

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR SESSION  
February 18, 2026**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at Hidden Valley High School, 651 Murphy Creek Rd, 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=d6vSE284FIE>

**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: Jessica Falkenhagen, Damian Crowson, Sam Osofsky, Shelli Campos, Michael Herzog, Erik Lathen, Lindsey Namanny, Steve Fuller, Mandi DeVaglio, Geoff Butler, John Pacini and Chris Carmiecke.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at: 4:02 PM 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 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 North Valley students doing flight training and thanked the community partnership that makes that program available to our students.

Member Nelson spoke about traveling to Salem to advocate for school funding and was proud of how prepared we were and thanked Secretary Knable for the data.

Vice-Chair Rossi also spoke about Education Funding Advocacy Day in Salem. She believes we were the best prepared district and we were able to share some of the positive things happening in our district with legislators.

Director Durrant shouted out the hard work of the volunteers, students, coaches and moderators for the upcoming Battle of the Books competition. She also thanked Oregon Books for helping provide gift cards to the student participants.

Director Saunders gave praise to First Student and Tanya Kerr for their partnership in transportation and ensuring our buses travel safely throughout the district.

Director Allen-Hart recognized the Maintenance Staff for their work in building equal opportunities for life skills students and a safe environment.

Deputy Superintendent Alderson highlighted our partnership with Edustaff, our substitute provider. Our fill rates are up and the substitutes are better prepared to step into a classroom.

Superintendent Valenzuela appreciated Board Members Nelson and Rossi for traveling to Salem to advocate for education funding. He also thanked Jessica Knable for accompanying and helping them prepare for Education Advocacy Day.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent Valenzuela spoke about the RFP (Request for Proposal) process that Three Rivers abides by when awarding contracts to contractors. He went over the policy, law and criteria. He stressed how important it remains that Three Rivers uses our public funds responsibly.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION**

- Superintendent Valenzuela recognized Belfor Property Restoration as our TRSD Community Partner of the Month. Belfor has helped Three Rivers with many projects and most recently they provided quick support to Fort Vannoy when it was impacted by flooding. Nick Malone accepted the award on behalf of Belfor.

### **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 2026
- Athletic Coaches – February 2026
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - January 21, 2026 – Board Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Request (1)
- Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Nelson 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 - Hidden Valley FFA**
  - Teachers Amy Fogg and Clancey Allen introduced the Hidden Valley FFA students and officers who spoke and shared a slideshow about:
    - Accomplishments of the FFA program and students

- Events students have competed in and how they did
  - Upcoming events and they handed out flyers inviting everyone to the FFA auction on March 13, 2026 at the fairgrounds.
  
- **Hidden Valley High School Cognia Accreditation Findings & Results**
  - Principal Damian Crowson shared a slideshow presenting the results of Hidden Valley's Cognia accreditation. He gave the board an overview and frequency of the accreditation process. He shared a wordcloud that described Hidden Valley, their strengths are culture, leadership, engagement and growth. Areas of improvement were student agency, professional development alignments and a formal school improvement plan. Their score was 300, which is above the Cognia average of 297. This accreditation score will last for 7 years. He thanked the staff that helped with the accreditation process.
  
- **Food Service Fiscal Report**
  - Director Saunders shared the projected Food Service program year end forecast estimate as of January 31, 2026 which estimates a fund balance of negative \$47,518.00. Director Saunders advised this is less of a deficit than this time last year. The goal is to reduce the current deficit and become a cost neutral program. He thanked Chartwells and Chris Gillam for his hard work to find meals students like. He gave an overview of the summer food program. There was discussion from the board about the reason behind the summer food program and who it serves.
  
- **Student Data Highlight**
  - Deputy Superintendent Alderson shared a slideshow highlighting data around graduation rates. He spoke about the Oregon graduation requirements and how the requirements vary state to state. He talked about the district average, the 4 year completer rate, and the rates at each high school. He shared historical graduation data from 2016-2017 until current. The Principals from IVHS, NVHA, SOSA, and HVHS spoke and shared what they are doing in their schools to effect growth and improve graduation rates. The Principals also shared some of the barriers students face getting to graduation.
  - Director Durrant introduced Evergreen Principal Monica Haley and Principal Steve Fuller from Applegate and Williams who shared a slidedeck providing updated data on the K-2 reading goals. They shared what some of the schools are looking at regarding student data, which would indicate the need for intervention.
  - Director Durrant also shared a slidedeck updating the board on the 6-8 reading goals. She explained the difference between the measurements of accuracy and speed. She then gave the Board Members a reading passage to practice and as an example of how students are assessed.
  - There were questions from the Board Members about growth over time, the effects of the new curriculum for ELA, and interventions. Member Camp wanted to be sure that staff are feeling supported as they implement the new curriculum. Vice-Chair Rossi suggested that the schools work with the pregnancy resource center to reach out to families about literacy.
  
- **Board Policies First Reading**
  - *ACB - Every Student Belongs (Required)*
  - *EEAE - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles (Highly recommended)*
  - *EHB - Cybersecurity (Optional - recommended by Tech Department)*

- GBN/JBA - *Sexual Harassment (Required)*
- JGD - *Suspension (Required)*
- JHCA - *Immunization, School Sports Participation, Concussions and Other Brain Injuries (Optional - recommended by our staff)*
- JOA - *Directory Information (Required)*

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Three community members addressed the board: Judy Ahrens, David Lommel, and Byron Robertson.
  - Judy Ahrens gave kudos to the FFA student presenters. She then talked about her new show and all the tragedies in the world. She would like to see no agendas in the classroom.
  - David Lommel talked about graduation rates and state test scores. He wants the board to make sure that students do not have any “woke stuff”.
  - Byron Robertson spoke about the NVHS stadium facility project. He expressed concerns about the delays, time and funds available for that project.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Classified Appreciation Week: March 2, 2026 - March 6, 2026**
  - Vice-Chair Rossi read a resolution resolving that March 2, 2026 - March 6, 2026 be designated as classified employee appreciation week. The resolution expressed the importance of classified staff in our school and to our students.
  - Chair Kelly made a motion to adopt the resolution. 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.
- **Southern Oregon Education Service District 2026-2027 Local Service Plan**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela recommended the Board approve the SOESD Local Service Plan for 2026-2027. He gave a short overview of the role of the SOESD and the services the district utilizes from them.
    - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the SOESD plan. 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.
- **Student Calendar 2026 - 2027**
  - Deputy Superintendent Alderson presented the 2026 - 2027 student calendar for Board approval. There was discussion from Vice-Chair Rossi about starting after Labor Day. Deputy Superintendent Alderson explained the effect that would have on the last day of school and our calendar start date matches the neighboring districts.
  - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the student calendar for 26-27. 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.
- **Fiscal Resolution 25/26 04**

- Superintendent Valenzuela requested the Board approve Fiscal Resolution 25/26 04 supporting an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements and use the Design Build Project Management Method of procurement for Illinois Valley, Evergreen, and Fort Vannoy's Renew America Schools Grants.
  - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Fiscal Resolution. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passes unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes.
- **Fort Vannoy Seismic GMP**
    - Superintendent Valenzuela requested the Board designate and approve the Superintendent to approve future contract with a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$1,875.534.00 to the Ausland Group for the Fort Vannoy Seismic project.
    - Member Reese made a motion to approve the 150 interdistrict transfer slots. Member Nelson seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-1 with 1 abstention. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi (Abstains, states potential conflict), Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Board Policies – Second Reading:**
    - IIA - *Instructional Materials*
    - Vice Chair Rossi made a motion to approve Policy IIA. 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.
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**
    - Member Nelson wants to discuss the supplemental health curriculum books for grades K-2.
    - Vice-Chair Rossi passed out a model policy regarding parental rights and opt out. She would like an Oregon Attorney to review what she presented before any discussion.
- **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**
    - Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:00 PM Board Regular Session, District Office
    - **Canceled** Monday, April 6, 2026 Work Session
- **BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION**
    - The Board then met in Executive Session which was closed to the public under ORS 192-660(2)(1) to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.