

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 7, 2017**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at the Three Rivers District Administration Office, 8551 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
Paul Kelly, Board Member	Debbie Simons, Director
Ron Lengwin, Board Member	Jessica Durrant, Director
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent	Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal, Lori Conner/Ft. Vannoy Elementary Principal, Heather Yount/Fruitdale Elementary Principal, Daye Stone/Hidden Valley High School Principal, Kirk Baumann/Lincoln Savage Middle School Principal, Mark Higgins/Lincoln Savage Middle School Principal, Penelope DiGennaro/Sunny Wolf Charter School Principal and Darrell Erb/Applegate & Williams Principal.

**ABSENT:**

Kara Olmo, Board Member

**CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(f) *Review Records Exempt by Law from Public Inspection*, ORS 192.660(2)(b) *Consider Dismissal/Discipline of Employee* and ORS 192.660(2)(d) *Collective Bargaining*.

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:10 PM and Mr. York led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Mr. Lengwin seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Mr. Lengwin commented on the local news and the attention given to one of our local Sparrow's, and the support given by our high school students. Ms. Dwyer shared that the entryway at Illinois Valley High School looks great – it's light, bright and welcoming. Superintendent Valenzuela talked about the Science Fair this week. He thanked the district TAG and Curriculum departments for the work involved preparing for the district Science Fair. He also thanked the community for attending the board meeting – it's a great turn out! Mr. Valenzuela commended Stephanie Allen-Hart and Darrell Erb for their work with the Williams community in this Williams school viability process. Director Alderson recognized the district alternative education classified staff at MAC and Jerome Prairie. They are the glue that keeps the places going. Director Simons shared that two of the staff in her office have left, one to be a mom and her confidential assistant, Marilyn Olsen, is retiring next Friday which is a huge transition. Marilyn's service to the district is commendable. Director Allen-Hart has had the pleasure of serving on the Williams Viability Committee and working with the group has been a pleasure. It's been awesome to hear about all of the

wonderful things going on at Williams. Director Durrant recognized the classified staff in the Curriculum Department. Mr. York agreed that it's great to see everyone at the meeting. It's nice to see the participation in our community.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Wastewater treatment update – They have been on site and measurements have gone to engineering. We should be getting drawings and plans to DEQ by Spring Break.
- Collaboration grant – There will be an update tonight. They have been putting together amazing menus for professional development opportunities this spring.
- Shout out to Mark Higgins at Lincoln Savage and Heather Yount and her staff at Fruitdale have also been lending some support and guidance around the professional learning community development to the Collaboration Grant.
- Update on Trauma Informed Care and ACES training – Former State Representative Peter Buckley recently provided training to all Three Rivers administrators. That is the beginning of the training for the next 18 months, which is the beginning of how we will start becoming a trauma informed care district and considering ACE factors when we are dealing with students.

### **HIDDEN VALLEY AREA REPORT**

- Madrona Elementary principal Miranda Carpenter shared that the Kinder Launch was last week and the online registration went well. There was a good turnout. Science night a couple weeks ago also had a good turnout – about 200 people. Madrona is definitely growing – they hit 400 last week, up 27 students in just over a month.
- Fruitdale Elementary principal Heather Yount echoed that this is Classified Appreciation Week. At an elementary school classified are the heart and soul of the building. If asked what they need, her classified staff would respond 'training' and the opportunity for professional development. She shared a professional development opportunity being offered to three classified members of her staff.
- Ft. Vannoy principal Lori Conner presented members of the board with t-shirts that reflect the new Ft. Vannoy logo. She thanked the board for voting and being a part of the process.
- Williams and Applegate principal Darrell Erb also gave thanks to his valued classified staff. At Applegate recently they had Battle of the Books and Read Across America. They are at 79% of students at benchmark and Science Works is coming and Science Fair prep is happening. At Williams on March 2<sup>nd</sup> they combined Kinder Launch and Family Literacy Night and had a great crowd. There was the largest number of kinders signed up ever – there were 10. The benchmark at Williams is 54%. Every Friday is Spirit Day at Williams. Mr. Erb then recognized Arthur DeVore who will be representing Williams in Sodexo's National Challenge for Future Chef's.
- Lincoln Savage Middle School principal Mark Higgins thanked his classified staff. They are currently evaluating their PBIS system and looking at what they can do to revamp the program. They are tracking attendance daily and have multiple days in the last two weeks hovering over 90% attendance. They are getting ready for the testing season; they have EPIC coming in for their seventh and eighth graders around making healthy choices. Smart Moves is coming in for their sixth graders. They were able to fundraise and replace their stage curtain. He had six staff member attend OTEC in Portland and has some pretty incredible professional development planned for the rest of their staff.
- Hidden Valley High School principal Daye Stone shared they have multiple things planned this week to recognize the work of his classified staff. April 20-21 they will have student led conferences and they are the first school in the district to try this. They are also looking at intervention strategies with PBIS. He shared information from a recent professional development opportunity in Portland around helping to make students job ready when they come out of high school. Last Saturday night there were 350 community members that attended a fund raising event for their FFA program. They netted over \$10,000 towards kids, opportunities and travel. Mr. Stone then talked about their freshman home visits being done by him and the two assistant principals. On Thursday, all three administrators will have visited every freshman home in their attendance area. It was a great opportunity to get to know their parents and the parents were also very appreciative of the outreach.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Chase Nelson expressed support for Illinois Valley High School teacher Mr. Bradley. He shared that he is an important figure in their school and really makes a difference.
- Robin Wilkins expressed her support for Williams Elementary. She shared the success of her senior daughter due to her start at Williams.
- John Chambers shared the publication “How to Make Good Choices.” He has been talking with Fred Reyes from the Boys and Girls Club about incorporating it into the *Smart Moves* program.
- Karen Brooks spoke on behalf of teacher Michael Bradley and his success with her kids.
- Julia Richardson handed out “*Cultivating Teacher Leaders*” buttons to board members. She then gave an update on the Collaboration Grant and what the five committees are up to. There is an upcoming spring training facilitated by teachers and administrators and there will be many professional development opportunities available to classified and certified staff.

## **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 2017
- Coaches – March 2017
- Annual renewal, non-renewal, contract extension and non-extension of teacher and administrators as required by law.
- Non-extension of 2016-18 contract for inadequate performance and inefficiency: Michael Bradley.

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Mr. York called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed 3-1 (Mr. Lengwin opposed).

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Williams Elementary Committee Recommendation**
  - Director Allen-Hart and representatives from the committee gave a presentation to the board. The committee, made up of 15 people (parents, staff and community members), have met six times since January. She talked about the process and the survey that was utilized. They categorized their needs into three areas: public relations, community needs and desire for community partnerships.
  - Committee member Greg Cox spoke about public relations which included the Applegator, Facebook page, Jo’s List and sharing the Williams’ school newsletter. They also plan to utilize the Williams Grange reader board.
  - Committee member Bryll Novak attended Williams Elementary and graduated from Hidden Valley High School. She addressed the issue of declining enrollment and recognized the need and desire for a preschool. They are researching the possible avenues available to them.
  - Committee member Amber Guient talked about the need for after school activities and programs. They will pursue 21<sup>st</sup> Century for after school and other ideas.
  - A video was shown highlighting Williams Elementary school and students.
  - Principal Darrell Erb admired the response by the Williams committee, done in a passionate and professional manner. They now have a plan to make their school more viable than it is today and addressing the issue of decreasing enrollment.
  - The Williams Viability Committee made the recommendation to the board that the school stay open. They look forward to continued communication.
  - There were comments and discussion by board members.
- **Sunny Wolf Charter School Annual Report**
  - Principal Penelope DiGennaro stated that Sunny Wolf Charter School currently has 94 students enrolled in five classrooms K-5. She then shared information regarding their

test scores and curriculum. Ms. DiGennaro then briefly talked about their disciplinary system, personalized education plans and financials. In the future she will be working on some grants to further develop the school. More detailed information can be found in the report that was presented to each board member.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Classified Employee Appreciation Week – Resolution**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela read aloud a resolution recognizing the district’s classified staff and proclaiming March 6-10, 2017 to be Classified Employee Appreciation Week.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Dwyer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
  
- **Resolution (#04) to Transfer Appropriations from Contingency**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela presented a resolution (#04) to transfer appropriations from contingency to create a semi-skilled position for the maintenance department due to the need for upkeep and preventative maintenance.
  - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
  
- **Williams Elementary School Future Decision**
  - Board Chair York commented that the board has heard the presentation and now the board needs to make a decision.
  - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to accept the committee recommendation to keep the school open. Mr. Lengwin seconded the motion. There was some discussion by the board. Mr. York called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **OTHER**

- Mr. Lengwin had questions regarding the check register, looking at a specific power bill for \$45,000 and others. The board requested that detailed information regarding the breakdown of the power bills be included in the monthly board packet.
- Ms. Dwyer requested there be an accessible location available to go to for boilerplate information for grants. Mr. Valenzuela responded that can be made available.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. Kelly asked for an update at the next meeting on the OSAA Reclassification Committee.
- There was discussion about all of the meeting dates in May and it was determined the May 2 work session was not needed, so it was cancelled.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Board Work Session – Tuesday, April 11, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. – District Office
- Board Regular Session – Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – Lorna Byrne Middle School
- Board Work Session – Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. – District Office - **CANCELLED**
- Budget Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- Board Regular Session – Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – District Office
- Budget Committee Meeting – Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Danny York  
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk

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