# THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
# BOARD OF DIRECTORS
# WORK SESSION
# October 5, 2026

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a board work session Monday, October 5, 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=3HuBh1T-tT8

**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
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT**

Rob Saunders, Director

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Vice-Chair Rossi called the meeting to order at: 4:02 PM (Chair Kelly arrived late).

Chair Kelly 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.

**OPT OUT DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Valenzuela stated the opt out conversation was requested by Member Nelson. He explained the Three Rivers has not received any complaint from parents about our opt out process and that it is an easy transparent process for parents. He then turned the conversation to the board and Director Durrant. Director Durrant pulled the district website up on the monitor for the board, she navigated the board to the health lessons landings page. She then showed the board all the information available to the community and parents about the health lessons on the website. Member Nelson requested certain language be added to the opt out letter as a warning to parents. There was discussion among the board about Member Nelson's requested additional language and that it is not on a board to define that information for parents, but for parents to review and make those choices for their students. Vice-Chair Rossi stated the board cannot make parents review or read all the information and that the district meets this requirement. Superintendent Valenzuela stated he believes if they make the opt out information too robust then parents would not review it. Member Camp verified with district staff that we

have not received parent complaints or concerns about the opt out process. Vice-Chair Rossi then moved from the opt out letter and health notices to how this conversation can be resolved with policy.

**POLICY UPDATES**

The board then moved the discussion to policies on the agenda.

IGBHD - *Program Exemptions*
KAB - *Parental Rights*

The board discussed some of the changes they would like to see in the policies and potentially an AR to go along with policy KAB. Vice-Chair Rossi suggested the parental rights policy state "The Board recognizes parents and guardians have the right to direct the upbringing and education of their child." Member Nelson wanted guardians added to the Parental Rights Policy. The board requested that mental health or psychological problems of the student or family be added to the survey items.
The board requested a neutrality statement be added to the Program Exemptions policy as well as include strongly held beliefs with religion and disability.

The board will send any additional suggestions to Secretary Knable by the next agenda setting meeting on October 14, 2026. After the policy is prepared, we can work on an AR for the Parental Rights policy. Once these policies are passed the board wants to look into making them available in school offices or sending notice to parents that they exist.

**Future Meeting Dates & Events:**

- Wednesday, October 21, 2026, Board Regular Session at SOSA/Merlin, 3:30 PM
  - Student Panel at 1:30 PM
- OSBA Annual Convention November 12-15, 2026 Portland, Oregon. Contact Secretary Knable if you would like to attend.
  - Vice-Chair Rossi shared the positives she had heard about this conference and requested the Board all try to attend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:31 PM.

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