

Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a regular session, Monday, November 16, 2009 at Manzanita Elementary School, 310 San Francisco, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Weaver, Chairperson of the Board, Zone II  
Leslie Meier, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Zone III  
Dave Strahan, Member of the Board, Zone IV  
Ron Lengwin, Member of the Board, Zone V  
Robert Litak, Member of the Board, Zone I  
Dan Huber-Kantola, Superintendent-Clerk  
Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources  
Doug Ely, Director of Student Services  
John George, Director of Secondary Education

PRESENT

ABSENT: Peter Maluk, Director of Elementary Education

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Also Present: Owen Peterson, Dave Bracken/Aramark, Jackie Gray, Michael Morris/Food Service Director, Linda Hugle/North Valley High School Principal, Curt Tiffany, Patty Dickens-Turk/Illinois Valley High School Asst. Principal, Patti Richter/Daily Courier, Jessica Durrant/Manzanita Principal, Heather Gratias and Shelly Berry/Recording Secretary.

ALSO PRESENT

Chairperson Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Manzanita Elementary Principal, Jessica Durrant, presented a video on "A Day in the Life of Manzanita".

MANZANITA VIDEO

Superintendent Huber-Kantola gave a presentation (attached) reminding everybody what the district has been focusing on this year:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Student engagement.—wanting to look at what's happening in classrooms; specifically what the kids are doing, how are students active learners ,and how does the teacher engage students.
- Positive behavior supports—the schools that have the strongest implementation of the PBS system have shown the most improvement in terms of academic achievement (Illinois Valley High School, Lorna Byrne Middle School and Evergreen Elementary) all show dramatic improvement in their achievement levels.
- Building intentional relationships—adults connecting with students and adults helping students connect with their school.
- ZOA (to move towards someone) we're asking that the adults make the effort to move toward the kids.
- Student training is going on and is being supported by the stimulus funds.
- PBS is supported by stimulus and state funds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT (CON'T)

Superintendent Huber-Kantola then addressed the upcoming ballot measures 66 and 67 and what that might mean.

Statewide they're expected to generate \$733 million worth of revenue. According to Speaker Hunt, he said that \$733 may be low, that it is actually about \$1 billion in reductions that may come if these measures aren't passed because there are some matching funds attached to the \$733 million.

Measure 67 is a potential tax that is on Corporate taxes in which the corporate tax would go from \$10/year to \$150/year. Measure 66 is a personal income tax where the percentage goes up if a family makes more than \$250,000 or a single person makes \$125,000 or more.

The revenue for the measures is already allocated to schools, and included in the budget. Our district budget also assumes that the revenue from measures 66 and 67 will be in place.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola then presented data on the potential reductions in teachers and school days various districts would incur in the measures were to fail. In Three Rivers School District it would equate to 34 teaching positions and 17 school days.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola plans to talk with the school administrators at their meeting on Wednesday and set up meetings with the Site Councils at each of the schools to share the information about what Measures 66 and 67 mean to our school district and also introduce them to our budget process and get some more site council input into our SAFR process that we have been using.

COMMUNITY  
COMMENTS

Jim Weaver asked if there were any community comments at this time, and there were none.

## POLICY BBFA

Board Chair Weaver stated that the next item on our agenda was the second reading of policy BBFA—Conflict of Interest and asked Superintendent Huber-Kantola to explain some recent developments affecting the policy.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola explained that the policy we currently have is two legislations old. We contacted OSBA and spoke with their legal council that work on policies and it was their recommendation that we wait to review the policies as they will be updated by the OSBA within the next two to three months due to changes in the ethics regulations. Superintendent Huber-Kantola suggested that we wait for the updated policy recommendation from OSBA before we review the policy.

Member Litak asked if the new policy recommendations from OSBA will contain the sentence about applying for the paid position? Superintendent Huber-Kantola responded that he had not seen it so he is not sure, but probably not.

Member Strahan moved that we table the reading of Policy BBFA until we have an updated version from OSBA. Member Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

WILLIAMS LIBRARY  
LEASE

Superintendent Huber-Kantola explained that the school district owns the land that the Williams Library sits on. Williams owns the building. This requires the district to be in the lease with the Josephine County Library Association. The lease is the standard lease that they use. We are not accountable for anything and we do not have any financial obligations. They have all of the insurance and do all of the maintenance and

upkeep. Superintendent Huber-Kantola recommended that we cooperate with the county and go ahead with the lease and allow them to operate the library in Williams. Member Meier moved to approve the lease with Josephine County for the Williams Library. Member Strahan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented the 2009-2010 Budget Calendar for approval and explained the timeline. The budget process really starts on March 8, 2010 when the budget office presents a forecast for the biennium. May 10, 2010 is the date recommended for the first budget committee meeting.

BUDGET AND SAFR  
CALENDAR

In conjunction with the Budget Calendar, there is the SAFR Calendar, which is the opportunity to meet with one site council member, one staff member and the administrator from each school regarding the budget process.

Member Meier asked if the Budget Committee members were to be included in the SAFR meeting process? Superintendent Huber-Kantola responded that yes, they were to be included.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola commented that there is one position open on the Budget Committee in the Hidden Valley attendance zone.

APPROVED

Member Litak moved to approve the Budget Calendar and SAFR Calendar. Member Strahan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Student Services Director Doug Ely presented an update on the status of the H1N1 in our district. The number of students with the flu is down substantially. It is down so much, all of the districts have discontinued the weekly reporting to the SOESD.

H1N1 UPDATE

Board Chair Weaver asked if it was the opinion of the experts that the absences have been mostly swine flu? Director Ely responded that yes, it has been the H1N1.

Member Litak stated that it appears that 46% of our students population have had the H1N1 flu. Director Ely responded that the original prediction was 20-40%, so hopefully it has run its course.

Member Meier asked if the average time out per student was about a week. Director Ely responded yes, three to five days.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented Applegate Seismic Grant for approval. He stated that there will be a lot more information in December, the group from Applegate will be presenting. Aaron Ausland, who is also the President of the Three Rivers School District Foundation, approached the district regarding a grant available through the stimulus money for seismic rehabilitation and believes that Applegate school qualifies. The Applegate community was notified, and within a couple of hours they generated \$5000 to have the engineering study and initial write up done for the grant application. They have had an engineering report and an initial cost analysis done at Aaron's cost—Aaron donated the time to do it for the district. Today the grant application will be submitted to have the old brick building at Applegate redone. They will know some time between the middle of December-January as to whether or not they qualify for the grant or not. It was impressive that within a couple of hours that the Applegate community could generate that kind of community support for re-establishing that building. It is in the neighborhood of an \$800,000 expense to make over the building. Applegate is aware that we support the project, but are not able to contribute towards the project with district funds.

APPLEGATE SEISMIC  
GRANT

Member Litak asked if it was a single community member that donated the money or a group? Superintendent Huber-Kantola responded that there was a single community member that was willing, but a group of five entities each donated \$1000 to pay for the engineering.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented his financial report and explained that in response to the question from Member Litak last month regarding the \$500,00 disparity in the salaries, his assumption was correct in that people being paid out of different funds hadn't been shifted yet in to the appropriate fund. So, when the shifts took place it got more in line, with about \$100,000 difference, which is due to placing a part-time kindergarten teacher and changing where we were paying a special education person from. A Speech Pathologist was formerly being paid by the ESD flow-through money, and this year the Speech Pathologist is being paid out of the General Fund. The flow-through money now goes directly to the district, which creates a wash.

The bottom line is looking favorable—\$2.15 million ending fund balance which if that were to remain stable would allow us to reinstate all five of the school days and still be above the 3%.

Member Litak commented that it appears we are running at a profit, when in fact we are running at a deficit because we are starting with the Ending Fund Balance of \$3.6 million ending at \$2.15 million. It's important for people to recognize. Money in the bank at the beginning of the year is not revenue—it is an asset.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

Dave Bracken stated that he had nothing to add to his written report.

Board Chair Weaver commented that his reported stated they were working through the problems on the controls, but there are still some problem areas?

Mr. Bracken responded that the problems are mostly related to computer issues. When the computers go down there is no way to go in and manually fix a problem. They may need to be re-programmed to enable a manual override.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola explained that a couple of other things were discovered today. 1) A manual override of some sort is needed and 2) the computer switches in most of the buildings are over fifteen years old, so we will need to invest about \$60,000 to update the switches.

Human Resources Director explained that due to the increased traffic on the network, the switches are dying on us. Ft. Vannoy was taken off fiber today and put back on T-1 until we can get the switches replaced. A meeting is also scheduled for Wednesday to take a look at E-Rate funding, because E-Rate should reimburse us for those schools that have 90% or higher free and reduced lunch. It is an aging infrastructure issue. None of the switches have been replaced in fifteen years and they're on their last leg.

Mr. Bracken explained that if the computer goes down it stays in the state that it was in when the computer went down (if the heat was off, it stays off). Over winter break if there is cold weather the buildings will be checked on a daily basis.

Board Chair Weaver asked what has been worked out at Wolf Creek School? Mr. Bracken responded that they have shut down the electrical and the boiler is down. We are not heating that building. All of the water lines have been drained. If we get extreme cold weather we could get the boiler back up and running.

## FOOD SERVICE REPORT

Food Service Director Michael Morris stated that he had nothing to add to his written report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Meier requested the October 19, 2009 Board minutes be pulled from the consent agenda.

APPROVED

Member Meier moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the minutes. Member Litak seconded. Motion passed 3-1-1 (Member Lengwin opposed, Member Strahan abstaining).

ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Jim Weaver  
Chairperson of the Board  
THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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