

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 9, 2022**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at the District Office Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The meeting was streamed online for the public.

PRESENT

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Chair
Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair
Jenn Searle, Board Member
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Susan Fischer-Maki, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director (Virtual)
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Johnstun called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. under ORS 192.660(2)(i) – superintendent evaluation. All board members were present.

Board Chair Johnstun recessed Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Board Chair Johnstun reconvened the meeting in open session at 6:05 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Member Kelly announced that he had the pleasure of attending Academic Masters. It's really a cool experience to see the best of the best from all four local high schools – that's our future! Member Fischer-Maki recognized our district classified staff for all they do for our children. Our classified staff are setting the stage for the important work and play that take place in our schools each day. Member Halsted also expressed his appreciation for the classified staff sharing that as he sits at the schools he loves to take time to watch the choreography of the whole school grounds and how amazing those people are. He also acknowledged the bus drivers, and how they interact with the kids. He then reminded everyone that two years ago we were all at a huge board meeting at North Valley HS with COVID in the background – the next day schools were shut down statewide. The guidance that was given to our superintendent was to be the most open and reach the most kids. We were the most open school district in Southern Oregon due to the efforts of everybody on the staff to be the most open. We had to follow the rules – but we were always the most prepared to open as soon as the windows were opened for us. Member Searle also recognized Classified Staff Appreciation Week and commented that they are all amazing! She also looks forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces on Monday the 14th. Deputy Superintendent Alderson shared that the district has started classified bargaining. The classified contract ends June 30, 2022. They put a great team together that has a real collaborative approach, and he is excited to work with them. Director Durrant recognized the Human Resource and Business Department staffs, which help support all of the grants and purchases for her department. They make her job easier and are very supportive. Director Saunders

shared that he also gets to work alongside some truly amazing classified staff that make up the tech department, deliveries, courier, print shop and kitchen staff. It is a privilege to work with such amazing staff! Board Chair Johnstun also mentioned Academic Masters – it was totally phenomenal! She was amazed by the total academic excellence. She also mentioned Classified Appreciation Week and acknowledged all of the classified staff throughout the district and how the schools could not run without them. Superintendent Valenzuela stated that it was his honor to celebrate Classified Appreciation Week. He called attention to the district custodial and maintenance crews. They work year round and are there during off hours if something breaks, and they do everything and anything to keep our schools open. He then shared about some cool work our district is engaged in. Recently sixty staff across the district participated in a two-day “Taking it Up” training. It’s a training where we look at different ways to make sure that the district is identifying and honoring every student that walks in our door. Another one will be offered in August and board members can attend. It was engaging and inspiring. Shout out to Stephanie Allen-Hart and the EDI Team for putting it together.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- ***Projects Update*** – The following projects are happening with the aid of the CARES Act funds.
 - Ft. Vannoy Parking Lot – Parent pick-up/drop off area. It is well under way. This will make things much more safer for parents and students. The paving part will start the day after school is out.
 - Fruitdale – allocated funds to increase the learning space as their growth has exceeded their space. This addition will add a common area and four classrooms that surround that common area. The design team (ORW) will be meeting with a number of teachers at Fruitdale on Friday to talk about what works in the classroom from the user’s perspective.
 - Fleming – Seismic grant kick off talks start tomorrow.
 - Portables – The district purchased three when the pandemic started, and one portable is in full use by the Lifeskills program at Ft. Vannoy. Our Ft. Vannoy Lifeskills kids used to go to Manzanita program, but that program was busting at the seams. Their space is awesome and looks great! The portable at Manzanita has been held up by the craziest things but they are currently working on the last thing, which is a fire alarm that is getting installed and tested on Friday. They will be up and running right after Spring Break. The SOSA portable is on the ground, and they are in the process of getting it set up. Should up around mid-April.
 - Early Head Start/Illinois Valley – They are using their CARES Act funds to build one facility to meet all of their needs in the Illinois Valley on the one site. We have two portables that were maintenance portables, and they will become SOSA portables in the near future. We are moving ours out of the way so they can build their 7000 square foot facility to serve all the early learning needs in the Illinois Valley.
- ***Mask Survey Results*** – The results from the mask comfortability survey, broken down by school, were provided to the board members. Parents and staff were surveyed about how they feel when the mask mandate goes away on March 11th. There is a large degree of comfortability (80% to 97%). Comments were allowed and will be shared with the individual schools on Monday. Schools will also follow up with parents that requested outreach. He emphasized no bullying and/or shaming will be tolerated.
- ***Plan LED*** – We have partnered with them to talk about what UVCue does for our district. UVCue is a type of UV light disinfection which utilizes UV science to kill germs. It is currently deployed in all of our Lifeskills rooms, ERC rooms, cafeterias and eating spaces. It works great for teaching and learning and is more effective than HEPA filters. As masks go away, we are future proofing ourselves not only for the endemic phase, but for cold and flu season as well.
- ***Highlights*** – The Health Sciences program at North Valley HS is a new program focused on students entering the health occupations field. Currently we have a half-time teacher there. This class was born out of the 21st Century program. We want to see this become a full-time program the connects to students to our local health care industry.
- ***School Spotlight*** – Lorna Byrne Middle School is super fun to be at! In math at the beginning of the year 60% of their fifth-grade students were in the red zone. As of January, that number has dropped to 36%. In ELA there were 13 non-readers and four have moved up to readers. Culture – the staff there have sent over 3000 positive emails to families spotlighting our students demonstrating their

