

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2020**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met virtually via Google Meet for the regular board meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

PRESENT

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

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call vote was taken and all board members were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Mr. Halsted recognized the volunteer projects to paint the gym and flagpole at Williams Elementary by River Valley Church. It is an awesome paint job! Ms. Dwyer shared that Illinois Valley High School Principal Tanner Smith and Scott Thornhill made the trek to wilds of Takilma to visit a graduating senior in the area. She thought it was very brave and was so proud for them for making the extra effort to go out and celebrate our seniors. Mr. Kelly shared that at North Valley HS Mr. Patch is publishing select seniors every day on Facebook. It is really cool we are finding other ways to reach out to students and staff. He saw that Lorna Byrne principal Danny Pratt was recognizing teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. He also appreciated that the Daily Courier has taken the time to publish all of the spring sports previews, even though the season was lost for participants. Ms. Johnstun shared a picture of her family participating in the unique freshman orientation at North Valley High School. They are conducting it in a drive through fashion. She is grateful for the creativity and the ability to get things done for next year and make it fun. Mr. York shared that last week when he met with Mr. Valenzuela and Mr. Halsted for the agenda setting meeting and they talked about what the district is looking at doing to capture those kids who look at distance learning as the new option school-wise. The admin team is working at how to accomplish that and have something in place for the fall. Superintendent Valenzuela said his is a reflection of many of the things that were already said by board members. This week we began a small campaign to thank our administrators for the monumental effort that they are putting into things like the freshman orientation at North Valley or driving out into the wilds of the Illinois Valley to say hi to a senior and drop them off a goody bag. That is just a few examples of what our administrators are doing to support teachers to get out there and reach our students. One of the things that will get students to return to us in the fall is that caring connection that our teachers and administrators have made with them. A huge thank you to our administrative team!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- We are preparing for whatever comes our way. This afternoon he attended a Zoom meeting where they talked about what could it look like when we come back to school in August. He is planning to open doors as regular with all kids coming back to school and run our classes in school like we

were back on March 11th. We will no doubt have to change our behavior. We will have to change the way we clean, the way our traffic flows. His hope is that every kid comes back. We are also going to plan for a number of different tiers of opening up. Tier one: All open and everyone coming back; Tier two could be perhaps we have to utilize different classrooms and smaller class sizes; Tier three could be something like part of our students coming on one day and part on another day. The state has promised us guidance by early June for the fall. Our response will also include the eventuality if we should have another outbreak after the school year begins. We will be prepared and have plans to address that.

- The concept of how we address the idea that some students have found more success in a distance learning environment. Some students are thriving in this environment and there are some students we have to support quite a bit more than normal. The traditional brick and mortar is what a lot of our students need. We will be presenting the idea of the Three Rivers Success Academy. We hope to give students a range of options.
- We continue to look for ways to celebrate our students. Graduation plans are in the works. We are also looking to do some eighth grade and fifth grade recognition. We are going to heavily invest on the back side and be welcoming kids transitioning in the fall.

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 – May 2020
- Athletic Coaches – May 2020
- Draft Minutes of previous meetings:
 - Board Regular Session – April 15, 2020
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- There were none received.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- Woodland Charter School Annual Report
 - Woodland administrators Wensdae Davis (Education Director) and Alana Goldstein (Business Director) reviewed their annual presentation with the board which included:
 - 2019-2020 Accomplishments
 - Academic achievements
 - Social emotional achievements
 - Woodland at Home distance learning program
 - Continued plans for improvement - SSA/SIA and curriculum development
 - The board members responded with some positive comments and questions.
 - The board asked them to be prepared next year to respond with a data analysis regarding the graduation rates of Woodland Charter School students.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Chartwell's Food Service Contract**
 - Rob Saunders shared that the contract with Chartwell's has been approved by ODE. We have been working with Chartwell's transitioning specialist and excited about the efforts that have already been taking place to make the transition as smooth as possible. We are expecting our new Food Service Manager to be on site on the 8th of June and start working with Food Service Office Managers and start weekly meetings. On-site trainings will be happening. We also are expecting an executive chef which will provide additional resources and training to our kitchen staff. Agreements are also in place with our existing food vendors. We are excited about the possibilities and growing the food program up.

- Ms. Dwyer asked if there has been any discussion about Styrofoam packaging? Mr. Saunders responded that they have talked about it with Chartwell's and there is environmentally friendly packaging available. They are also going to get student input and feedback.
 - Mr. Kelly would like to see the survey that they send out to the kids. He is curious to see what the survey has in it and how to problem solve the issues. Student choice is extremely important.
 - Mr. York would like to see them do a district-wide approach to being compostable.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Chartwell's food service contract. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Social Studies Adoption**
 - Director Durrant presented, along with three colleagues, the recommended social studies curriculum adoption. It has been eighteen years since the district has had a social studies adoption. Since December she has had eleven elementary teachers, four middle school teachers and five high school teachers meet to review the options available.
 - Courtney Tucker, Elementary – They reviewed three options and decided on *K-5 Studies Weekly*.
 - Jennifer Parsons, Middle School – The committee reviewed three options and recommend the *Cengage National Geographic* curriculum.
 - Aaron Skinner – The high school committee reviewed two publishers and selected the *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt* curriculum for the high school level.
 - The total cost for the adoption is \$168,460. The funds will come from the current general funds and also the curriculum carryover that has been saved. No part of the cost will be carried over to next year. Each of the publishers will be offering some training this spring. The teachers also be given eight hours of paid time for each teacher to become familiar with the curriculum over the summer.
 - There were some comments and questions from board members.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the recommended social studies adoption materials. Mr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Halsted called for a five-minute break at 7:10 p.m.

Board Chair Halsted reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

- **Interdistrict Transfers**
 - Director Allen-Hart reported that interdistrict transfer laws require that the district set a cap for incoming transfers each school year. The board will need to determine the number of slots open for students transferring to TRSD for 2020-2021. Her proposal to the board is to maintain what we have done the last few years and have the 70 slots: 40 at high school, 7 at middle school and 23 at elementary. The district can always open more slots if the need arises.
 - Ms. Allen-Hart responded to some questions from board members.
 - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the recommendation to open 70 slots for interdistrict transfers. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Ausland Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Contract**
 - Ms. Cross requested the board approve the two contracts for the guaranteed maximum price for Illinois Valley and Hidden Valley High School seismic projects. Ausland has received all of the subcontractor bids after a thorough inspection.
 - Mr. York expressed concern for the 28-1/2% increase from what the original contracts were. Before the additional amount is approved, he requested the "bullet points" for the increased amount. Ms. Cross reviewed the additional items.
 - After further discussion by the board, it was decided that the item will be tabled and will be an action item at a Board Special Session next Wednesday, May 27 at 3:45. Representatives from Ausland and HMK will be in attendance for the meeting to provide additional information and answer questions.

- **TRSD Support for OSP's Josephine County Office to Stay Open**
 - Board Chair Halsted reported that this is something that he and Member Dwyer had a conversation about. It has been reported in the Daily Courier that the Grants Pass OSP office will be closed. OSP is critical for the major roads traveled by our families and busses, as well as response for some of our more remote places within the school district. He would like to send a signed letter/resolution from the board asking that the closure be reconsidered.
 - Ms. Dwyer shared that in the Illinois Valley Highway 199 is identified nationwide as a dangerous road. According to ODOT statistics Monday afternoons are classified as the most dangerous and deadly time of the week for accidents. This is while our busses are running. After much work, a safety corridor has been established between Selma and Cave Junction. One of the most key aspects of the safety corridor is a significant increase in OSP patrol. If they shut down the Grants Pass substation, officers would be coming from Central Point to patrol that road.
 - Mr. Halsted added that one of the main reasons he voted for the four-day school week was the extremely large area our district covers and the safety of that. This is a huge concern for him.
 - After some discussion it was decided that Ms. Dwyer would draft a resolution and bring it forward for board approval at the special session next week.
- **Superintendent Contract**
 - Board Chair Halsted brought forward the superintendent contract for board approval.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve the 2020-2023 superintendent contract. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Memorandums of Agreement for Licensed and Classified Staff**
 - Director Alderson shared that he has been working with both bargaining groups (licensed and classified) as when the district went into a distance learning model it changed the rules of the game and expectations for staff, so some MOA's had to be written around that. We have two MOA's regarding the WorkShare pieces with the furlough days and then also the licensed group's COVID/school closure time MOU. He is looking to get all three of them approved. We have agreements from both groups on all three of them. The four-day conversations are also ongoing. The classified contract has been ratified and they are putting it out to staff for a vote. We have started the full process with the licensed contract last Wednesday and are knee-deep in negotiations right now in a full contract reopener.
 - Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve the classified WorkShare MOA. Mr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 4-0, Mr. Kelly abstaining (his wife is a classified employee).
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve the WorkShare and Covid-19 MOA's for licensed staff. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 4-0 (Mr. Halsted abstaining (his wife is a licensed employee)).

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Board Special Session, Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 3:45 p.m. - VIRTUAL
- Board Regular Session, Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Rich Halsted
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk