

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2016**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

Danny York, Board Chair	Casey Alderson, Director
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair	Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Kara Olmo, Board Member	Debbie Breckner, Director
Paul Kelly, Board Member	Dave Valenzuela, Director
Ron Lengwin, Board Member	Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary
David Holmes, Superintendent	

Administrators: Darrell Erb/Williams Elementary and Applegate School Principal, Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal, Mark Higgins/Lincoln Savage Middle School Principal, Lori Conner/Lincoln Savage Middle School Assistant Principal, Daye Stone/Hidden Valley High School Principal, and Heather Yount/Fruitdale Elementary Principal.

CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in Executive Session under ORS 293.660(2)(f) *Review Records Exempt by Law from Public Inspection* and ORS 192.660(2)(d) *Collective Bargaining*

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:20 PM and Mr. York led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Ms. Olmo commented on the seniors in her life and the short time we have to make a positive impact. Ms. Dwyer said she was thrilled with the welding and manufacturing tech program at Illinois Valley HS. Mr. York was at OIT recently with his son for an orientation and there was quite a large group of IV students there, which was exciting. Mr. Lengwin commented on the building that was lost due to fire at Hidden Valley High School, luckily nobody was hurt and the cleanup looks done. He also shared there is a North Valley/Hidden Valley Club volleyball team that's doing quite well together. Mr. Kelly shared there is also an indoor soccer team made up with students from the two schools as well. Mr. Kelly attended the drama production at Hidden Valley and said it was amazing. It was very entertaining and very well done. Mr. Holmes thanked Evergreen Bank. They donated \$5,000 to Illinois Valley HS to assist with upgrading their alarm system due to the recent thefts. Secondly, he participated in a Learning Walk at Hidden Valley HS where they visited eight classrooms. Every one of the classrooms they visited were really fine examples of learning environments for our kids. Ms. Simons recognized Justin Tocher for getting \$4,000 in grant dollars from All Care to purchase three AED's for our schools that don't have them. Mr. Valenzuela shared that he was proud of his office. The Science Fair is kicking off and Kellie Lovell is

doing a great job in her first year overseeing the event. Ms. Allen-Hart participated in the Learning Walk at Madrona. She thanked principal Miranda Carpenter for the fantastic building she has. They saw a lot of great things going on in the classrooms. Mr. Alderson also commented on the Learning Walk at Hidden Valley. He saw some great instruction and some great teachers. One of our new teachers, Sarah Burstein, had a group of freshmen completely engaged in learning. Teacher Kim DeForest shared that the Language Arts department had the opportunity to get together and it gave them a chance to reflect on the last few years and update to move on. Principal Daye Stone shared that multiple teachers and administrators participated in the Rick Wormeli conference – it was very inspiring. Mr. Lengwin thanked Superintendent Holmes for his extra hard work to get the safety levy on the ballot. Principal Darrell Erb thanked the maintenance department. Applegate had no water today and they hustled to get it repaired in time for the Science Fair tonight.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Clean up of the burned house at Hidden Valley High School is complete. Relationships with the EPA and DEQ made working together very cooperative.
- A group of volunteers cleaned up the Hidden Valley High School baseball facility. He appreciates the community is willing to step up and help out.
- Kinder Launch is this week at all of our elementary schools. Explained what it is and the annual kinder round-up will still be happening in May.
- Asbestos – the completed update of the three-year plan for our entire district is now complete.
- Science Fair starts tomorrow.
- Safety levy is filed and it is Measure 17-71 on the ballot for the May 17 election.

HIDDEN VALLEY AREA REPORT

- Calder Wilson, representing Hidden Valley High School Student Leadership shared a slide presentation with what's going on at Hidden Valley.
- Madrona Elementary principal Miranda Carpenter was excited about the kids being experienced in high quality instruction each and every day. She commented on their intervention program and that their kindergarten had over 90% reading on grade level. It's a busy time of year – Science Fair, Kinder Launch, Jogathon coming up and Spring concert next week. They are focusing on transitions this time of year.
- Fruitdale Principal Heather Yount talked about her annual Science Night, which is a huge family night event with participation from numerous community organizations. She then talked about professional development and thanked the board for late start Friday's which gives them opportunities to focus on reading instruction, new curriculum and RTI. At least once a month they are developing classified staff as well.
- Applegate and Williams principal Darrell Erb shared the enthusiasm about the Friday professional developments. It is a great opportunity for peer to peer teaching and learning discussions. He also shared some school highlights: a concert by jam grass player Vince Herman which raised money for their strings program and Family Literacy Night at Williams. Science Night at Applegate.
- Lincoln Savage Middle School principal Mark Higgins recognized the three elementary schools that feed to Lincoln Savage for doing a great job. Sending kids that are ready to learn makes their job easier. He praised his staff and recognized assistant principal Lori Conner, who is new to our district this year. They are a 21st Century school and have been noted as a "Featured Program." They have been asked to share some of their insights in to what has made their program so successful. They are now offering eleven different after school activities and Showcase Night is coming up on the 16th. He then provided some testing statistics and shared that their track and field program has grown from 21 to 70 participants in the past three years.
- Hidden Valley High School principal Daye Stone shared they are preparing for accreditation and will meet with the exit team on April 7th. He talked about Friday professional developments and the benefits he is seeing at his school. He is starting a principal round table to have conversations with parents to get parent input to take back to Site Council. He also shared information on the new parent group started to deal with drug/marijuana and social media issues.

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 (Revised) – March 8, 2016
- Coaches – March 8, 2016 (2 Reports)
- Annual renewal, non-renewal, contract extension and non-extension of teacher and administrators as required by law.
- Out of State Travel Requests (4)
- Grant Requests (4)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Regular Session – February 16, 2016

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Kelly seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were none.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Chalkboard Grant Update**
 - Teacher Vicki DeStefano gave a presentation to the board with an update on how the Chalkboard Grant process is going which included some of the work the group has done.
 - Director Simons added there will be an interview process and members of the grant team will be interviewed by members of Chalkboard and ODE to determine if we are an implementation grant recipient; \$72 per ADMw which would be renewable for three years equals somewhere between \$335,000 and \$350,000 a year for the next three years.
- **Food Service Update**
 - Director Debbie Simons reported Food Service account is in the black about \$15-20,000.
 - The district's federal reimbursement is up \$40,000 year to date and there has been an increase in the number of breakfast, lunch and suppers that we are serving.
 - Working to add two more schools to the no charge program – Applegate and Fleming. Will leave just North Valley and Hidden Valley.
 - Still working on developing local connections.
- **Budget Preview**
 - Superintendent Holmes reported on the status of the current budget. We have increased our ending fund balance for this budget year over \$2 million.
 - We have a carryover of about \$2.5 million that will contribute to the revenues next year that will be matched with the new revenues from the state.
 - The numbers received from the state today are not good news.
 - 5% conservative estimate roll up cost from this year to next year – bottom line is we are seven figures short right now.
 - Will have a balanced budget to present at the first Budget Committee meeting in April for the committee to begin discussions on the budget for next year.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Budget Committee Opening – Zone IV (ACTION)**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross shared that there were three applications received for the open Budget Committee position but only one of the applicant resides in the open zone. She introduced that applicant – Thomas Davis.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to appoint Thomas Davis to the zone four Budget Committee position. Ms. Olmo seconded the motion.
 - There was some discussion and then Board Chair York called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Classified Employee Appreciation Week – March 7-11, 2016 (ACTION)**
 - Superintendent Holmes thanked the classified employees for their work and recognized the classified employees in attendance.
 - Mr. Holmes then read the board resolution recognizing our classified employees.

- **Board Policies – THIRD READING (ACTION)**
 - A. BBFA – Board Member Ethics and Conflict of Interest
 - B. BBFB – Board Member Ethics and Nepotism
 - Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve policies BBFA and BBFB. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair York called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Holmes asked for input regarding a starting time for the Budget Committee meeting on April 5th. The board agreed to begin at 5:00 and the scheduled work session will then begin at 6:00.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- April 5, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Budget Committee Meeting*
- April 5, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Work Session*
- April 19, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Evergreen Elementary – *Board Regular Session*

Board Chair York recessed the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. York reconvened Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dwyer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Danny York
Chairperson of the Board

David Holmes
Superintendent-Clerk