought up free lunches. All kids should have free lunches so everyone gets to eat and there's no shame in accessing school meals.

Larry spoke about the work session on the 24th. There will be a 6:30 p.m. executive session before hand.

No future agenda items were suggested.

Chair Vollmer noted upcoming dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Attest:

Board Chair

Superintendent