

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 21, 2017**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at North Valley High School, 6741 Monument Dr., Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

**PRESENT**

Danny York, Board Chair	Casey Alderson, Director
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair	Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Kara Olmo, Board Member	Debbie Simons, Director
Paul Kelly, Board Member	Jessica Durrant, Director
Ron Lengwin, Board Member	Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent	

Administrators: Dennis Misner/North Valley High School principal and Linda McClanahan/North Valley High School assistant principal.

**CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) *Collective Bargaining* and ORS 192.660(2)(f) *Review of records exempt by law from public inspection*

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 PM and Mr. York led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Mr. Lengwin attended the North Valley/Hidden Valley basketball game and it was a great turnout. Ms. Dwyer is thrilled to see the community involvement level and connections being made in the Illinois Valley. Mr. York spent time with maintenance out in the Illinois Valley looking at some of the projects they want to do for their CTE programs: wood shop, welding and auto shop. There is a lot of excitement as to how best to reach the kids that are in those classes. Ms. Olmo said there are still plenty of conversations with families about the future of Williams and she couldn't be more impressed with the work from Director Allen-Hart, the superintendent and principal Darrell Erb. It's a very transparent process with open conversations taking place. Mr. Kelly shared that the North Valley High School championship soccer banner was unveiled last week. He also had the pleasure of going to the Lincoln Savage and Fleming Brain Bowl match. It was cool to see that kind of competition and the intelligence of these kids. Mr. Valenzuela thanked Director Durrant for her work in obtaining grants. Specifically a \$90,000 ELL grant and about \$100,000 from All Care for Trauma Informed Instruction. In addition to that she has brought in \$35,000 this year so far for homeless advocacy for the district. Director Alderson met with Dana Shumate with the Rogue Workforce. They are getting teams of teachers together from the three high schools and connecting them with externships during the summer. They will be attending a training on project based learning and will connect that with local industry with the goal of connecting what they are teaching in the

classroom with the actual job site and the work force. Director Durrant shared that it is Battle of the Books season. She gave a shout out to all of the Battle of the Books coaches. This is the first year for Three Rivers School District to participate in the Oregon Battle of the Books. They will have the ability to go on to regionals. Director Allen-Hart recognized the CTE work on display in the North Valley High School library. She also echoed what was said by Ms. Olmo in terms of being a part of that process with Williams. There has been lots of positive conversation and problem-solving. Director Simons shared that she has visited a little more than 60 classrooms since October. It is great to see the work of our collaboratives that are in place. The consistency of teaching from building to building is important.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Energy – we are continuing to look at energy management. Ms. Cross just procured a second bid and we are comparing things at this time. The district is also running an independent internal audit.
- Wastewater Treatment – Last week he attended a very encouraging meeting with the Oregon Travel Experience (OTE) representatives. There were two engineers with them. Tim Pickett, with OTE, was there and is finally someone on the ground willing to make things happen. They are proposing a 20,000 gallon bisected septic tank, a full on septic system, at the wastewater treatment center which would give us the gray affluent that we have in the contract. The next step is a fully engineered proposal which we will give to Mike Bollweg for final review. The fee schedule renegotiation will take place after we have an approved build, which should start in the month of April.
- Oregon Rising Project – a group of folks that include: OSBA, COSA and OEA. It's essentially a lobby campaign to the legislators about the state of funding for schools. He talked about Three Rivers School District and the rural nature of our school district. Our strength is our ruralness. He explained some posters that will be coming out from Oregon Rising, which indicates \$8.4 billion for the State School Fund and designates no cuts for education. That amount for most districts in the state would mean no cuts to education. That's not what it means to Three Rivers. He discussed the differences due to 'ruralness', with transportation as an example.

### **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 2017
- Coaches – February 2017
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)
- Grant Requests (4)

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Olmo seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Mr. York called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Celeste and Tony Guillory, Rogue Valley Young Marines, shared information about their annual Toys for Tots program. The toys are given away at the Merlin Alternative Center. She then presented a plaque to Three Rivers School District recognizing the support of Three Rivers School district for their support of the Toys for Tots program. Over 2000 children got toys this year as a result of the giveaway.

### **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Williams Elementary School Future Viability Update**
  - Director Allen-Hart shared that there are two more committee meetings scheduled prior to the board meeting. They will continue to work on their presentation to the board. The committee members are busy with their various tasks. The survey is still active.

- **PERS Update**
  - District Accountant Lisa Cross gave a presentation on Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). She explained the PERS funding equation and the liability that the district will face in the years ahead.
- **School Board Member Positions**
  - Board Chair York explained that there is an election coming up in May and there are three Board positions up for re-election: Zone I (Cave Junction), Zone III (Applegate/Williams) and Zone V (North Valley). Member Dwyer shared that she has filed for re-election. He referred any questions to Ms. Quick at the District Office.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **2017-18 Superintendent Position**
  - Mr. York explained there was discussion, as a Board, at their Executive Session during the superintendent evaluation process earlier this month. They unanimously elected to retain Dave Valenzuela as permanent superintendent. They will begin the negotiation process for a contract. Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve offering Dave Valenzuela the permanent superintendent position. Mr. Lengwin seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **SOESD Local Service Plan**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that annually the local ESD Service Plan is presented to the Board. He recommended to the Board that the district adopt the Local Service Plan. He gave examples of how they support our district. They are very responsive to our needs.
  - Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve participation in the SOESD Local Service Plan. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution (#2A) to Identify Construction Excise Tax Rate**
  - Ms. Cross explained that this is a small revision to the construction excise tax that the Board approved at a prior meeting. In working with the local governments to get the changes implemented they requested the administrative fee increase from 1% to 4%, which is allowed by law.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve resolution #2A. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution (#3) to Allow Interfund Loans**
  - Ms. Cross explained many of our state and federal grants are on a reimbursement basis. We have to expend the funds before we receive reimbursement. That is considered a loan. This resolution states that the Board recognizes that it is a loan, and it is intended to be paid back before the end of the fiscal year.
  - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve resolution #3 to allow interfund loans. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Budget Committee Positions**
  - Ms. Cross shared that there are currently two positions open on the Budget Committee. She introduced the two applicants: Andy Goldner (resides in zone IV and would be filling the zone V position) and Rich Halsted (lives in zone III and would be filling that position).
  - There were some comments from board members.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the two candidates. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Request for 14 Hour Waiver from ODE due to Inclement Weather**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela talked about the impact of the snow days on the district's academic calendar. The ODE voted to offer a 14 hour waiver to districts. He requested permission from the Board to send the letter requesting the 14 hours of reprieve language from the state, which keeps us legal with our instructional hours required by the state. The waiver request would extend to Woodland Charter School and Sunny Wolf

- Charter School.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to allow Superintendent Valenzuela to request the 14 hour waiver from ODE. Ms. Olmo seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
  - **2016-17 Calendar Revisions due to Snow Days**
    - Superintendent Valenzuela presented a revised calendar due to the snow days. The revised calendar would reflect snow days January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>. April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> were previously designated as parent/teacher conference days. The new calendar would reflect that April 20<sup>th</sup> has been returned to an instructional day. Parent teacher conferences will still take place that evening. There will be a full day of parent teacher conferences on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - Ms. Olmo made a motion to accept the revised 2016-17 calendar, due to snow days. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. Kelly requested an update on the Fleming National Junior Honor Society (March board meeting).
- Mr. York and Mr. Valenzuela brought forward a request to change the April 4 work session to April 11 to accommodate Woodland Charter School as they are on Spring Break.
- Ms. Dwyer asked to be informed as to how our charter schools are doing meeting standards. She would like to see this as an agenda item or at a work session. Mr. Valenzuela has asked Sunny Wolf and Woodland Charter School to have this data during their annual reports to the Board.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- March 7, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session*
- April 11, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Work Session*
- April 18, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. Lorna Byrne Middle School – *Board Regular Session*

### **OTHER**

- Mr. Lengwin asked for more information regarding a power bill in the amount of \$51,000.

Board Chair York recessed open session at 7:05 p.m.

Board Chair York reconvened Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. p.m.

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Danny York  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk