

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
January 21, 2026**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The regular session was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgREqAB06uY>

PRESENT

Pat Kelly, Board Chair
Mariah Rossi, Board Vice-Chair
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member
Rick Nelson, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

Administrators present: Damian Crowson, Monica Haley, Kellie Lovell, Mark Higgins, Mandi DeVaglio, Sabrina Miller, Renee Hults

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at: 5:01pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Nelson and Member Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Board members, the District Leadership Team, and Superintendent shared an outstanding school or district highlight of an event, activity, and/or kudos to TRSD staff.

Member Camp shared a picture of Illinois Valley Principal, Erik Lathen, with a box of twinkies. He shared an attendance incentive program IVHS started where the staff will pick a class and if all students are present, they get twinkies. He stated they have a 20% increase in attendance, and this program might contribute to that increase. He commended the creative ideas they have to reach students.

Member Reese thanked the students who sent art and thank yous to the Board for school board appreciation month. She is thankful to work with the other board members.

Vice-Chair Rossi apologized for her tone at the previous student panel and appreciated the feedback she received from her fellow board members.

Director Allen-Hart gave a shoutout to the SPED department. She commended their hard work in keeping up with the increased caseload of SPED students.

Director Durrant shouted out Lorna Byrne and everything they are doing to celebrate their students' growth with reading. She also loves the plan that they have to continue academic growth.

Deputy Superintendent Alderson gave a shout out to the CTE group. They presented a high school success plan to ODE and it was approved.

Director Saunders expressed his appreciation for First Student, Three Rivers transportation partner. He spoke of the miles that the buses put on to get students to and from school and events.

Superintendent Valenzuela expressed his appreciation to the Culture Committee and the positive results of implementation of core values at the schools. He names the members of the committee. Their goal is to make students feel welcome and included in the schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared an update on the budget. He highlighted the most recent budget update and report and reminded the board of the previous reports. He talked about the State School Fund estimates per student. He shared an update on Three Rivers ADM, which increased by 132 students from this time last year. That accounts to about a million dollars in increased funding. He talked about Applegate Valley Virtual Academy and their partnership with OpenEd and how that money flows through to the district. Superintendent Valenzuela shared with the board that there is a bill circulating that would reduce the state school fund. He shared some of the budget concerns other districts are having and they are laying off teachers. He told the board about the Education Advocacy Day coming up on February 17, 2026. He encouraged the Board to register so they can talk to legislators and advocate for education funding. There was discussion among the board members about the likelihood of the legislature cutting education funding. Superintendent Valenzuela provided some historical information about Three Rivers previous years budget concerns and education funding. Vice Chair Rossi agreed with Superintendent Valenzuela about how important it is to advocate and speak to our legislators. Member Nelson stated it would be awful to have to cut school days due to budget cuts.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

- Hidden Valley Principal Damian Crowson presented the Oregon Army National Guard as the Three Rivers Community Partner of the month for January 2026. Staff Sergeant Brodi Woodworth and Staff Sergeant Tyler Charleboix accepted the award. The Oregon Army National guard has been an active presence at Hidden Valley joining students for lunch, supporting after school activities, and volunteering at events.

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 – January 2026
- Athletic Coaches – January 2026
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - December 17, 2025 Regular Session
 - January 5, 2026 Work Session

- Out of State Travel Requests (3)
- Member Nelson inquired what a Lifeskills Assistant does, Director Allen-Hart explained their role to support students that have multiple or additional needs. Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Camp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Student Group Spotlight - Student Tech Interns**
 - Director Saunders presented the Three Rivers Tech Interns as the January 2026 student group spotlight. The students are Christopher Jordan from Hidden Valley, Joey Sahr from Hidden Valley, Leonitias Littlepage from North Valley and Gavin Mitchell from Illinois Valley (not present). He shared a photo slide and informed the Board about:
 - Information about the work the students are doing in both the classroom and throughout the district. He thanked Tech Coordinator Michal Dudzinski and commended the amazing job he has done to guide the interns. He also thanked Project Youth+, they are funding the salaries of these positions. He thanked the tech interns for their dedication to the district.
- **School Board Appreciation Month**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela read Governor Kotek's proclamation thanking the school board and declaring January 2026 as School Board Appreciation month. Member Reese thanked the schools and students for their cards and goodies.
- **Student Data Highlight**
 - Director Durrant shared the results of the Family Engagement survey. She explained how we collect information from parents, students and community members. 37 surveys were completed. The main request from survey takers was for more CTE classes. According to the survey results, we are doing a really good job at keeping students safe. There was discussion from Member Nelson about the amount of people who completed the survey. Director Durrant explained how we get the survey to parents and students, but that it is optional to complete.
 - Director Durrant also shared the participation numbers from the student health survey. These surveys are optional, but the information we receive is very valuable. Once we receive the results, she will share that data. She also explained the opt out process, both parents and students can opt out of the survey.
- **Board Policies First Reading**
 - IIA - *Instructional Materials*
 - Member Nelson would like to add "community members residing in the district" to the people that can inspect curriculum.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Two community members addressed the board: Steve Raycraft and David Lommel.

- Steve Raycraft told the board how important their job is in creating policies that represent their communities. He encouraged the board to do the right thing.
- David Lommel told the board they should all resign or step down in mass. He said that the board is not responsive to people.

ACTION ITEMS

- **OSEA Memorandum of Understanding: Addition of Waste Water Technician II position**
 - Deputy Superintendent Alderson requested the Board approve the addition of the Waste Water Technician II position to the classified contract. This position would fall under the maintenance classification. Deputy Superintendent Alderson requested the board approve both the new positions and the pay rate. Vice-Chair Rossi inquired about how this position would be impacted if the Fleming Waste Water Treatment plant was taken over by the County. Superintendent Valenzuela responded that this position would still be required regardless of the Fleming plant.
 - Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the OSEA Memorandum on Understanding adding the Waste Water Technician II position. Member Nelson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Planned Course Statement: North Valley High School**
 - Deputy Superintendent Casey Alderson recommended the board approve Private Pilot and Drone Operation as an elective course at North Valley High School. Vice-Chair Rossi inquired about interest, there are currently 15-20 students taking this course without credit as an additional Friday offering. This class would open that opportunity for more students to participate.
 - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the planned course statement. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Budget Committee Application and Approval**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela presented the application that Three Rivers received for the Budget Committee. Jennifer Johnstun, a previous board member, was the sole applicant. There was discussion about how much prior knowledge she will bring to the committee.
 - Member Camp made a motion to approve and appoint Jennifer Johnstun to the Budget Committee. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion; the motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson abstains.
- **TRSD FY 25 Audited Financial Statements**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela recommended the Board accept the financial audit report and financial statements. The Board was presented with both the Audit Statement and Letter to the Board from the auditors. He explained the auditors expressed an unmodified opinion and the financial statements were prepared in accordance with *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (GAAP). There were no material findings along with no deficiencies or misstatements within the district's financial statements. The district is also considered a low-risk auditee.

- Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to accept the 2024-25 audited financial report and financial statements as presented. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Board Policies – Second Reading:**
 - DBE - *Budget Committee* DELETE
 - DBEA - *Budget Committee*
 - GBLA - *Disclosure of Information* DELETE
 - Replaced by GBL - *Personnel Records* revised 3/9/22
 - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Board policies as presented. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Communication to the Board - Board Information Only**
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**
 - Chair Kelly would like to discuss vaping by students and learn about the District's efforts to combat vaping.
 - Member Nelson wants the Board to consider a policy regarding girls sports. Chair Kelly suggests the Board address this policy after the Supreme Court ruling concerning the same subject.
- **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**
 - Wednesday, February 18, 2026 4:00pm Board Regular Session, Hidden Valley High School
 - Student Panel 2:00 (Board Members arrive at 2:15)
 - Executive Session immediately following the Regular Session
 - Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:00pm Board Regular Session, District Office

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:32 PM.