

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2020**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom for the regular board meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

PRESENT

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Chair
Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Danny York, Board Member

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Administrator
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Johnstun called the meeting to order in Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. under ORS 192.660(2)(d) – collective bargaining.

Board Chair Johnstun recessed Executive Session at 5:55 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Board Chair Johnstun reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:05 p.m. and asked Superintendent to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the September 16, 2020 board agenda as presented. Mr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Mr. York thanked Jenn Searle for throwing her hat in the ring for the open Cave Junction board position. Hopefully there is great potential there and we can function as a whole board. Mr. Kelly thanked our community. We are dealing with some extraordinary events on top of each other right now and he has seen different aspects of our community come together and help each other in different ways. We will get through this! Mr. Halsted recognized the efforts that everybody has going on right now to try to deliver curriculum to the students as well as the K-3 teachers that are showing up and delivering in person instruction. Director Durrant recognized the brave men and women that helping in our TVOS program. It has been a big lift! K-5 started today with 398 kids and she's super proud of them! Director Alderson recognized all of our staff that have been dealing with this crazy situation we have had from March 13th until now. The flexibility they have shown – our staff has been amazing! They are all doing the best they can for our students. Rob Saunders shared there have been some tech challenges with the distance learning at home as well as on site, but our staff has been flexible and gracious, doing a lot of work to make this happen. Things are starting to smooth out and seeing positive feedback from staff. The tech staff has been great supporting our teachers. Lisa Cross added that since March 15th the custodians and food service folks have been working constantly feeding the community, cleaning our schools and coming up with all of the new ways to work and keep our areas safe. The support service workers are amazing! Addison Pate shared that the teachers have been exceptional! They have embraced what we have to do with distance learning at home. Director Allen-Hart shared appreciation for our special education teachers and assistants. Some on them are working on three different platforms – in person, comprehensive distance learning and TVOS as well as some home school and private school students they are serving. Ms. Johnstun first recognized the parents of K-3 students. She was at Fruitdale on the first day of school

and she was thinking about the parents. It's a different first day of school for them. It took a lot of trust in the school district, that we were going to keep their kids safe. They students came, had their little masks on, checked in at the door and then the parents let the school take them in. Thanks to the parents of our K-3 students for their trust in us and willingness to show up and support our schools. She also thanked the TRSD admin and district leadership team. They have worked so hard all summer long to make sure we had a great start to school, even if it wasn't perfect, it could be wonderful. She knows they have all made personal sacrifices over the summer to make sure that our teachers and our classified and our students could come back and be safe. She has noticed and is so proud of all of their efforts this entire summer. Superintendent Valenzuela said that our parents are saints. They are being super patient with us. They have a million questions and we are trying to answer them. They are being amazing – and having grace where grace is needed. Our teachers are absolute warriors! They are doing things and being pioneers and it's exciting to see. Our classified folks also deserve to be recognized. There are more phone calls coming into schools than ever! The front office staff are amazing.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Recognition of excellence – He sent an email out today recognizing our food service, custodial and maintenance staff. When we closed the schools on March 13th these folks were there and doing the job. Our custodial crews have been totally rockin' it in the buildings doing their normal work and then went above and beyond and have done a ton of improvements that otherwise a normal year doesn't allow for. The maintenance crew as well – they were there fixing all of the problems that arise in these situations and then ensuring our buildings were safe. Our food service folks found new and creative ways to serve students by providing mobile meals and meal pick-ups. They worked right through all of the uncertainty and fear. These three groups deserve a big shout out! He also thanked Jim Bunge and Justin Tocher for their leadership in these areas, as well as Rob Saunders and Cathy Cusack with Food Service.
- 2020-2021 Enrollment – He shared the student numbers for K-3 onsite, 4-12 distance learning and TVOS. We have just under 4,000 students at this time. We were expecting about 4,400. We expect this number to go back up. We are providing an enriching, safe, fun and caring environment for our students.
- District disruption update – a new factor that we are dealing with right now with air quality/smoke and the wildfires in the Illinois Valley. We are currently monitoring the air quality regularly. A 301 score is hazardous. He explained the air quality requirements from the Blueprint due to COVID. We are required to bring in a certain amount of fresh air throughout the day when you have students and staff in a room, and right now this is not a possibility. We can't open our dampers due to the smoke. Our schools do not have adequate HVAC systems that effectively circulate outside air in to meet the COVID 19 requirements. This is a factor when putting a whole bunch of people in a room. This has been the reason for eliminating onsite K-3 instruction this week. We recently did a long-term facility plan and learned that \$7.5 million would replace broken equipment or replacing equipment nearing the end of their life cycle. It is unknown right now what the actual cost is to improve our HVAC systems to a level where smoke and COVID are no longer an issue. We would have to pay an architect or an engineer to come in to design and estimate what the cost would be.

Appointment of New Board Member

- Board Chair Johnstun explained that Jenn Searle, the one applicant we had for the open Zone I board position, could not be present for the board meeting as she is dealing with the fire issue out in the Illinois Valley.
- Mr. Halsted made a motion to table the appointment of a new board member until the October board meeting. Mr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 2020
- Athletic Coaches – September 2020
- Grant Request (1)
- Mr. York made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- There were none received.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Hidden Valley / Illinois Valley Seismic Project Update**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross submitted a project summary to the board. They are almost completely done. They have done a beautiful job to make those building safe. There are just a couple of outstanding items that will be finished up within the next two weeks. We are looking forward to possibly submitting for future seismic projects. Superintendent Valenzuela added that he spoke with Aaron Ausland at Hidden Valley. The work that they did was fascinating. Aaron will get them some documentation around what was done and how the seismic joints might work, to illustrate what those safety features are.
- **OSEA Chapter 22 (Classified) MOA**
 - Director Alderson first gave kudos to the classified and OSEA leadership teams. They have been putting in a tremendous amount of work and they are really a great group to work with. They have an all hands on deck mentality of supporting our kids. The MOA outlines some of the work agreements amidst reopening our schools with this COVID situation. The MOA will be voted on today by their members.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Lincoln Savage Middle School Sewage Treatment Upgrade Contract**
 - Lisa Cross requested that the board approve the sewage treatment upgrade contract. The district went out to bid for a second time. We had four proposals. The low bid went to Mr. Ed's Advanced Septic. This would allow us to move forward when all of the rest of the pieces of the puzzle come together.
 - Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the Lincoln Savage Middle School sewage treatment upgrade contract. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Mr. York explained that he will have to abstain as he is a subcontractor for the project.
 - Mr. York explained that the tank company that is producing the tanks has been evacuated due to the fires. Also, the DEQ is dealing with limitations due to COVID.
 - A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 3-0, Member York abstaining.

Suggested Future Agenda Items - None

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Board Regular Session, Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Johnstun adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Jennifer Johnstun
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk

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