

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2018**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, February 21, 2018 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

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

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Debbie Simons, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Cassie Banuelos/Fleming Middle School Assistant Principal, Erik Lathen/North Valley High School Principal, Renee Hults/Manzanita Elementary School Principal, Linda McClanahan/North Valley High School, Mike Herzog/Merlin Alternative Center Principal. Alicia Timbs/Ft. Vannoy Elementary School Principal and Lori Conner/Fleming Middle School Principal attended via video conference to present their school reports

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Director Durrant acknowledged the five elementary school sites that are hosting ACES parent training. Staff are excited and she is hopeful for a good turnout. Director Alderson gave huge kudos to Tim Sam and the North Valley Knights. Last Friday night they bussed 118 Fleming to North Valley to participate in a half time activity to sign a 'Letter of Intent' for North Valley replicating the going to college experience. Director Allen-Hart acknowledged Mike Herzog for being such a great administrator, teacher and jack-of-all-trades at the Merlin Alternative Center. He handles many kids in transition and shows amazing flexibility to handle unique situations for kids. Director Simons gave compliments to the work our POinT teachers are doing. In looking back at what work has been done with the Peer observer learning side-by-side with another teacher, it was impressive. Superintendent Valenzuela also commented on the North Valley event and the level of sportsmanship that was promoted intentionally. The cooperation between Fleming and North Valley was a great thing! He then acknowledged Hidden Valley HS student Josie Notter. She was one of 17 students from the state selected to meet with Governor Kate Brown and participate in a student panel where they gave feedback around sustainable systems for accelerated learning with the Governor. Ms. Johnstun shared she was in a meeting last week relating to a rollout of the PAX program in the region and one of the special handouts for the meeting was related to Three Rivers progress with PAX implementation. She was really proud in that moment – being there for another reason to see something reflecting a really positive outcome from the district. Mr. York acknowledged what he saw during the walkthrough of the school prior to the board meeting. They toured the metal shop and the art room. It is pretty impressive to see the involvement and the number of kids engaged and excited about producing and learning. Hats off to the teachers who make that happen. Ms. Dwyer

shared about the successful ways the district is reaching beyond its borders and working with other districts. She recently attended a meeting with regional school board chairs. It was very informative and helpful; Superintendent Phil Long is also working with us on our superintendent evaluation. She also sees a lot more alignment with our sister school district in Grants Pass. Working together is very powerful and she is very pleased to see it. Mr. Halsted thanked North Valley for being such a great host. Meeting with the students was a fun session and impressive to see the maturity of the questions that the students had and the discussion around them. He also recognized the local Lions Clubs in Josephine County for sponsoring the Eyemobile. They have provided services to our students at Applegate, specifically recognizing one student who was suffering from headaches and vision problems and is now getting glasses. Mr. Kelly also recognized the North Valley basketball game. Specifically the JV girls and boys were thrilled to have fans in the audience. He also complimented the Hidden Valley girls basketball team – to go undefeated in conference play in our conference is pretty tough to do! He wished them well in the state playoffs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Valenzuela reflected on the student panel that took place before the board meeting. The power that he sensed from the conversations the Board is having with high school students about their very real high school lives and their educational career. He reiterated how important he thought that was and we can, as a board and as a school district, continue the practice and maybe even expand on it.
- Met with Woodland Charter School today to discuss the upcoming possibility of extending their charter. There are a number of issues both sides would like to be addressed. We are looking to have a work session with them on April 4th. The team will be prepared with language revision in the Charter and will also have some of the lease requests. They are also interested in talking about their percent of pass through dollars. Sunny Wolf charter is at 80% and Woodland Charter is at 85%. They are also still interested in looking at land lease options.

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 – February 2018
- Coaches – February 2018
- Grant Request (1)
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Regular Session – January 10, 2018

Mr. York made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- There were none.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **North Valley Area Administrator Reports**
 - Manzanita elementary principal Renee Hults shared a slide show with the board. She focused on things they are doing to feel good about their school. The teachers are working hard on district initiatives: PAX, ACES and PBIS. This year they painted a Kelso's wall to have a visual on the playground to teach the kids. They also adopted a new look for their logo of the mountain lion – a friendlier version. Other activities included: Back to School Night/Book Fair, Art Night, Battle of the Books, Manzanita Rocks, and "Know Your Why," an activity where all staff painted a piece of wood that is displayed on the wall entering the school. She invited all to attend their Auction at the

- Wild River Pub on Sunday March 3rd, from 5-8 p.m.
 - North Valley principal Erik Lathen talked about the “Human Capital” at the school. Staff, students and community that all come together to work unitedly to improve the school. He related how they are working to align their school goals with the board goals.
 - Communication: 1903 positive notes have been sent out to parents and students. 689 Attendance letters have gone home. Working hard to bridge the gap between school and home.
 - Customer service: He is especially appreciative of their friendly, courteous staff in the front office. They have received over 150 emails back about the positive things that the school is doing.
 - Community engagement: The basketball game that was mentioned earlier was a collaboration of a couple students, Mr. Sam and some other staff. He is really proud of the individuals that put the event on.
 - ACES: The fifth training is this Friday.
 - Graduation: His seniors are better than they have ever been. There are only three that are in jeopardy.
 - Merlin Alternative Center administrator Mike Herzog shared that eight kids have graduated so far this year. The center is set up to support students that need a little bit of extra help. For all the kids that graduate there it is quite an accomplishment and they are really happy to be there.
 - Fleming principal Lori Conner reported in via video conference. She shared the happenings at Fleming. This year they took their new mascot and logo and put up new signage. They have brought in more technology opportunities for their students in the classrooms. They are offering several after school activities for students with the 21st Century grant. This is year five, so they are looking at how to continue the same type of program going into next year. They have an undefeated Brain Bowl team with Mrs. Hughes, they hope to be at the regional competition in April which will be televised. Grade level teacher PLC teams are meeting weekly. They have a positive change in their climate and culture. ‘YET’ time and intramurals are available for students four days a week just before lunch. Coming up: a National Junior Honor Society starting in March, a 21st Century Showcase in March, student led conferences in April, outdoor school for sixth grade in May and a sixth grade road show – the teachers are going to go to Ft. Vannoy and Manzanita to assist with the transition from elementary to middle school.
 - Fort Vannoy principal Alicia Timbs also reported via video conference. She shared a project she did with her staff this year – “What’s my Why.” Being new this year at Ft. Vannoy and Three Rivers it was important they spent some time building a common vision. The end goal was for all of her staff to create a three word why and to create a gallery wall at the school. The intangible piece was for the staff to be able to articulate why they chose to work in the field of education.
- **Measure 98 Initiatives (Graduation Coaches)**
 - This agenda item is moved to the March meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Budget Committee Position – Zone III**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross introduced Budget Committee candidate Jennifer Vetter and shared her background.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to appoint Jennifer Vetter to the zone III Budget Committee position. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **2018-19 Student Calendar**
 - Director Simons presented a 2018-19 student calendar for approval. The calendar has been vetted by a calendar committee made up of administrators, classified and licensed staff.
 - Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve the 2018-19 student calendar as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion regarding the second conference day.
 - Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Southern Oregon ESD Local Service Plan**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela reported the progress of the SOESD changing their model to meet the needs of various districts.
 - Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the Southern Oregon ESD Local Service Plan. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Board Policies – First Reading**
 - JHHB – Trauma Informed Schools
 - KBA & KBA-AR – Public Records
 - CM – Compliance and Reporting on Standards
 - Mr. Valenzuela reviewed the three policies for the first reading. The policies will be brought forward next month for a second reading and approval.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Halsted shared that Diane Hoover with Blue Zones would like five minutes on a future agenda to do a Blue Zones presentation to the board.
- Ms. Johnstun shared that Southern Oregon Early Learning Services expressed they were interested in updating the board on some items. Mr. Valenzuela asked that they have someone contact Director Durrant.
- Ms. Dwyer

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- March 7, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session*.
 - Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.
- April 4, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Work Session* (Woodland Charter School)

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk