

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2016**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Three Rivers District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

Danny York, Board Chair	Casey Alderson, Director
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair	Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Kara Olmo, Board Member	Jessica Durrant, Director
Paul Kelly, Board Member	Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent	

ABSENT

Ron Lengwin, Board Member
Debbie Simons, Director

Administrators: David Regal/Evergreen Elementary Principal, Scott Polen/Lorna Byrne Middle School Principal, Tanner Smith/Illinois Valley High School Principal, Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal and Chris Green/Woodland Charter School Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0, member Lengwin absent).

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Ms. Dwyer is excited the work that the District Office is doing to move forward on legislative issues that have been a challenge for our district, specifically the transportation reimbursement equity. Ms. Olmo is thrilled with all of the conversations with community and staff members who are so excited to have Dave Valenzuela on board as superintendent. Mr. Kelly has had the opportunity to go in to buildings in his zone and he loves the energy and the schools look great! We also have four sports teams in the top ten – compliment to the programs. Director Alderson commented that there is a lot of energy in the schools, the sports teams are all doing well and it has been a great start to the year. Teachers have done a great job getting their classrooms ready and providing a great environment for their students. Director Durrant shared that the ELL Department has two new faces and they have been working so hard the last couple of weeks. They are genuinely excited to work with our ELL students. Director Allen-Hart said that it has been awesome to have community support and lots of excitement for Dave Valenzuela. Also, a nod to any special education person involved in Synergy SE, a whole new special ed paperwork program. Mr. York was happy to see that the enrollment numbers are up from last Fall. New Bridge teacher Kim De Forest is involved in the Design Grant and really excited for a number of reasons. New Bridge will also have the groundbreaking for their new building on the 29th. Evergreen Principal David Regal thanked his custodial staff for all they did over the summer to get the school up and running. Also, Options has been great to work with and the outreach they have experienced. District Accountant Lisa Cross thanked the bookkeepers and the office managers who are working with a new student body accounting software that was implemented this year. Also, most of the District Office staff have started implementation with Oregon Records Management software in our attempt to go paperless. Ms. Dwyer complimented David

Regal and the Evergreen staff on working so successfully on the Kindergarten Partnership Innovation grant. Superintendent Valenzuela commented on the amazing things going on in our district. He complimented the support staff that make school possible and go above and beyond. There is a great willingness to help.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared that teachers have been going above and beyond. The collaboration grant is a great opportunity for us. We have collected almost 400 survey responses for professional development that teachers have been involved in, there have been 27 different professional development opportunities available. Of the surveys received back over 90% were giving positive feedback.
- Enrollment is up a little bit. We are 36 students higher than last year and 172 more than we finished with at the end of last year.
- We have four new pre-K initiatives in Three Rivers School District: Evergreen, *Imagine That* at Jerome Prairie, a childcare center at Hidden Valley and a Southern Oregon Head Start partnership at Lorna Byrne.
- He and Director Alderson are going to Salem to speak to the House Interim Committee on Education. They will be speaking about CTE, STEM and graduation rates.

ILLINOIS VALLEY AREA REPORTS

- Evergreen Principal David Regal shared a presentation about how they will be re-energizing the PBIS program this year at Evergreen and how they were going to accomplish that.
- Lorna Byrne Principal Scott Polen shared his support of the PBIS program and the positive results he sees with students. He shared how proud he is of his teachers, staff, students and parents that participate in their activities. He shared a presentation with the Board that showed improvements which included: a new running path, a new childcare facility with an updated age-appropriate playground for them. He also talked about the Book Fair, computer lab, Back to School Night, the Health Center and the 7th and 8th grade "Word Walls."
- Illinois Valley High School Principal Tanner Smith shared a presentation which included highlights of the school start up, an enrollment comparison, the emphasis on attendance and their plan to maintain at least a 95% attendance rate, community outreach and student support activities (21st Century classes).

CONSENT AGENDA

Items in the consent agenda will be approved by a single motion unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests that an item or items be removed and voted upon separately.

- Routine Personnel Items – September 20, 2016
- Coaches – September 20, 2016
- Out of State Travel Requests (6)
- Minutes of previous meetings (6)
- Woodland Charter School MOU

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Food Service Director Ben Guyton shared that *Local Produce Week* is coming up. The second week of October they are sourcing all of their fresh produce from Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties at all of our schools district-wide. He named the local partners.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Planned Course Statements**
 - **Honors Speech**

- **Skills USA**
- Director Alderson spoke about the benefits of adding the courses. They both allow better *College Now* credit offerings.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Planned Course Statements as presented. There was some discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution (#01) to Transfer Appropriations from Contingency**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela stated that there was a concern at Madrona Elementary with their kindergarten class sizes – 33 kindergarteners per class is a bad idea. We are requesting to move the money to fund a 1.0 kindergarten teacher at Madrona and an additional .75 assistant to support small groups.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer appropriations from contingency in the amount of \$111,534. Ms. Olmo seconded the motion. There was some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Dwyer stated there are some really fabulous partnerships serving our district right now and she would like to take a look and make sure that we are offering each of those organizations the support they need for best practices to that they can fulfill what we are asking them to do.

Mr. Valenzuela shared the connections that were made at the administrator meeting earlier in the day with some of these partners to put some of these third-party partners in the room with our administrators to make the face-to-face connection. He also shared information on the Josephine County Community Network.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- October 4, 2016 – 5:00 p.m., District Office – *Board Work Session*
 - Discussion was held about whether or not an October work session was needed. It was decided to keep it as a placeholder at this time.
- October 18, 2016 – 6:00 p.m., District Office – *Board Regular Session*

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Olmo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Danny York
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk