

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
September 19, 2017**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, September 19, 2017 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
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal, Erik Lathen/North Valley High School Principal, Daye Stone/Hidden Valley High School Principal and Alicia Timbs/Ft. Vannoy Elementary 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)(f) "*Records that are exempt by law from public inspection*" and ORS 192.660(2)(d) "*Collective Bargaining.*"

Ms. Dwyer recessed Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Dwyer made an amendment to the agenda adding item 12B – *Resolution (#02) to Transfer Appropriations from Contingency*. Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

DECISION ON THE MATTER DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Dwyer explained the Board will be keeping the specific subject matter and names confidential to protect their privacy. Mr. York made a motion to overturn the previous district decision. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Ms. Johnstun was grateful the district moved to the online registration process. There were some glitches but she appreciates how the district staff handled them as they came up. Also, the community is rallying around the incorporation of trauma informed practices and there is a presentation in Medford on October 17th – Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, a specialist in adolescent medicine and an amazing speaker. It's a great opportunity. Mr. York attended the Hidden Valley soccer game last night and gave a shout out to Serve GP as the stands look amazing. Ms. Dwyer shared that the Red & White night Open House at Illinois Valley HS was really well attended and really engaging for parents. They did a terrific job! Mr. Halsted gave a shout out to District staff – all of the teachers and administrators. We got off to a great start. He

spent a great deal of time at the fair this summer and commented on what an amazing FFA program we have. The 4-H kids were great as well. Also, the FBLA program got a great write up by the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) recognizing their excellence statewide as well as nationally. Mr. Kelly complimented the staff at North Valley HS which experienced a very rough start to the year due to the loss of a student. In talking with students and parents he feels the staff did a great job of bringing the community together in a situation you never want to see. Director Simons gave her positives to the HR team. They held their first ever hiring fair Thursday night and they had between 50-70 candidates attend. They did the bulk of the work in organizing the event. Between that and Open Enrollment for insurance there were a lot of late nights. Director Alderson gave a shout out to the district's three graduation coaches at the three high schools. They have been busy right out of the gate doing a lot of work with kids and really reaching out to the parents also. Director Allen-Hart thanked the Board for the additional FTE budgeted this year for special ed – it has made all the difference in the world at the startup of this year. She also invited the Board to stop by and see Jerome Prairie. The Transition Center and the work the students did this summer to spruce it up – it looks fantastic. Students are involved in the building itself as well as in their community work. Director Durrant gave a shout out to the new principals in the district: Lynn Eccleston at New Bridge, Steve Fuller at Applegate and Williams, Erik Lathen at North Valley and Alicia Timbs at Ft. Vannoy. They have been putting in countless hours to do what's best for their students and staff and it has really made a difference this year. Superintendent Valenzuela recognized the entire Three Rivers staff – school startup was a difficult week with the smoke. He visited many schools the first week and there was happy staff and smiling students with great things going on wherever he went.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Tomorrow he has a meeting with the Josephine County Commissioners at 8:00 to discuss their decision, or lack of decision, to not collect the construction excise tax (CET) in the future. He explained the history of the CET and the need for the funds to deal with deferred maintenance.
- Mr. Valenzuela had an interview on KAJO radio today, along with District 7 superintendent Kirk Kolb. Prior to the interview they discussed the Attention to Attendance initiative, which is Measure 98 funded. The initiative is based on building partnerships with our parents. All three of our high school principals are focusing into why our students are not coming to school. He also expressed the importance of CTE programs, as well as extracurricular activities that gets students attached to school. We are working to bring fun back to school and engage all students.
- There is a space issue at Madrona and it's getting worse. There are two large fifth grade classes with 35 students each along with the Lifeskills program bursting at the seams. There is not a viable space at Madrona – everything is being used. Possible scenarios include moving the boundary for Applegate and Williams, also looking at Highway 238. They are also exploring Riverbanks Road and the possibility of sending those students to Ft. Vannoy in the future. He will report his findings back to the Board. The other possibility is looking at a portable.
- The roof projects have been delayed. We have entered into an agreement with Wallace, who thought they could get to both of the projects, but it would impact the school day. Wallace was then delayed and by another project and cannot start our projects for this fall. We are going to make some extensive repairs and begin with the re-bid process in the winter time.
- Oregon Water Services has made contact and he is hoping to have some definitive information on Friday regarding OTE and the contract. He wants to start discussions with the Board in a work session soon regarding the North Valley Industrial Park and the Fleming wastewater treatment plant to discuss our options as a district.

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 – September 2017
- Coaches – September 2017
- Grant Requests (2)
- Out of State Travel Requests (7)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Regular Session – July 18, 2017
 - Board Special Session – August 9, 2017

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the revised coach's report. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly made mention that his name is on the coach's report, as well as his wife's. There was some discussion. Board Chair Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Kim DeForest, Lincoln Savage teacher – For the benefit of the new board members she introduced herself as the vice-president of the Three Rivers Education Association (TREA). She also announced the other officers: President - Julia Richardson, Secretary – Rob Harrington, and Treasurer – Dave Marks. She also shared the success of the Personal Learning Communities (PLC's) made possible with the Collaboration Grant. She recently moved from New Bridge to Lincoln Savage and it's exciting to see the way the regular district is working. She is excited about Oregon Battle of the Books.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Oregon English Language Learner Report**
 - Director Durrant provided the board with an updated report which provides some additional background data. She introduced ELL Coordinator Chuck Carpenter. Ana Ruiz Pulido is the ELL Assistant. Ms. Durrant explained the goal is to assess the students' knowledge on a scale of 1-5, then get them to a five and then move them out of the program. They still monitor the students for two years after they leave the program. This past year they were able to exit 21 of the students from the program – a testament to the hard work and intentional instruction received by Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Ruiz-Pulido and Mr. Svoboda gave to those students last year. The program is currently at 54 students. She then reviewed the *Oregon English Language Learner Report* data with the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Resolution (#01) to Allow Interfund Loans**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross explained that resolution #01 is just a housekeeping resolution. It allows us to transfer funds from the general fund to cover our special revenue funds.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve resolution #01 to allow interfund loans. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution (#02) to Transfer Appropriations from Contingency**
 - Ms. Cross explained this resolution is due to some large class sizes. The transfer will cover 2 licensed FTE (grade K at Fruitdale and grade 5 at Madrona) and 2 positions, a total of 1.62 FTE for educational assistants (Manzanita) and totals \$244,000.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve resolution #02 to transfer appropriations from contingency. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING OSBA EVENTS

- Talk to Shelly Quick if you would like to attend either event. Rich Halsted and possibly Jennifer Johnstun will be attending the OSBA Convention along with Superintendent Valenzuela.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Halsted would like to better understand the transfer process and what drives kids to change districts.

- Ms. Dwyer would like to discuss the possibility of eliminating and mailing of paper packets and changing to Chromebooks.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Work Session*
- Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – 4:00 p.m. Hidden Valley High School – *Board Regular Session*.
 - Hidden Valley High School Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk