

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 14, 2018**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, November 14, 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  
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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Superintendent Valenzuela had Mr. Dale Fisher introduce the Hidden Valley Girls Soccer team who won the 4A Girls Soccer State Championship! He added the young ladies have the fourth highest GPA among all 4A soccer teams in the state of Oregon with a cumulative 3.68 GPA. They had a final record of 17-1. He then introduced the coaches and the players who shared some comments with the Board.

Ms. Dwyer shared that the Jefferson Scavenger Hunt team from the Illinois Valley did not come in last! Mr. Halsted commented on the host of Veteran's Day events in the community. The color guard for the majority of the events was provided by the Young Marines in Merlin. They are a very impressive little organization. Mr. Kelly pointed out that the four sports at North Valley all finished in the top ten in GPA all state academics. Ms. Johnstun honored the effort and changes in attendance in the school report card. She believes it will mean something to the kids in terms of graduation. Ms. Quick recognized the Hidden Valley Veteran's Day program. Mr. Halsted was the key note speaker and the superintendent invited employees to attend and were thankful to be included. Director Alderson also commented on the Hidden Valley girls' soccer team. They were great to watch throughout the year, along with the North Valley girls' team as well. To have two teams from the same district make it as far as we did, for the public schools, is a great accomplishment. Director Durrant recognized the ELL team. They organized family nights at Wild River and Abby's. It's an opportunity for us to find out how we can help them connect with the schools and find out what they need. There was also a well-attended meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> with every kinder teacher in Josephine County sponsored by the Early Learning Hub. Every teacher was paid to attend and also received a \$50 coupon for anything they wanted in their classroom. Director Allen-Hart recognized the Hidden Valley HS soccer girls and coach Dennis Hart. Also a shout out to Jo Gill, a Special Education Lifeskills teacher at Manzanita. About three years ago we converted a shower room into a classroom which has turned into an amazing space for students. Ms. Gill has just enrolled her 30<sup>th</sup> student in her classroom. She has an enormous class load and she is amazing and doing it with a smile! She encouraged board members to visit the classroom. Director Richards shared that he is continually impressed with the district. The Veteran's Day assembly trumps anything he has ever seen, especially the invitation for employees to attend. Mr. Alderson added that the GPA's for both North Valley and Hidden Valley sports were all in the top ten academics. It is a great reflection of our schools and students.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *Class sizes* – There are some higher class loads at the elementary level and zero complaints.
  - The 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Fruitdale is at 31 and 32. Supported by small group instruction and the teachers feel incredibly supported by the strategic application of resources.
  - The Madrona kindergarten is at 27 and 28. Supported by wrap-around resources. A full-time person floats between both classrooms.
  - Williams is at 77 students and there are 31 in the 4/5 blend. They are splitting the students out for core instruction. Then EA's come in for double dose and intervention times.
- *Kids Connection Daycare at Manzanita* – Working with them; they are definitely a for-profit business and we are trying to determine what they are charging for daycare and if it is below market value. We have to be cognizant of the fee structure in our board policy and that anyone else could come into one of our facilities and operate a business. There is no longer in-kind services being offered to offset the fee. He is committed to working with them.
- *Outreach officers* – Juvenile Justice and Josephine County have deployed Outreach Officers to our schools. They are intended to be utilized as extra supports for things such as drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and chronic absenteeism (home visits). They act as a liaison between school and law enforcement. They are able to reach out to mental health and other resources. They are considered a member of the staff. The level of support we have is now amazing. The SRO's will be coming in the Spring.
- *IV Charter School Proposal* – He was recently approached by a group in the Illinois Valley about a charter school. The proposal is for Kalmiopsis Community Arts High School with performing arts. There is someone from the RiverStars organization that is part of the group. He talked about some of the other group members. He did their research and addressed pertinent topics. With the Board's permission he would write a letter of support for them to pursue a *planning* grant. His biggest concern is opening another high school in the Illinois Valley and taking kids away from Illinois Valley High School. Their target is 40-75 students, with a large amount of potential home school students that could be pulled in. They will attend the agenda meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> with Ms. Dwyer and Ms. Johnstun. They want to open the charter school in the Fall of 2020. They would be interested in looking at the Selma Center as a potential location. There was some discussion by the Board.

