

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 19, 2023**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at North Valley High School, 6741 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The meeting was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7uyM0SxvqY&t=280s>

**PRESENT**

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Chair  
Susan Fischer-Maki, Board Vice-Chair  
Jamie Wright, Board Member (*virtual*)  
Jenn Searle, Board Member  
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

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

**ABSENT**

Rich Halsted, Board Member  
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Johnstun called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Wright seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (3-0 – Members Halsted and Searle absent).

*Member Searle arrived at 4:12 p.m.*

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Valenzuela provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Single occupancy restroom update.
- School safety and security.
- Academic Data Academy (April 5<sup>th</sup> work session) – Thank you to all of the elementary principals and teachers that attended.

## **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 2023
- Athletic Coaches – April 2023
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
  - March 8, 2023 – Regular Session
- Out of state travel requests (5)
- Board Policies – Second Reading
  - EEA – *Student Transportation Services*
  - EBBB – *Injury/Illness Reports*
- Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Searle seconded the motion; Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously (4-0, Member Halsted absent).

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Seven community members addressed the board: Kevin Wood, Pam White, Paul Simon, Jack Dwyer, Rick Nelson, Judy Ahrens, Elliot Feenstra. Written comments from Constance Palaia were also read.
- Board Chair then corrected misinformation around condoms and abortions – these services are not available at TRSD health centers. TRSD staff are committed to helping children.
- Board member Fischer-Maki gave thanks to fellow board members for allowing space and thanks to the public for coming forward. Member Wright added it is important and valuable to have public comment at our board meetings, regardless if we all agree.

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Sunny Wolf Charter School Annual Report**
  - Administrator Jody Hoffman gave her annual report to the board and provided information on the following: enrollment, curriculum, state assessment statistics, technology, the art program (funded by the SIA) and other special programs and initiatives taking place at the charter school.
- **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Curriculum Adoption Report**
  - Director Durrant provided the Board with information on the Oregon Health Standards, along with the history of the health curriculum adoption process. She then shared information on the Great Body Shop health curriculum that was selected by the committee for adoption. The health curriculum would be purchased with ESSER III dollars, approximately \$68,000.
  - There were some questions and discussion from board members.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution – May 1-5, 2023**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela read the proposed resolution declaring May 1-5, 2023, Teacher Appreciation Week.
  - Member Searle made a motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Week resolution. Member Fischer-Maki seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Southern Oregon Success Academy (SOSA) Termination of Charter Agreement**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that SOSA was voted to move to a charter on March 11<sup>th</sup>, prior to the pandemic. He recommended that SOSA be made a regular TRSD school and bring them back in the fold.

- Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to terminate the SOSA charter agreement. Member Searle seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **2022-23 Revised Student Calendar**
  - Deputy Superintendent Alderson explained that the revision to the current school year calendar changes the last day of school for students from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>. The additional day being added is due to the number of snow days.
  - Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the revised 2022-23 student calendar. Member Searle seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Planned Course Statements**
  - Intro to Early Childhood Learning
  - Best Practices in Early Learning
  - Early Learning Field Experience I
  - Early Learning Field Experience II
  - Early Education Practicum
  - Human Development
  - Deputy Superintendent Alderson stated that all the Planned Course Statements up for approval are related to child development and would provide the ability for a high school student to graduate with a certificate in early learning.
  - Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the Planned Course Statements. Member Wright seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Superintendent Contract**
  - Board Chair Johnstun brought forward the July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025, contract for approval. She stated that she has reviewed comparable superintendent contracts. She believes the contract is fair and recognized Superintendent Valenzuela's leadership and value to the district.
  - Member Wright made a motion to approve the July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025, superintendent contract. Member Fischer-Maki seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Fleming Seismic Early Procurement**
  - District Accountant Lisa Cross requested the board to approve Amendment 1 of the Vitus CM/GC Guaranteed Maximum Price contract, in the amount of \$430,000 for the Fleming Middle School Seismic Project.
  - Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the Amendment. Member Searle seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- There were none

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES.**

- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the District Office, 6:00 p.m.
  - Budget Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- Budget Committee (second meeting – if needed) – Tuesday, May 23, 2023
- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, June 14, 2023 (Changed from the 21<sup>st</sup>) at the District Office, 6:00 p.m.

Recess regular session at 6:00 p.m.

Reconvene in Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. under ORS 192.660(2)(i), Superintendent Evaluation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Johnstun adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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