

THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a regular session, Monday, February 9, 2009 at Applegate School, 14188 Highway 238, Applegate, Oregon, Josephine County, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dave Strahan, Chairperson of the Board, Zone IV
Leslie Meier, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Zone III
Jim Weaver Member of the Board, Zone II
Phil Stephens, Member of the Board, Zone V
Dan Huber-Kantola, Superintendent-Clerk
Peter Maluk, Director of Elementary Education
Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources
Doug Ely, Director of Student Services
John George, Director of Secondary Education

PRESENT

ABSENT: Robert Litak, Member of the Board, Zone I

ABSENT

Also Present: Michael Morris/Food Service Manager, Lloyd Russell/
Maintenance Director, Linda Meier, Jim Tehan, Elly Lengwin,
Kevin McCaskill, Ronald Lengwin, Sandy Garoutte, Wayne
Brown, Thelma Goodnough, Gwen Bervard, Linda Kappen,
Patti Richter/Daily Courier, Shawn Hartford/Applegate School
Office Manager, Knicki Lucrezi, Dave Fuller/Principal, Dale
Fisher, Debbie Yerby, Lisa Percina, Paula Fisher, Judy
Wallace, MichelleGreen, Tasha Kahl.

ALSO PRESENT

Chairperson Strahan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Applegate Principal, Stephanie Allen-Hart introduced a group of students to perform a short square-dance. She then recognized her Rotary Students of the Year: Shelby LaPan—5th grade and Mckenna Norris—8th grade.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled '2008-09 Impact of State Economy' (*copy attached*). The current projected ending fund balance is projected to be \$2,390,000. Immediate action taken by the district is a ten percent reduction in discretionary budgets which amounts to a savings of \$250,000. The new potential ending fund balance then becomes \$2,640,000. The State Legislature has not yet taken action toward schools for the current budget year. The Education Stability Fund has \$390 million dollars available and the Federal Stimulus Package may be providing funds to schools. Even with Stability Fund and Stimulus dollars the impact to Three Rivers could be \$4 million. There are only three and one-half months left this year to absorb the deficit and only three things the District can do: Reduce the ending fund balance to a certain level, cut staff and reduce school days.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Board Chair Strahan opened up the meeting for community comments and there were none.

COMMUNITY
COMMENT

POLICIES—SECOND
READING

John George, Director of Secondary Education, presented the following policies for the second reading:

- IGBHA—Alternative Education Programs
- IKF—Graduation Requirements
- JB—Equal Education Opportunity

No changes were made to the policies since the first reading. Member Weaver made a motion to approve the policies. Member Meier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Breckner, Human Resources Director, presented policy JHFE, Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse, for the second reading. No change to this policy since the first reading. Member Stephens made a motion to approve. Member Weaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ESIS UPDATE

Director Breckner reported that the Illinois Valley has been connected. The District has been slammed with a huge virus that has effected nearly every computer we have. The technology staff has been working very hard to try and fix it.

TRIMESTER UPDATE

Parent surveys on the trimester were distributed during conferences. If you did not get one during conferences they will be mailing them home as well. The students have taken the trimester survey during school. The Trimester Implementation Team has met, a couple of things they were looking at were how to address the concern for time and also working on a draft calendar that puts the trimesters so that they end somewhere near a holiday. The calendar will be presented to the administrators at the next meeting to look over and get their input.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Director George reported that the committee has met twice. Tasks have been divided up among various members of the committee. Some of the things they will be looking at include: the Athletic Policy Manual, Athletic Handbook for Advisors, coaches evaluations, evaluations of the programs with parent/student input, and generating a long list of concerns that they will come back to the Board with to get input.

WOLD CREEK
SCHOOL CLOSURE

Superintendent Huber-Kantola thanked the members of the Wolf Creek Study Team and read a statement providing his recommendation for the closure of Wolf Creek elementary at the end of this year and sending the students to Manzanita (*copy attached*).

SPECIAL SESSION
FEBRUARY 26 AT
7:30 PM

Board Chair Strahan announced that the final decision will be made by the Board at the Special Session being held on Thursday, February 26th at 7:30 pm, at the District Office. He shared his concern for the younger kids and the bus travel and asked that if the Board should vote to close the school, he would like to be prepared to have some flexibility to work with the community and parents of the younger kids to explore options as to how we can give them some choices, and asked that we have some information in that regard.

SELMA COMMUNITY
CENTER

Jim Tehan, with the Selma Community Center shared the numerous activities and events that have taken place at the Community Center. He then asked that the lease be increased to a ten year commitment to enable the Community Center to expand their long-term goals. It is difficult to qualify for grants unless the lease is projected out for a long period of time. There have been solar panels put on the building and a pole shed and there is nearly \$70,000 in grants and contributions invested in the center. The center is run completely by volunteers, there are no paid employees.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola asked what would happen if the District were to some day want to sell the property? The last page of the proposed lease addresses the issue

by stating that if the Lessor (District) should receive an offer on the property, that the Selma Community would be given 120 days to meet the offer price.

Member Meier asked if the contract gives us the ability to terminate the lease if the property should be sold? She then stated how impressed she was with number of programs and things that they are doing at the center and what a great asset to the community the center is.

SELMA COMMUNITY
CENTER (CON'T)

Member Weaver asked what the lease says in regards to the District developing a need to use the property?

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that at this point the lease does not cover these issues. He then recommended that we copy some of the language that was in the Merlin lease which included the concerns mentioned.

Member Weaver also stated that there should be something about the investment made by the Selma Community Center, and how they would be properly compensated.

Member Meier asked that the lease be re-drafted to address the changes mentioned and then reviewed again at the next Board meeting. No objection to the ten-year lease as long as the provisions discussed were in place.

Member Weaver asked Maintenance Director Lloyd Russell if he gets out to the Center on a periodic basis to check things out and see how things are holding up, namely the roof?

Mr. Russell stated that he gets by there periodically and that there is a technician that goes in monthly to inspect the gym roof. The Community Center has done an excellent job of keeping up both the inside and outside; any time they want to make improvements, they always run them past him first.

Director Breckner stated that on January 23rd the District was audited by ODE's Food Service and Nutritional program in terms of what the District is offering, how we are offering it and how we are charging the program. We have an outstanding Food Service Director, in terms of what Michael Morris has been able to do with keeping the Food Service program viable. Overall, we got an outstanding report from ODE and they found no errors on our part in terms of processes and accounting guidelines for how we are billing and having our meals reimbursed. There were a few recommendations from the program that we need to take a look at in regards to staffing for next year. We have a couple of schools where additional staff to supervise kids in the cafeteria is not present on a regular basis (outside of the cafeteria staff). This will allow the Food Service staff the ability to focus on the meals rather than on student supervision. There were also some recommendations from ODE around the District Wellness Policy. Michael Morris and the Food Service did an outstanding job and received one of the best recommendations a district can receive.

TRIMESTER UPDATE

Superintendent Huber-Kantola brought forward the SOESD Service Plan Resolution for approval. The plan names four areas where they are going to put their dollars to use for districts:

1. Administrative Services - coordination of administrative funds throughout the district. (ie; Perkins Grants)
2. Programs for Special Needs, the bulk of the services that the ESD provides. They provide such things as autism training for our staff; we currently get

SOESD LOCAL
SERVICE PLAN

SEAS support, speech and language services and Early Intervention services.

3. School Improvement Service—provides for things such as workshops to write Consolidate School Improvement Plans, currently Steve Boyarski is serving as a mentor to our Superintendent and looking at potentially providing training to all of our administrative staff next year for the evaluation of supervision of teachers and PBS support.
4. Technology support—we are relying on them more now than we ever have, and they have been very responsive to us. They have been helping us with infrastructure.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola recommended that we, as a Board, agree with the service they provide in all areas.

Director Breckner commented that the relationship with Technology Services has improved greatly in the last couple of years and they do a great job for us.

APPROVED

Member Weaver made a motion to approve the continuation of the relationship with the ESD as recommended by the Superintendent. Member Meier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD
POSITIONS

Board Chair Strahan announced that there is an election the end of May and there are three School Board members whose terms will expire this year. The filing deadline is March 19th.

RESOLUTION APPROVED
UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented Resolution #08—Education Stabilization Fund, which urges the Legislature to immediately tap the state's Education Stability Fund and it's Rainy Day Fund for the purpose of significantly reducing the current funding shortfall effecting the public schools in Oregon.

Member Stephens made a motion to approve the resolution. Member Meier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that his earlier Superintendent's report has covered this.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Russell stated that he had nothing to add to his written report.

FOOD SERVICE REPORT

In addition to his written report, Mr. Morris stated that he is in the process of pushing summer food programs.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola asked if athletic teams that practice in the summer are eligible for free food and Mr. Morris responded that yes, they are.

Director Breckner shared that we are seeing a dramatic increase in the number of families who are applying and receiving free and reduced lunches. The number of folks that are qualifying for that program has increased significantly due to the economics in our community.

Mr. Morris stated that upon return from winter break there were over 100 new applications, and most of them were approved. The summer program is a great

opportunity to feed kids who may not have anything out there.

Member Meier moved to approve the consent agenda and member weaver seconded.
The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNED

Dave Strahan
Chairperson of the Board
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Dan Huber-Kantola
Superintendent-Clerk
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