

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 2019**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at North Valley High School, 6741 Monument Drive, 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
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair
Danny York, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
JP Richards, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Lori Higgins/Fleming Middle School Principal, Cassie Banuelos/Fleming Middle School Assistant Principal, Alicia Timbs/Ft. Vannoy Elementary Principal, Michael Herzog/Merlin Alternative Center Principal, Phil Centers/Woodland Charter School Principal, Renee Hults/Manzanita Elementary Principal, Linda McClanahan/North Valley High School Assistant Principal and Erik Lathen/North Valley High School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) – *Superintendent Evaluation*.

Ms. Dwyer recessed Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The board reconvened in Open Session at 4:05 p.m. and Ms. Dwyer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Ms. Dwyer attended Academic Masters and commented on what an amazing competition it is. We have some smart kids and it was just terrific! She thanked the Academic Masters Board and everyone who helped put it on. Mr. York commented on the Student Forum the board held with the North Valley HS students prior to the board meeting. The kids were very articulate and had well thought-out questions. Ms. Johnstun congratulated the North Valley band. They raised all of the money needed to go to Seattle and were also able to get a matching grant. She is proud of the kids and Mr. Eason for getting that program back up and running. Mr. Kelly attended the National Junior Honor Society induction at Fleming. He's glad that it is back and was happy to see 27 inductees. Mr. Halsted attended the Hidden Valley band concert. He thanked Mr. Green for the exceptional job he has done there and the motivation of those students. The concert was very impressive. Superintendent Valenzuela thanked Erik Lathen, Stephanie Phillips and the North Valley staff and the students that participated in the student panel with the Board. The students did

a great job! Director Allen-Hart acknowledged Manzanita Elementary and administrator Renee Hults. She does an amazing job running that school on her own. We created a Lifeskills program there a few years ago and now have almost 30 students in the program. Teacher Jo Gill, Renee Hults and the staff have embraced that program and it is one of her proudest spaces! It is a lot of extra work for a building administrator. Director Durrant gave a huge shout out to Lisa Cross. She is always available to answer questions and has an immense amount of patience. Director Alderson gave a shout out to North Valley Athletic Director Mr. Sam. Last weekend Mr. Alderson attended the Oregon Athletic Director's Association Conference in Bend and the conference is something Mr. Sam helps organize and put on for about 200 other Athletic Directors around the state. He attended along with Mr. Miller from Hidden Valley and Bruce Reece from Illinois Valley High School. Our three Athletic Directors are definitely the cream of the crop! Director Richards acknowledged Justin Tocher. Over the last 3-4 weeks he has been down 1-2 administrative assistants in the HR Department. Justin has single-handedly picked up the slack, helped and looked for ways to make things run smoother. He's an amazing employee!

North Valley High School Robotics Team, led by coach Peter Lentz gave a presentation about their program to the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *Budget* – Currently involved in the budget process.
- *Date reminders* – final round of conferences next week, first budget meeting (4:30) May 15th followed by a regular school board meeting, Val/Sal lunch on May 22nd, Retirement Celebration on May 30th, Illinois Valley HS graduation-Tuesday, June 4th, North Valley-Wednesday, June 5th and Hidden Valley on Thursday, June 6th.
- *Woodland Charter School (WCS) land purchase* – Engaged in conversations with WCS about the possibility of purchasing the land that they currently lease from TRSD adjacent to Hidden Valley High School. We are working to get that property assessed. The fee for the assessment is \$6,500 for Selma and \$2000-3,000 for Woodland property. He recommended we forego the Selma assessment, given the cost. He looked for direction from the board on whether or not to pursue the Woodland property assessment. He recommended we ask Woodland to split the cost of the assessment.

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 – April 2019
- Athletic Coaches – April 2019
- Out of State Travel Requests (8)
- Grant Request (1)
- Approval of draft minutes of previous meetings:
 - February 6, 2019 – Work Session
 - February 20, 2019 – Regular Session
 - March 13, 2019 – Regular Session
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. York seconded the motion. Superintendent Valenzuela asked to pull the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development trip to Orlando be pulled from the Consent Agenda. There was some discussion. Mr. Kelly revised the motion to approve the revised Consent Agenda, removing item B-3. Mr. York seconded the revised motion. Board Chair Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Sherry, Josephine County Food Bank - Shared that she is the Education Coordinator at Raptor's Creek Farm. They offer hands-on learning in the garden. She shared information about their program and invited anybody and everybody, including classes, to come out – It's free.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

• Woodland Charter School Annual Report

- Woodland Charter School Administrator Phil Centers, along with Lindsey Helfrichs (Student Support Coordinator) presented their annual report to the Board that included the following topics:
 - Educational Program: A Public Waldorf curriculum. It is their seventh year of operation.
 - School numbers: Single stand-alone classes from 1st to 8th grade with a current enrollment of 175 students. The projected enrollment for 2019-2010 is 188 students.
 - Student demographics: 120 students from TRSD; 55 students from outside of the district.
 - Attendance figures.
 - Core curriculum and special subjects.
 - School Culture.
 - Woodland staff.
 - 2018-2019 Woodland Updates.
 - Academic progress and school report card.
 - Student academic improvement plan and test results.
 - Site development.
 - Community support through grants, loans and fundraising.
 - Financial data – historical and projected.
- They made a request to increase their pass-through rate. The current pass-through rate is 85%.

• Selma Property Update

- Superintendent Valenzuela reported that about a month ago he, along with members Rich Halsted and Danny York toured the Selma property to assess the site. Currently there is a lease with the Selma Community Education Center (SCEC) that will expire on June 30, 2019. The maintenance folks have also done a walk-through of the building to assess the building condition. Currently:
 - We have re-built the pumphouse and fixed the water pump. The water was out for almost a year. The system has also been treated and will be turned on soon. TRSD spent about \$4,200 on the pump and structure.
 - There is the main school building (classrooms, library, office and cafeteria) and the gym.
 - The main building has good structural bones. There are no major concerns around asbestos tile. The heat and air system is online, but not used. There is no mold or dry rot. The roof is bad.
 - The gym is also structurally sound. Could be made safe with a minimal investment and a pretty significant amount of hard work.
 - Next month he will come to the board and ask what they would like to with the lease for that property in the future. That facility could be leased to another organization, or the same organization. Before, or as a condition of that lease, there are some things that need to get done. With the right people in there, like Jerome Prairie, it could be restored and brought back to life.
 - He expressed his concerns about the current tenants. There hasn't been much care put into the upkeep or landscape.

• North Valley Area Administrator Reports

- North Valley High School Principal Erik Lathen highlighted the culture that they have created at North Valley. The students know the 3R's (Respect, Responsibility and Resilience). In an effort to meet the Board goals, they have been working hard on the communication piece. Their graduation coach, Danny Pratt, created a form to send out positive notes. Last year they sent out 2500 and this year they have sent out 2947 to date. They have sent out over 10,000 emails recognizing students for the things they do at the school (their behaviors and achievements). This year Mr. Sam has expanded the program (3R Stars) to enable students to recognize other students as well. He then introduced teacher Kelly Turner to talk about the North Valley High School Learning Walks and how the practice is improving student achievement. The teaching staff are also making great strides individually through this process.
- Fleming Middle School Principal Lori Higgins shared the following happenings:

- Technology update – all classrooms but two have a full set of technology devices available for student use and teaching.
 - Six after school classes are offered from January to March this year. They no longer have 21st Century and elected to offer it through their own budget.
 - Brain Bowl, with coach Mrs. Hughes, missed the championship match by one point. They have had an amazing season!
 - Shout out to middle school PLC teams! (Fleming, Lincoln Savage, Lorna Byrne and Applegate). They met at Lorna Byrne for a full day in August. There are still following up monthly.
 - Positive change in climate and culture. This year they added grade level recognitions each month.
 - National Junior Honor Society – 27 new members this year. There were about 40 last year. They are going to Manzanita on a regular basis working with their third graders as reading buddies.
 - Sixth grade outdoor school at Camp Gray, sponsored by OMSI. Two-thirds of the sixth graders attended. It was amazing and a great opportunity! About two weeks later they received a thank-you card from their instructors written to the students.
 - The Fleming POINT person is teacher Sierra Christopher. She has been conducting the learning walks and there has been overwhelming participation from teachers.
 - They have received two JCF grants this year. They added a gaga ball pit and they will be adding a garden this spring on campus.
 - They added a new track record board in the gym this year.
 - Upcoming events include: Student led conferences in April, Smarter Balanced testing, 6th grade roadshow and 8th grade orientation day.
 - Merlin Alternative Center (MAC) Principal Mike Herzog reported that MAC currently has 60 students. The students have earned 157 credits so far this 2018-19 school year! They have had four graduates so far and expect to have nine more.
 - Ft. Vannoy Principal Alicia Timbs talked about “The Noble’s Fortress”
 - A place for students to learn self-regulation skills. A tier two behavior intervention.
 - It is not a time out or a calm down space. It is a proactive place.
 - She shared how the process works, pictures of the room, and some of the activities the program offers.
 - The end goal is to learn self-regulation skills.
 - She shared student data indicating that the program is helping students and she is excited about the results.
 - Manzanita Principal Renee Hults shared some highlights:
 - The Manzanita ‘Why Board’ is now displayed in their front entry.
 - Manzanita House System – every student is divided into a house, 60-70 kids in a house. They meet once a week in a character-building lesson. They are noticing that the fifth graders are supporting the kindergarten and the kindergarten is supporting the fifth graders.
 - The deputies are visiting and interacting with the students. The kids are learning the positive role of the police officer.
 - Gaga ball pit added this year. It has been a huge success!
 - This year’s Jogathon raised \$16,474. The kids that got \$300 got to participate in an overnight at Manzanita.
 - After school opportunities.
 - Dedicated to academic excellence. There are a ton of hard-working teachers!
 - Her personal goal as an educator is to give the gift of reading to every child.
 - Reading data meetings
 - Dedicated to building PLC’s
- **Legislative Update**
 - Accounting Manager Lisa Cross provided the board with things happening at the state level:
 - Proposal by Governor Brown to deal with PERS.
 - New revenues to go to classrooms.
 - HB 3427 (was HB 2019) – School improvement funds, additional dollars to the co-chairs budget - estimated to be about \$2 billion. Half of that goes to K-12 education.
 - Recap of SB 768 – The work back program and HB 2005 – Paid family leave.

ACTION ITEMS

- **2019-2020 Student Calendar**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela stated that last month a couple of different calendar options were presented. The difference is the traditional calendar which starts the day after Labor Day versus starting before Labor Day.
 - A survey was conducted with 539 responses and 65% preferred the traditional calendar with the start date the day after Labor Day.
 - It was determined that April is too late in the year to make a change like this. Perhaps explore the possibility of the later start the following year with discussions starting in October of next year to see if a change is warranted.
 - His recommendation is for the board to adopt 'Draft 4' – the traditional calendar.
 - Mr. York made a motion to adopt 'Draft 4' – the traditional calendar. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Board Policies – Second Reading**
 - AC – *Nondiscrimination*
 - AC-AR – *Discrimination Complaint Procedure*
 - GBMA – *Whistleblower*
 - GBM – *Staff Complaints*
 - GBN/JBA – *Sexual Harassment*
 - GBN/JBA-AR – *Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure*
 - Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward the six policies/AR's for a second reading and adoption. He explained they are standard updates from OSBA to comply with current laws and regulations.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve AC, AC-AR, GBNA, GBM, GBN/JBA and GBN/JBA-AR. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. (Member Halsted absent).

- **Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution – May 6-10, 2019**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela read the Teacher Appreciation Week resolution designating May 6-10, 2019 as Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (Member Halsted present).

SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- There were none.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- May 1, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – District Office – *Board Work Session* (CANCELED)
- May 15, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office, *Board Regular Session*
 - Budget Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk