

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION
February 6, 2019**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a special session, Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Rd., Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

Kate Dwyer, Board Chair
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Danny York, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

JP Richards, Director

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution (#03) in Support of Education Funding to the Level Recommended by the Quality Education Model. (ACTION)**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that this resolution is OSBA's and COSA's collective pledge to the state that this is what we are advocating for – the Quality Education Model (QEM). They are asking boards to adopt this resolution to show support at the state level.
 - Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Legislative Priorities**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela stated that there are going to be a lot of pieces to this upcoming legislative session and one of the scary things is the idea that it's going to be a sustainable funding level as we go in to the biennium after this. They discussed some of the things we are looking for in our district which included:
 - Rural equity
 - K-12 investment budget
 - The Lobby Day is scheduled for March 19th in Salem. They discussed the logistics.
 - Mr. Valenzuela was asked to develop a narrative around these areas that COSA will turn in to a poster.
 - The board shared their thoughts and concerns around the priorities in our district which included:
 - Pay equity – fair per school district. The cost of transportation for our district versus other districts.
 - Smaller class sizes
 - Well-rounded education
 - Student health and safety (including behavioral and mental health support)

- More learning time (adding school days, summer school and other learning opportunities)
- **Budget Survey Results**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela presented the board with the Budget Survey results. We received 843 responses, 422 of those were parents.
 - The top three priorities (first choice) were: Career and Technical Education (CTE), class sizes and advanced placement options.
 - When asked what new programs, service enhancements, or improvements they would like to see if funding came in at a greater level the top choices were: music and arts in elementary, more elective offerings at middle and high school and additional vocational classes (auto, welding and woodworking).
 - The survey results will be posted on the district website and Mr. Valenzuela will also be presenting the information at the first Budget Committee meeting.
- **District Report Cards and Graduation Rates**
 - The board then spent time looking at how report cards are comprised at each level. They were supplied with a report card for each school along with guide that was prepared by Director Durrant on how to interpret the data.
 - Director Durrant walked the board through an elementary report card.
 - Director Alderson walked through the high school report card format.
 - Board members then had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss specific concerns.
- **Board Members as Liaisons to the Community**
 - Board Chair Dwyer shared that one of the board members had asked for clarification to roles and guidelines for going out in the community as a board member who's asked to attend another committee.
 - A board member can only speak for themselves. They can't commit the board in any way. Always feel that you can direct questions back to the superintendent or the leadership team.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- February 20, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. – Hidden Valley High School – *Board Regular Session*
 - Hidden Valley High School Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.
- March 13, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – Evergreen Elementary, *Board Regular Session*
 - Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 7:10.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk