

MINUTES OF JOINT SCHOOL BOARD OF DISTRICT NO.40 &
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
Held via Zoom and McMinnville School District Office

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Presiding: Remy Drabkin, Mayor

Recording Secretary: Claudia Cisneros

Councilors: Present Absent
Adam Garvin, Council President
Kellie Menke
Zack Geary
Chris Chenoweth
Jessica Payne
Sal Peralta

School Board Present Absent
Commissioners: Jason Bizon, Chair
Abbie Warmbier
Lu Ann Anderson
Carson Benner
Gerardo Partida
Doris Towery
Larry Vollmer

Also present were City Recorder Claudia Cisneros, City Manager Jeff Towery, City Attorney David Ligtenberg, Chief of Police Matt Scales, Parks & Recreation Director Susan Muir, and Finance Director Jennifer Cuellar.

School District Administration: Superintendent Debbie Brockett, Board Secretary Cherice Bowden, Finance Director Jason Hall, Director Brian Crain, Director Steffanie Frost, Director Kourtney Ferrua, and IT Director Hiran Amarasinghe

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Drabkin & Chair Bizon called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Commissioner Brenner and Councilor Geary provided a brief history of Joint Work Sessions. The goal is to get together on a regular and share what is going on with each organization.

Mayor Drabkin stated would like to continue to have a quarterly joint work session. She announced the “If I were Mayor” student contest is still open and the deadline to submit applications is on Friday, March 22, 2024. Informational flyers were distributed to members of the audience.

2. SCHOOL IMPACTS

Mayor Drabkin talked about the increase in prohibited parking and the ongoing issue of camping. Mayor Drabkin talked about the buffer zones around school zones. A map of the current camping enforcement was shared. City Manager Towery explained the camping enforcement map and talked about how the enforcement would not change if the buffer zones were implemented. The Council and School Board of Directors discussed the buffer zones.

The two schools mentioned as consideration for safe zones are Sue Buel and Patton Middle School. They discussed determining if 250, 500, or 1,000 feet would be the safest option without putting the City at risk for lawsuits.

There was discussion about the City and School Board working with the Yamhill County Commissioners on safe zones. Mr. Towery provided next steps to set up a meeting with Superintendent Brockett and Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Lindsey Manfrin and then provide a report back to both bodies.

3. CAPITAL BONDING

Director Jason Hall introduced Managing Director Lauren MacMillan from Piper Sandler and shared a PowerPoint presentation providing a high-level overview of bonds. Mr. Hall and Ms. MacMillan covered the following topics: Timeline, general obligations of bonds, use of proceeds, historical interest rates, election dates and voter turnout requirements, odds for either May vs. November election, and outstanding GO bonds.

4. REPORT ON AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Superintendent Brockett provided a background of the Kids on the Block program, which was a way to provide after-school care. This program was a joint collaboration with the city and school district. This program was funded by events, but Kids on the Block is no longer fundraising. Ms. Brockett talked about the intergovernmental agreement with Campfire and needing to find other revenue sources and fundraising for scholarships.

There was discussion to have Campfire present at the next quarterly meeting in June and crafting a joint work session to further long-range planning. There was discussion regarding the obstacles of the program and barriers beyond cost for enrollment.

3. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Drabkin & Chair Bizon adjourned the Joint Work Session Meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Claudia Cisneros

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