THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
September 16, 2026

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The regular session was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZVDkt3b2dw

PRESENT

Pat Kelly, Board Chair
Mariah Rossi, Board Vice-Chair
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member
Rick Nelson, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Jamie Sullivan, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

Administrators present: Stephanie Allen-Hart, Travis Osborne, Steve Fuller, Kellie Lovell, Monica Haley, Mark Higgins, Shelli Campos, Jessica Falkenhagen, Sabrina Miller.

BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION - Begins at 4:00 PM - *Closed to the Public*

- Board Vice-Chair Rossi called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and announced the Board would meet in executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) - To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.
- Vice-Chair Rossi recessed the executive session at 4:58 pm and announced the Board would reconvene at 5:10pm in open session.

BOARD REGULAR SESSION

- Board Chair Kelly reconvened the meeting to 5:11 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Board members, the District Leadership Team, and Superintendent shared an outstanding school or district highlight of an event, activity, and/or kudos to TRSD staff.

- Member Camp talked about the Illinois Valley kickoff event and how great it was to be a part of it.
- Member Nelson shared he recently dined at a restaurant and there were NVHS football players dining at a table near him. He commended how courteous and respectful they were.

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- Vice-chair Rossi expressed her gratitude for the dedicated hardworking people in the district that help students with their education.
- Director Durrant shouted out the curriculum team for all of their work unpacking and organizing the new curriculum. She also commended the 6-12 teachers who have taken on the task of learning and teaching the new curriculum.
- Director Sullivan shared she has enjoyed all of the time she has spent with the SPED teachers and being a part of their PLC work.
- Deputy Superintendent Alderson recognized the North Valley Athletic Boosters and Athletic Director Tim Sam on the new stadium and ribbon cutting event held last week.
- Director Saunders shouted out the summer Food Service program and shared data including the number of meals and families helped.
- Superintendent Valenzuela thanked the SRO's and TRSD Safety Coordinator, Jessica Falkenhagen, and shared a video highlighting the SRO's Deputy Pittman and Deputy Konieczny.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared an update on the capital projects that occurred over the summer including the Fort Vannoy flood restoration and North Valley bleacher and stadium project. He also announced some upcoming projects and seismic grants that Three Rivers was recently awarded.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

- Superintendent Dave Valenzuela recognized ProElectric as our TRSD Community Partner of the Month. Travis Bruner from ProElectric accepted the award. Travis is a TRSD alumni and goes above and beyond to make the best environment for students and 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 – September 2026
- Athletic Coaches – September 2026
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
    - June 10, 2026 - Board Retreat
    - June 10, 2026 - Board Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Requests (5)
- Grant Request (1)
- Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding agenda items 9.C.1 and 9.D.4. to be discussed further. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.
- 9.C.1 There was discussion from Member Nelson about solar power and only wanting this project approved if there are no district funds spent on it. Chair Kelly made a motion to approve agenda item 9.C.1 with the exception that the school district only moves forward with the Williams Solar Project only if the funds are received. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- 9.D.4 Lincoln Savage Principal Mark Higgins came to the podium to answer questions and discuss this travel request further. Member Nelson inquired about the instruction at the conference around Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Principal Higgins explained the population that we serve is diverse and they need to meet the students where they are. The conference is also about best practices in teaching at the middle school level and this conference has historically been beneficial to his team. Chair Kelly made a motion to approve the out of state travel request. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-1. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson no.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Pregnancy Care Center - EPIC Presentation**
    - Director Jessica introduced Brittanie and Stacey from the Pregnancy Care Center and talked about their valuable partnership with Three Rivers and the lessons they provide to middle and high school students.
        - Brittanie and Stacey then shared a slideshow explaining the EPIC program, presentation, and mission. Their modules are rooted in promoting abstinence. The board asked questions about referrals and parent opt outs which they answered.

- **Integrated Annual Report 2025-2026 school year**
    - Director Durrant shared a slideshow presenting the 2025 - 2026 Integrated Grant Annual Report to the Board. Director Durrant shared the amount we receive and where the money comes from. She gave a detailed explanation of how we spend each grant, the grant cycles, and carryover amounts. She spoke about how we engage the community, parents and students to get feedback on how to spend the grant dollars. She then answered questions from the Board about community engagement and district goals.