## **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 – November 2018
- Athletic Coaches – November 2018
- Approval of draft minutes of previous meetings
  - Board Special Regular Session – September 19, 2018
  - Board Regular Session – October 17, 2018
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- There were none.

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **State Report Cards**
  - Director Alderson talked about the new design of the State Report Card and provided the Board with a Report Card summary for our district. There is noticeable positive growth in attendance and the on track to graduate is also up. He then addressed various other areas and answered questions from board members. With the budget process coming up soon, Mr. Halsted requested to take a deeper dive into the data to better understand the needs. Mr. Valenzuela stated that once the graduation rates are in, we will have the complete

picture and can have a full conversation around that.

- **Interdistrict Transfer Report**

- Director Allen-Hart reported that this is not an action item for the first time. Most of the slots are filled. All of the high school slots are filled and there are ten slots open in select areas. She also reported that we are about equal with transfers with District 7. We have taken in 79 of their students to us and have also kept ten that moved into District 7 and wanted to stay in TRSD. We have also picked up a handful of students from Glendale, Rogue River and Medford. We are at capacity. We are still open to hardship requests.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Board Policies – Second Reading**

- BDDH & BDDH-AR *Public Comment at Board Meetings*
- KN *Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies*
- Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward the policies for approval. There have been no changes since the first reading.
- Danny York made a motion to approve policies BDDH & BDDH-AR and KN. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Budget Calendar**

- Accounting Manager Lisa Cross stated that this year is a legislative year with a few other factors coming into play. She and Mr. Valenzuela came up with a plan for the budget calendar that would include input from patrons, parents and employees in the form of an electronic survey. The budget calendar reflects those dates. She shared that the revenue forecast is up, however it throws into effect both the personal and corporate kickers. The new PERS rates have also come out. There is a lot of education that would be helpful to get out to folks. She reviewed the proposed budget calendar with the board members. May 15<sup>th</sup> would be the first budget meeting. The second meeting is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>. The Budget hearing will take place at the prior to the regular June board meeting. Mr. Valenzuela noted that the May board meeting will need to take place at the District Office and not at Applegate School as previously scheduled.
- Mr. York made a motion to approve the Budget Calendar. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **OSBA Election**

- OSBA Board of Directors Position #5
  - There was some discussion about the director candidates.
  - Mr. York made a motion to nominate Craig Prewitt for the OSBA Board of Directors Position #5. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- OSBA Resolution #1 to adopt the OSBA 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities and Policies as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve OSBA resolution #1. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion.
  - There was lengthy discussion about the OSBA legislative priorities and how they affect our district. It was the consensus of the board that many of the needs of our rural school district were not addressed and they don't seem to engage on issues that affect us, such as our specific challenges with transportation and poverty levels.
  - Board Chair Dwyer called for a vote and the motion failed – all opposed. Mr. Halsted will craft a statement to OSBA expressing the reason for the opposition to this resolution from our district.
- OSBA Resolution #2 to Amend Oregon School Boards Association's Bylaws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors.
  - Mr. Halsted expressed concern because the caucus would then have the same number of votes as Southern Oregon.
  - There were some additional questions from board members that needed a bit of research.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion to table the vote until the December board meeting. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER**

- Board Chair Dwyer

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. York would like to see a comprehensive bus report.
- Ms. Johnstun expressed interest in the ability to live-stream our board meetings.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- December 12, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Manzanita Elementary – *Board Regular Session*
- January 16, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office – *Board Regular Session*
- It was noted that both members York and Johnstun would not be available for the December board meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Kate Dwyer  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk