

Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a regular session, Monday, May 18, 2009 at Evergreen Elementary School, 530 W. River Road, Cave Junction, Josephine County, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dave Strahan, Chairperson of the Board, Zone IV
Jim Weaver Member of the Board, Zone II PRESENT
Phil Stephens, Member of the Board, Zone V
Robert Litak, Member of the Board, Zone I
Dan Huber-Kantola, Superintendent-Clerk
Peter Maluk, Director of Elementary Education
Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources
Doug Ely, Director of Student Services
John George, Director of Secondary Education

ABSENT: Leslie Meier, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Zone III

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela/Evergreen Principal, Damian Crowson/Lorna Byrne Principal, Michael Morris/Food Service Director, Patti Richter/Daily Courier, Shawn Hardy, Amy Hardy, Michael Terry, ALSO PRESENT
Bonnie Cameron, Devon Dorn, Tara Parker, Erica Lundberg, Ronald Lenguin, Graham Baker, Kathleen Reese, Kathy Regan, and Lisa Cross/Recording Secretary.

Chairperson Strahan called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. CALL TO ORDER

Evergreen Principal, Dave Valenzuela introduced an excellent video presentation highlighting the students of Evergreen Elementary School. The video featured PBS awards ceremonies, the new playground, fashion shows, Evergreen Idol, and other assemblies. He then announced the Rotary Student of the Year, Alia Parker. Alia achieved the highest math score in district history for fifth grade, and was this years Evergreen (singing) Idol. SCHOOL FEATURE

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported that he had "late breaking news" regarding funding. In an email from OSBA the Ways and Means Committee recommended 6.0 billion for education for this biennium. The proposed budget was based on 5.6 billion. This would allow the district to reevaluate the cuts of 10 days and 20+ staff reductions written into the budget for next year. This may allow the district to gain back positions and school days. 49% of 6.0 billion will be funded in 2010 with the remainder in 2011. This is contingent on the states plan to raise 800 million in corporate and other taxes, with 400 million for education in each of the next two years. This news is good, but guarded. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board Chair Strahan opened up the meeting for community comments. Shawn Hardy, a teacher from Wolf Creek Elementary stated he took part in an internet class that was presented through video conferencing. Mr. Hardy wanted to suggest that the district board meetings be available in all areas via video conferencing, this would PUBLIC COMMENTS

save on travel, and make the meetings available to more people. He described the capabilities and noted that the district has the equipment available at each of the 15 schools and the district office (confirmed by Director Breckner). The "Polycom" and "Tanberg" system of conferencing is very efficient with both picture and sound being clear, with very little delay. It is necessary however, to schedule the meeting time through SOESD as they create the "bridge" to make this possible. Member Litak mentioned that the board has talked about how to increase attendance at board meetings and this could be an answer, and well worth trying. Board Chair Strahan said that they would need to look at staffing and cost.

EDGEWATER FELLOW-
SHIP

Under Old Business, Shawn Logue of Edgewater Christian Fellowship has petitioned for continued use of Fruitdale School for their meetings on Saturday night, two on Sunday morning and Wednesday night (450 people). They have about 1600 people each weekend. Edgewater purchased 7 acres of property at the end of G Street last fall. They are dealing with the city to build their first phase of an office building and youth center, followed (as funds permit) with a large sanctuary. Depending on funding the sanctuary should be completed within 15 months to two years. Currently, Edgewater pays about \$8,000 per month to the district to cover custodial time, electricity, and room usage; they have done landscaping and other improvements to the facility as well. Principal Kelly Christensen is in favor of the extension, Edgewater is easy to work with and have been good tenants. After expenses, the rent monies are being put into a facility improvement account for replacement of floor coverings, etc., at Fruitdale.

APPROVED

Member Stevens moved to approve the extension, Member Weaver seconded and it passed unanimously. Peter Maluk suggested a 2 year extension with a hard push to get the sanctuary finished. All approved.

ESIS UPDATE

Director Breckner said that the Manager of Training from AAL, Ed Brooks, was at the district working with middle and high schools to train for scheduling. He will be back in August for training of other staff including administrators, principals, teachers, and office staff.

Director Breckner informed the board that the network programmer left last week, and the position should be posted next week. The department is running short handed for now. Servers will be ready to be installed at sites beginning the day after teachers are done. Hunter is working on Phase 2 and any concerns should be resolved by the time teachers return in the fall. This would include addressing the "band width" issues at some schools. Complaints are down from 20 a day at the first of the year to about 1 a day, and a "tech" responds personally to each complaint.

THIRD TRIMESTER

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported on the number of Seniors taking core classes in the third trimester. This was at the request of Member Meier.

School	# of Seniors	Math	Science	English	Social Studies	AP
HVHS	182	27%	27%	50%	50%	16%
NVHS	142	27%	25%	80%	99.8%	30%
IVHS	82	27%	50%	80%	50%	15%

The high school principals will be updating the board at the June workshop on their perspective of the trimester. There will also be an update on test scores at that time.

ATHLETICS

Director George shared an update from the district athletic committee. They have completed work, discussed cuts, revised handbooks, discussed responsibilities of club sports boards and other topics. The committee would like to meet in a work session with the board to review these issues. A coaches clinic will be scheduled in August because

of the many volunteer coaches who are not up to date on policies and procedures. There will be a report on the fee process, at the middle school level participation decreased with the fee increase. The co-curricular budget without Athletic Directors and secretaries is approximately \$400,000 — within that about \$250,000 for all extra curricular coaches (including drama, music, etc.)

Director George also reported on the status of the OSAA redistricting committee, he is the 4A representative on the committee. The committee just finished their 10th meeting and no final decisions have been made. They have however, decided to keep the 6A set up. As of 2010-2011, IV would move to 3A. HV and NV remain in 4A and it was proposed to add Mazama and Klamath Union to the group as well. John George doesn't support this as it triples the travel time and expense. He proposed a Southern I-5 district from Phoenix to Sutherlin, with an eastern Hwy 97 district including Klamath Falls, Mazama, Henley, Sisters and LaPine, which eliminates travel over the mountains. There was negative discussion from the eastern folks. IV would be in a 2A—3A hybrid, with concerns about how playoff spots are determined.

If the committee comes up with a format that the district is not happy with, our options are limited; "take our ball and go home," or schedule neutral sites (which come with costs). The committee proposal must go to the Executive Committee by their October meeting for resolution.

Member Litak asked if there was an avenue for school board input. Chair Strahan said that if he was given bullet points, he would draft a letter expressing the board's concerns, and it might be worth a "road trip" to the June committee meeting.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented policies for a second reading and approval. DFA is not a new policy. It was not addressed when the new book was written.

POLICIES

- DFA—Investment of Funds
- DFA-AR—Investment Guidelines for General, Special Revenue and Capital Projects Funds
- DL—Payroll
- DL-AR—Payroll Advances
- DLB—Salary Deductions

Member Litak moved to approve the five policy revisions, Member Weaver seconded and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVED

Item F—"2009 ESPC Phase II Design and Construction" was stricken from the agenda.

Report from Food Service Director Michael Morris—It is necessary to increase the cost of meals for next year. The district has done this a little each year rather than a large jump in any given year. Food Service experienced many necessary equipment repairs this year, totaling over \$17,000 so far. The increase would be 10 cents at the high schools and 5 cents at middle and elementary schools. This is a 2.5% increase at middle and elementary schools. Our adult participation is small, usually staff and a few parents at special events such as Thanksgiving lunch, etc. The price increases do not impact free and reduced lunches.

COST OF LUNCHES

Food Service is always trying to improve service. They are no longer offering ala carte items, and have thought of putting sandwiches, pizza, etc. at separate stations to speed up service time.

- APPROVED Member Litak moved that the lunch price increase be approved as presented. Member Stephens seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- TRANSFER FUNDS Superintendent Huber-Kantola requested approval to transfer appropriations within funds to cover unbudgeted expenditures at Lincoln Savage and Lorna Byrne Middle Schools.
- APPROVED It was moved by Member Weaver to approve the transfer of funds. Seconded by Member Litak and unanimously approved.
- CURRICULUM
STANDARDS Director Maluk presented an update on curriculum from old standards to new standards. In Math, the new standards will be extending the concepts to insure they are presented and learned thoroughly. He met with K-8 math teachers to identify where the standards can be found in the current textbooks. Math textbooks were adopted in 2002, and further adoptions are on hold; therefore, schools will be working with the current texts. This summer, grades K-2 will meet to identify additional supplementary curriculum. The grades 3-8 meeting with teachers will be early next year to look for ways for full implementation. They need to get teachers together to discuss the best way to progress students through the levels of math.
- Director George said that with the new standards, the district is doing well but falling off at the high school. He is looking at the structure of our offerings. What math should we put kids in at middle school and high school? It was suggested that Algebra 1 to “the” 8th grade math class, and would like 6th graders to enter an Intro to Pre-Algebra curriculum to prepare them. In addition, the group needs to address the fact that they would like to see students take more math up through their Senior year. There is discussion that there could be credit given for Algebra 1 in middle school. Consideration was given to a year long Algebra 1 course at the high school and that Algebra II content should be a standard to get through for all college bound kids. There could also be a Trigonometry component in the third trimester. This is all up for discussion.
- STAFF LAYOFF
PROCESS Director Breckner made the board aware of the process human resources is going through regarding the lay-off of employees. It is time to let folks know if they are subject to layoff. The finance department will run numbers tomorrow and update her so she can revise her layoff list. Debbie will meet with the licensed association tomorrow and classified association on Wednesday. The classified association has been working to adjust hours, etc. in order to lay off a minimum number. Director Breckner started with 59 on the list and now has only 17 who might be notified, and with retirements, may not need to lay off any of them. The intent is to have principals deliver notices on Thursday afternoon, and Debbie will meet with those folks next week. She may need to go back in a week and change again, however, Director Breckner feels staff need to know now if they could be affected.
- FINANCIAL REPORT Superintendent Huber-Kantola anticipates the district will not expend as many contingencies this year. Four are listed on the report: \$20,000 General Contingency, \$76,451 for SIF, \$77,000 for Food Service loss, and \$10,000 for National Competition. The ending fund balance is approaching 3.0 million. With the state’s funding email today, the district may be able to add back approximately 1.0 million dollars. The reaction to this would be to add back four elementary teaching positions, looking for where some people are with COLA issues, and then add back school days.

We have the written report. Mr. Russell is not in attendance.

Food Service Director Michael Morris referred to his written report and mentioned that he had nothing to add to what was discussed earlier in the evening.

FOOD SERVICE
REPORT

Member Meier requested that the minutes from regular session, April 20, 2009 be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be reviewed and approved next month. Member Weaver moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, excluding only the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2009. Seconded by Member Litak.

In discussion, a travel request was added for the School Administrators Institute in Seattle. Washington, this summer. Funded with Title1A dollars to learn how to legally spend the stimulus dollars. Director Maluk explained the institute and content.

Member Weaver moved to add the travel request to the Consent Agenda, Member Litak seconded and it was approved, along with the approval of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Dave Strahan
Chairperson of the Board
THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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