

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** on September 23, 2019 in the School District Office at 800 NE Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, Oregon. Chairperson Larry Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call indicated the following:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Larry Vollmer
 Dr. Scott Schieber
 Dr. Tim Roberts
 Ms. Janis Braich
 Mr. Carson Benner
 Mrs. Barbara Carter

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Gerardo Partida

ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent
 Melanie Martinoff, Admin Assistant

AUDIENCE:

Dr. Scott Gibson, Susan Escure, Steffanie Frost, Kourtney Ferrua, Margie Johnson, Mike Franklin

Dr. Gibson presented to the board about preschool. Headstart was started in 1965. Preschool started in the 1960s and was focused on low income students.

Head start helped students with behavioral problems, health problems and obesity in students. Several studies showed that it is very important that preschool be designed well. It needs to be set up with activity in mind between students and adults.

One study that resulted in a 29% higher graduation rate and lower delinquency rates incorporated parent volunteers and well trained staff to serve preschool children.

All studies show that there is always a benefit to cost ratio for preschool.

Funds for the preschool promise in Oregon will only cover about 10,000 students and not the 30,000 that need it.

Today there was a meeting with Oregon Superintendents and the Governor. Dr. Russell spoke to the need for more preschool funding.

Subcommittee reports

Subcommittee reports were given by the board.

Directors Comments

Carson said that the open house at Sue Buel was well attended.

Dr. Haddeland went to Newby for back to school night. It was well attended.

Janis went to Patton for the open house. She listened to a few teachers speak to the students and parents and was very impressed.

Dr. Roberts went to Wascher and had a good visit. It was a nice, positive start to school.

Larry was at Memorial for the open house. It was a packed house. He also went to Duniway. It was very busy and there were a lot of activities. He was fortunate to attend the Bids for Kids on Saturday. There was a lot of money raised for students who are underserved, homeless, etc. There are hundreds of kids in our schools who fall into that category.

The Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.