school core values of being EPIC (*Excellence, Perseverance, Integrity & Compassion*). The Leadership class, under the tutelage of James Nelson, has made it a goal to welcome every student that comes in the school each morning. The ripple effect has helped unify the school and make students feel welcomed and needed. The Drama class, under the direction of Lifeskills teacher David Gurten, are performing the first play since 2019. They will be performing "Alice in Zombieland" and Lifeskills students will be participating in the play. The school is coming back to life and it is really cool to see!

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 – March 2022
- Athletic Coaches – March 2022
- Annual renewal, non-renewal, contract extension and non-extension of teachers and administrators as required by law.
- Out of State Travel Request (1)
- Grant Request (1)
- Board Policies – Second Reading
 - GBED - *Pre-employment Drug Screening*
 - GBL - *Personnel Records*
 - GBLA - *Disclosure of information (DELETE)*
 - IGBA - *Students with Disabilities - Child Identification Procedures*
 - IGBAC - *Special Education - Personnel*
 - IGBAF-AR* - *Special Education - Individualized Education Program*
 - IGBAG-AR* - *Special Education - Procedural Safeguards*
 - IGBAH - *Special Education - Evaluation Procedures*
 - IGBAH-AR* - *Special Education - Evaluation and Eligibility Procedures*
 - IGBAJ - *Special Education - Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)*
 - IGBAJ-AR* - *Special Education - Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)*
 - IGBAK - *Special Education - Public Availability of State Application*
 - JGDA - *Discipline of Students with Disabilities*
 - JGDA-AR* - *Discipline of Students with Disabilities*
- Member Searle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Kelly seconded the motion; Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Board Chair Johnstun explained that we now have the capability to arrange to give comments virtually via Zoom. In the future if they would like to utilize that option there is a form to complete online in advance and they will be emailed a link to join the meeting. Superintendent Valenzuela added that the state now requires us to continue to livestream our board meetings in perpetuity. Even when the masks go away, the livestreams will continue. We look forward to the ability to better engage with our community.

- Rick Nelson – Feels that the Oregon standards for the health curriculum are inappropriate, invasive, and anti-family.
- DD Bents – requested that the Board adopt a cell phone policy for students.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Woodland Charter School Annual Report**
 - Business Director Teri Rothenbach presented the Woodland Charter School's annual report to the Board. Her slide deck included information on the following topics:
 - 2021-2022 Accomplishments
 - Social Emotional Achievements

- Curriculum Development
- Continued Plans for Improvement (SSA/SIA)
- Having Some Fun
- High School Choice and Graduation Rates
- Current Woodland Enrollment
- They also provided data to the Board that included: Star Math assessment results, DIBELS testing results and their annual financial audit.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Classified Employee Appreciation Week Resolution – March 7-11, 2022**
 - Board Chair Johnstun read a resolution aloud recognizing the TRSD classified staff and declaring March 7-11, 2022 as Classified Employee Appreciation Week.
 - Board Chair Johnstun made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of our classified employees. Member Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **2022-2023 Student Calendar**
 - Director Alderson shared the draft 2022-2023 student calendar for adoption and explained that the calendar is similar to the calendar we have this year. We would continue the four-day school week.
 - Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the TRSD 2022-2023 student calendar. Member Kelly seconded the motion;
 - Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Fort Vannoy Paving Contract**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross requested the Board award the paving contract to Knife River Materials for an amount not to exceed \$493,000.
 - Member Kelly made a motion to award the Fort Vannoy paving contract to Knife River Materials. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion seconded the motion; there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- There were none

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Board Work Session – Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. – Illinois Valley High School
- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. – North Valley High School
 - North Valley High School Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Johnstun adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.