- **Oregon English Language Learner Annual Report 2024-2025**
    - Director Durrant shared with the Board where the annual report for 2024-2025 school year can be on the public website. This is a state-wide report. This report is required to be posted publicly.

- **2025-2026 Restraint and Seclusion Annual Report**
    - Director Sullivan shared the 2025-2026 school year Restraint and Seclusion Annual Report with the board. Three Rivers had 3 restraints and no seclusions. Director Sullivan gave a definition or example of each at the request of the Board.

- **Oregon Government Ethics Law Guide for Public Officials**
    - Board Secretary Knable provided a printed copy of the Oregon Government Ethics Law Guide for Public Officials 2026 version for each of the Board Members.

- **Board Policies First Reading**
    - BBAA: *Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities* DELETE
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    - BBE: *Vacancies on the Board* DELETE

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- BBE: *Vacancies on the Board*
- BCB: *Officers of the Board* DELETE
- BCB: *Board Officers*
- BD/BDA: *Board Meetings* DELETE
- BD: *Board Meetings, Notices and Communications*
- BDC: *Executive Sessions* DELETE
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- BDD: *Board Meeting Procedures*
- BDDC: *Board Meeting Agenda* DELETE
- BDDC: *Board Meeting Agenda*
- BDDG: *Minutes of Board Meetings* DELETE
- BDDG: *Recordings and Minutes of Board Meetings*
- CBG: *Evaluation of the Superintendent*
- DN: *Disposal of District Property*
- EBB: *Integrated Pest Management*
- GBA: *Equal Employment Opportunity*
- GBN/JBA: *Sexual Harassment*
- JBA/GBN: *Sexual Harassment*
- KNA: *Immigration Enforcement on District Property*

- Member Nelson wanted to discuss policy KNA and how it pertains to federal law. Vice-Chair Rossi stated the way it is written it does not allow for interference with federal law but instead provides guidelines for staff on who to contact and procedures to follow. Chair Kelly believes this may eventually be clarified at the federal level but would like the sentence "The application of this policy is subject to the superseding provisions of federal law" for the 2nd read. Secretary Knable will make the requested update to the Draft policy.

- **Follow up from Previous Meetings Future Agenda Items:**
  - Action items added to the September agenda include a vote on the board operating agreement from Chair Kelly and board presenter request from Member Reese. Opt out letters will be discussed at the October work session.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Seven community members addressed the board: Neigel Hruska, Becky Lemler, David Lommel, Judy Ahrens, Patrick Rooney, Oliva Herrera and Steve Raycraft.
  - Nigel Hruska wanted to thank Member Nelson who is his friend for his work on the board. He loves Rick and Rick treats him with respect.
  - Becky Lemler is a proud member of Parents Rights for Education. She stated that Member Nelson is doing what they elected him to do. She believes the staff members that complained about Member Nelson need to be reprimanded.
  - David Lommel spoke and offered each of the school board members $100.00 each Board Member if they called him and told him their ideas for how to better educate students. It would be a cash donation of up to $500.00.
  - Jody Ahrens spoke against teachers going to conferences to learn "woke stuff". She doesn't believe new teachers could pass a basic knowledge test and she believes we could eliminate social workers in school if we just taught students more.

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- Patrick Rooney stated he was there to support Member Nelson and the First Amendment. He believes that Member Nelson is just stating his opinion and that he is just in the way of the “woke agenda”.
- Oliva Herrera spoke about the Middle School travel board report. She inquired if teachers are drug tested. She believes that sex ex curriculum is inappropriate. She spoke about staff members that wear a “transgender pin” on their lanyard and how that should not be allowed.
- Steve Raycraft stated he was there to support Member Nelson from the “woke agenda” by the democratic party and he wants the board to stand up for Member Nelson.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Board Operating Agreement**
  - Requesting the Board adopt the Board Operating Agreement outlining expectations, practices and procedures as discussed during the June 2026 Board workshop.
  - Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to adopt the Board Operating Agreement. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Board Member Reese’s speaker request**
  - Member Reese requested the board vote on a speaker to come to the meeting to discuss how “radical Islam” is infiltrating our schools. Member Reese provided a brochure to the other members from the proposed speaker Usama Dakdok.
  - Chair Kelly made a motion to table this vote and send the information to the district attorney for an opinion. Member Nelson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes. Secretary Knable will forward the packet to the attorney for an opinion.

- **Three Rivers School District and OSEA (Oregon School Employee Association) Chapter 22 Memorandum of Agreement**
  - Deputy Superintendent Casey Alderson requests the Board approve a change to the OSEA MOU in Article 1 defining excluded employees.
  - Chair Kelly made a motion to approve the changes to the MOU as presented. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Three Rivers School District and OSEA (Oregon School Employee Association) Chapter 22 Memorandum of Understanding**
  - Deputy Superintendent Casey Alderson requests the Board approve a change to the OSEA MOU in adjusting Appendix A to restructure Office Manager categories.
  - Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the changes to the MOU as presented. Chair Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese abstains.

- **Fiscal Resolution 26/27 01**

- Superintendent Valenzuela requested the Board approve Fiscal resolution 26/27 01 authorizing the District to participate in the Josephine County Investment Program of district tax funds. The District will be allocated a percentage of the interest earned from the Josephine County investment program.
- Chair Kelly made a motion to approve the fiscal resolution. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Fiscal Resolution 26/27 02**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela requested the Board approve Fiscal resolution 26/27 02 authorizing an exemption from the public contracting rules for the North Valley High School Seismic Retrofit Project.
  - Member Reese made a motion to approve the fiscal resolution. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Fiscal Resolution 26/27 03**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela requested the Board approve Fiscal resolution 26/27 03 authorizing the District to pre-approve design services contract, authorize fee negotiation, and issue contract for the North Valley High School seismic retrofit project.
  - Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the fiscal resolution. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Complaints against Board Member Rick Nelson**
  - Chair Kelly makes a motion to accept the report on the complaints against Member Nelson. Member Reese seconded the motion. There was discussion among the board members. Member Camp stated he believed the report oversteps the scope of the investigation. Vice-Chair Rossi clarified that accepting the report does not necessarily agree with the findings.
    - The motion to accept the report passed by a vote of 3-0 with 2 members abstaining. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp abstains, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson abstains.
  - Member Reese makes a motion to take no further action. Chair Kelly made a clarification to the motion for the board to take no further action on the complaints based on the report and Member Reese accepted the modification to the motion. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion. There was discussion from the board members with Vice-Chair Rossi making a personal request to Member Nelson to frame the things he says better, Chair Kelly requested that people including staff have more tolerance, Member Reese requested that everyone that has a complaint about Member Nelson go directly to him, Member Camp thinks the Board should raise to a higher level of diplomacy. Member Nelson makes a statement that he does not apologize for speaking the truth and he will continue to represent his community that voted him in. At the request of the board, Secretary Knable restated the original motion; the motion passed by a vote of 3-0, with 2 members

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abstaining. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp abstains, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson abstains.

- **OSBA Board of Directors Nominations: Oregon School Board of Directors Position 5 Southern Region is currently accepting nominations**
    - Chair Kelly makes a motion to nominate Vice-Chair Rossi for the Oregon School Board of Directors Position 5. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed by a vote of 4-0, with 1 abstaining. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi abstains, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes. Secretary Knable will submit the nomination after the nomination form is signed by Chair Kelly.

- **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**
    - Chair Kelly wants to revisit policy KL and potentially add a provision that requires mediation.
    - Member Nelson provided a paper to the Board Members about items he wants discussed this school year, including boys in girls sports.

- **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**
    - Monday, October 5, 2026 4:00pm District Office, Board Work Session
    - Wednesday, October 21, 2026 3:30pm - SOSA, Board Regular Session
        - Student Panel 1:30pm
    - OSBA Annual Convention November 12 - 15, 2026 Portland, Oregon. Contact Secretary Knable if you would like to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice-Chair Rossi adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.

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