

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2018**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Three Rivers 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

Kate Dwyer, Board Chair
Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Danny York, Board Member
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Debbie Simons, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Lisa Cross, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Daye Stone/Hidden Valley HS Principal, Steve Fuller/Williams & Applegate Principal, Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal, Alicia Timbs/Ft. Vannoy Elementary Principal and Penelope DiGennaro/Sunny Wolf Charter School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) "Superintendent Evaluation."

Ms. Dwyer recessed Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 PM and Ms. Dwyer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Ms. Johnstun judged the Speech and Debate Student Congress at North Valley and it was a phenomenal event and she was totally impressed. Ms. Dwyer attended an ACES training at Illinois Valley High School and she was so happy to see the whole trauma informed initiative moving through the whole community. She is proud of how that goal is permeating the district. Mr. Halsted shared the Hidden Valley girls are off to state. It is exciting to watch those girls play. Mr. Kelly went to College Nights at North Valley last week and the information they provided to parents who may not be aware of the whole process of going to college was very helpful and informative. Director Alderson attended the Rogue Community College STEMathlon. We had students competing in things such as robotics, automotive, welding, and manufacturing. Three Rivers made a great showing for our district and brought home many medals. Director Simons shared that she has been in 25-30 classrooms since January and has been very impressed with the quality of our new teachers. Director Allen-Hart presented at the Transition Conference in Portland, which is statewide conference where they focus on the 18-21 year old's and their job preparedness and career readiness. Superintendent Valenzuela shared some transportation difficulties out in the Selma area due to the snow. He shared how those First Student drivers showed up to Lorna Byrne, where the students were being held, and asked how they could help and arranged to get

those kids home safely.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Small Area Income Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) – He explained that is now how poverty numbers are figured for school districts. It is a survey that is sent out to the community. There is a joint letter that has been written by Southern Oregon superintendents to the Oregon Legislature that call for a change to this program because of the inequities it provides. As a result of the new poverty calculation it will equate to a decrease in 100 ADMw, which is approximately \$750,000. He pointed to an article in the Oregonian in which a study identified the top 20 poorest zip codes in the state of Oregon. Out of the twenty, #6 was Selma, #5 was Wolf Creek, #4 was Cave Junction, #3 was O'Brien and #1 was Kerby. Of the six poorest communities in the state – five of them are in Three Rivers School District. This information will be communicated to Carl Wilson who sits on a new committee at the state level for student success.
- School safety and security – On the 28th of February he and Director Alderson met with Sheriff Dave Daniel and Travis Schneider from Josephine County Sheriff's office. One outcome was that he assigned Ernie Fields to TRSD to start working with us on our Strategic Plan. He also met with Mike Mace and Mike Miner from Grants Pass Police Department. In most cases, the Grants Pass Police Department SWAT team would be first on the scene for us so we have opened up our campuses and communicated with our administrators that they will be visiting and touring around our campuses to familiarize themselves. From there we will make plans to better secure our schools and keep our students safe.

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 – March 2018
- Coaches – March 2018
- Annual renewal, non-renewal, contract extension and non-extension of teacher and administrators as required by law.
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)

Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the revised personnel report. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- A person (did not state her name or complete a comment card) spoke about the Riverbanks Road boundary change. She is opposed to her child being moved from Madrona to Ft. Vannoy due to the increased commute and having to change from the Hidden Valley community to North Valley.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Measure 98 Initiatives (Graduation Coaches)**
 - Director Alderson introduced the graduation coaches from the three high schools: Scott Thornhill (Illinois Valley), Danny Pratt (North Valley) and Dale Fisher (Hidden Valley). The graduation coach position was created this year to address our board goal of increased graduation rates and, specifically, communication to our parents and constituents at the high school level. Measure 98 was a bill that was passed to help infuse some funding in the high schools to help make a difference in academic success and graduation rates at the high school level. This new position has been a game changer to our high schools, due to increased communication we are no longer losing kids in the cracks.
 - Each of the graduation coaches provided data and reported to the board on the impact they are having in working with students and parents at each of their high schools.
 - There was discussion and comments from board members. Mr. Kelly also expressed an

interest in developing a more formal pathways model districtwide to implement in the middle and high schools so that kids have a big picture earlier. Hidden Valley principal Daye Stone added the importance of student led conferences to help students own their pathway.

- **Sunny Wolf Charter School Annual Report**

- Sunny Wolf Charter School Director Penelope DiGennaro provided her annual report to the board. They currently have 103 students enrolled in five classrooms K-5 with a classroom teacher and an assistant at every grade level. They are a School Wide Title I school. She has successfully applied and received grant money for an art program in the school where professional artists come to school and teach art lessons to students. She also provided information on the following:
 - Student assessment data
 - Attendance data
 - Financial reports

- **Boundary Realignment**

- Superintendent Valenzuela addressed the proposed boundary realignment and started off by reading an email from a parent concerned by the Riverbanks portion of the proposal and his response to that parent.
- He then presented a map with the proposed changes with impacts to Madrona Elementary School.
 - The section of Highway 238 between Murphy Creek and Watergap Road would send Madrona students to Williams Elementary. This option would impact Williams by 18 students.
 - Send all students residing on North Applegate Road to Applegate School. That would be 20 elementary students and 13 middle school students to Applegate.
 - All of Riverbanks Road to Ft. Vannoy. That would be a change of 21 students to Ft. Vannoy, 10 to Fleming and 10 to North Valley HS.
 - There are no financial savings on the proposed new bus routes with these changes. It is cost-neutral. The time on the bus is a wash as well.
 - All students will be given the opportunity to remain at their home school although parents would be responsible for the transportation.
 - An informational meeting with a couple of board members will be scheduled at Madrona Elementary soon. This will provide parents an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Board Policies – Second Reading**

- A. JHHB – *Trauma Informed Schools*
- B. KBA & KBA-AR – *Public Records*
- C. CM – *Compliance and Reporting on Standards*
- Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward the policies for second reading and board approval. He recommended the board adopt the policies as presented.
- Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve policies JHHB, KBA & KBA-AR and CM. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Classified Employee Appreciation Week**

- Superintendent Valenzuela read the resolution declaring March 5-9, 2018 as Classified Employee Appreciation Week.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Request for Naming of Facility – Illinois Valley High School Track**

- Director Alderson asked for approval to move forward with a committee to name the Illinois Valley High School track facility in honor of Janie Pope. He read a statement prepared by Robin Jackson sharing the background of Janie which included over 25

years of employment with Three Rivers School District and that she was a 1973 graduate of Illinois Valley High School. Mr. Alderson also shared his support for this project stating what she meant to that community was immeasurable.

- The next step is approval by the board to put a committee together that would involve Mr. Alderson, Principal Tanner Smith and other community members.
- Mr. York made a motion to move forward in the process and forming a committee. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Halsted asked about the challenge of hiring CTE instructors based on licensing requirements.
- Ms. Johnstun asked about the Blue Zones project. A presentation will be made to the board in the near future.
- Mr. Kelly asked that we address the Pathways subject by the end of the school year.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- April 4, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Work Session*
- April 18, 2018 – 4:00 p.m. Illinois Valley High School – *Board Regular Session*
 - Illinois Valley High School Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk