

# MINUTES

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

The Board of Directors of McMinnville School District met in **Regular Session** on March 9, 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 Chair Larry Vollmer. Two students from Patton Middle School led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call indicated the following:

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

### STUDENT ENVOYS:

Megan Bomberger  
Evan Ewing

### STUDENT ENVOYS MISSING:

### ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent  
Melanie Martinoff, Board Secretary

### AUDIENCE:

Susan Escure, Davey Altree, Dan Sheppard, Deb Hilfiker, Robin Van Buren, Julie Gluff, Kristian Frack, Stephanie Legard, Kathi Fowler, Margie Johnson, Hilary Brittan Lack, Kourtney Ferrua, Brian Crain, Starla Pointer, Allison Eitzen, Steffanie Frost, Veronica Chase, Kim Price, Adam Gray, Jennifer Keikala, Kevin Emmert, Laurie Fry, Lauren Berg, Tony Vicknair, Shelly Shilhanek, Beth Ann Pope, Teresa Denney, Kathleen Mika, Pete Keenan, Tara Sullivan, Lynda Shields, Patti Hess, Brian Randall, Damon Thayer, Rachel Sundquist, Kelly McIntyre, Allyson Winder, Polly Dunkley, Marc Dana, Cathy Burns, Michele Graham, Lindsay Barke, Brian Bixler, Ashley Hernandez, Andrea Corona, Jennifer Moranchel, Sara Harris, Eric Alexandra, Lisa Hill, Andrea Brown, Ryan Sticker, Reid Kimura, Emily Cruikshank, Wes Gabrielson, Trelawni Starki, Amber Ryerson, Jarod Harney, Jon Behrends, Angelica Chambers, Bob Clark, Katrina Amsberry, Barbara Colson, Lozell Mathai, Pamela Stevens, David Bousquet, parents of Patton Middle School students, Sign language interpreters Rebekah Cheeley and Damon Thayer.

### The Board heard Student Reports

Brian Crain, Principal of Patton Middle School and Allison Eitzen, Asst. Principal, introduced teachers Monica Cowan, Danette Pendleton, Tyra Barawis, Kathryn Nelson-Davis and Trudie Anderson. Students Hannah Lingle, Anahi Vargas, Betty Lederer, Kalea Carl, Jacobi Tarkinton, Valez Jimenez, Nadia Wolf, Aaron Moon and Connor Foss spoke about the student support center at Patton Middle School and how it has helped them.

### Introductions and Communications

There were no introductions or communications.

### Consent Agenda

**On motion by** Dr. Paul Haddeland **seconded by** Barbara Carter the Consent Agenda was approved on a unanimous vote.

The Board accepted with gratitude the following gifts to the District: Utti Insurance donated a check for \$200 towards MHS student Esia Kiminger's fees for the National Cheer competition, Smith & Co. Painting donated a check for \$100 towards MHS student Esia Kiminger's fees for the National Cheer competition, Summit Excavating Inc. donated a check for \$250 towards MHS student Esia Kiminger's fees for the National Cheer competition, Hagan Hamilton Insurance Solutions donated a check for \$200 towards MHS student Kristina Format-Gil's fees for the National Cheer competition, Cruising McMinnville donated router and router table components with CNC bits for specialized engraving, Sue Williams donated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester; tea, healthy snacks and fruit valued at \$725, for MHS classroom where she volunteers every Monday, Doorknob Enterprises LLC dba Jiffy lube donated a check for \$300 towards MHS student Kristina-Fornot-Gil's fees for the National Cheer competition, Michael J Morris, real estate broker donated a check for \$1,000 to be used for the MHS baseball program. Rhonda J. Robins donated gifts cards valued at \$300 to be used by the Newby holiday stocking for needy families programs, the Mac Club donated \$137,519.31 towards the Stubberfield hitting facility at Varsity baseball field and Sandra Pierce donated school supplies, clothes, personal hygiene supplies to the MHS resource room valued at \$300.

Minutes of the February 10, 2020 February Business Meeting and the February 24<sup>th</sup>, Board work session minutes were approved.

Personnel actions were approved. Licensed new hire: Michelle Johnstone, Kimberly Nickel and Karissa "Kari" Marugg. Licensed retirement: Scott Instenes. Licensed resignation following a 1 year LOA: Jennifer Hagglund. Licensed resignation: Chris Carnahan, Dean Heuberger, Rebecca Belknap and Joe Parsons. Classified resignation: Michelle Johnstone, Glory Shulze, and Cesar Meza Prado. Classified Retirement: Nancy Stephens. Classified New Hire: Maricela Vazquez, Jeremy Bailey, Pedro Thompson, Valerie Adamich, Keri Neurohr and Maria Vigil. Administrative resignation: Darlene Geddes. See attached lists for details for full staff contract non-renewals and renewals for the school year 2020-2021.

The Board heard Monthly Reports.

Student Envoy Report Evan Ewing and Megan Bomberger discussed new events happening at the high school in athletics, arts, and academics. Unity week and Mental Health week were successful. Saturday is the FTC Robotics Championship. Girls Varsity Basketball team has advanced to the final 8 for the first time since 1999. The varsity cheerleading team took 2<sup>nd</sup> in state. Wrestling had Jacob Barnes finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the heavyweight category. Spring Break is March 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The Community Choir celebration is happening at the McMinnville Community Center tomorrow night.

Superintendent's Report Dr. Russell spoke about the health protocols recommended by the CDC, WHO and Yamhill Co. Health Authority. Custodians have increased their cleaning of countertops, door knobs, push bars and other heavily contacted surfaces. Every week there is a standing meeting with other superintendents, health and human services, the emergency managers for the county, nurses, etc. to discuss COVID-19. Today in Hillsboro a middle schooler was diagnosed with COVID-19 and it opened after being cleaned. We are reviewing all travel through the rest of the year for out of state, out of country as well as within Oregon. If a student did get it while away on a trip, it could be hard for parents to get access to their children.

Fiscal Report: Susan Escure presented the fiscal report. She talked about the enrollment report. There are 85 less students than the forecast showed. Revenue and expenditures are higher than expected due to PERS increases. Nutrition services has a lunch debt of \$50,000 from non-payment.

Facilities Report: Pete Keenan gave the facilities report. Custodians are cleaning schools extra thoroughly. The other facilities staff are working on building assessments. Some of the items that need to be worked on are roofs and covered play areas. The roofs will be replaced with 25 year built up roofs. The tennis courts will be resurfaced this summer. Electrical repairs, sidewalks and assessibility improvements will be made. Grounds crews are working hard getting fields ready for sports.

Principals' Report. Brian Crain, principal at Patton Middle School and Allison Eitzen Assistant Principal at Patton spoke about what is happening at the school. They launched a kindness campaign today for two weeks. They have many activities for kids after school such as builder's club, STEM, art club and yearbook. They just finished Battle of the Books. Anna Keesey, Linfield professor and author, came and spoke to students. They practiced creative writing. The "Step It Up" homework club is available for students. Students have been making a good effort to wash hands, clean keyboards and desks too.

Under Unfinished Business

Dr. Russell recommended that the Board withhold approval of out of state country travel given the coronavirus. Depending on the status of COVID-19 out of state, out of country travel may be considered at a later date.

Sue Buel has an outdoor school planned in April. Columbus has a May outdoor school trip. Grandhaven will have a trip in June to request. Dr. Russell wants to evaluate these trips in regard to the COVID-19 situation.

**On Motion By** Barbara Carter **Seconded by** Janis Braich **Motion Passed unanimously** for final approval of the Sue Buel Outdoor school trip to OMSI camp with possible changes if COVID-19.

The Board held the second reading of the proposed calendar options for 2020-2021. 1,203 people took the survey; 735 were parents, and 368 staff members without kids in the school district. 50.6% wanted Option B and 49.4% who wanted Option A. Steffanie read the calendar options for in service days, Spring break, start date and conference dates.

**On Motion By** Carson Benner **Seconded by** Barbara Carter **Motion Passed unanimously** to adopt Calendar Option B, as presented, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Steffanie Frost presented the following policies for second 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**

**On Motion By** Dr. Paul Haddeland **Seconded by** Janis Braich the **Motion Passed Unanimously** to approve these policies.

Under New Business

Steffanie Frost presented the following policies for first reading:

- **GBNAA/JHFF – Reporting Requirements for Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students**

This policy will return for second reading and approval at the next board meeting.

Mr. Larry Vollmer put forward Mr. Jerry Hart as the board's choice for the budget committee for school year 2020-2021.

**On Motion By** Carson Benner **Seconded By** Barbara Carter **Motion Passed Unanimously** to appoint Mr. Jerry Hart to the school budget committee for the budget for school year 2020-2021.

Janis Braich said it was appreciated that they had two good candidates to choose from for this position. She hopes that the other candidate will keep involved in the district.

Student investment account: Kourtney Ferrua went over the McMinnville School District process which included meeting with staff, students, parents, and focal populations. From these listening sessions, the budget plan was developed. The board voted on the Student Investment Application which was presented at the board work session on February 24, 2020 in a public forum.

**On Motion By** Barbara Carter **Seconded By** Carson Benner **Motion Passed** **Unanimously** to approve the Student Investment Account Application for school year 2020-2021.

The Board invited public comment:

Cathy Burns spoke in regards to the SIA application. Cathy is a teacher at Wascher Elementary. She wanted to speak about dysregulated students. She feels supported by her principal. There is a behavior specialist but only in the afternoons. She thinks that person should be there full time. She would like to see a student support center for elementary too.

Lisa Hill spoke in regard to the SIA application. Lisa teaches Kindergarten at Wascher. She said that elementary classrooms have a lot of behavior issues coming in the door now. She knows the admins are great and the other supports are good too. It would be great to have a support center for elementary schools and support for mental health.

Directors Comments were given.

Gerardo said thank you to the teachers for sharing what they did because the kids should have access to counselors for mental health. The kids are our customers.

Carson Benner said it is important to step back and remember how the funding became available. It has been a broken system in this state for years. The legislature saw the issues in classrooms and the funding finally became available. He wants to celebrate this opportunity. He thanked the teachers for all they do.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Superintendent