

THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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BOARD MEETING

REGULAR SESSION

September 20, 2010

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Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a regular session, Monday, September 20, 2010 at the Three Rivers District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Dave Strahan, Chairperson of the Board, Zone IV Bob Litak, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Zone I Jim Weaver, Member of the Board, Zone II Ron Lengwin, Member of the Board, Zone V Leslie Meier, Member of the Board, Zone III Dan Huber-Kantola, Superintendent-Clerk Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources Doug Ely, Director of Student Services John George, Director of Secondary Education Peter Maluk, Director of Elementary Education	PRESENT
Also Present:	Lisa Cross, Dave Bracken/Aramark, Betty Sumega, Carlie Wiley-Wolter, Carlos Gutierrez, Steve Jones, Kimberly Watson, Dave Marks, Nancy Johnston, Susan Scheufele/SWCS, Sherry Zottola, Claudia Dow, Bonnie Cameron, Devon Dorn, Yvonne Hughes, Heidi Marks, Julia Richardson, Patti Richter/Daily Courier, Debbie Yerby, Phil Biencourt, Rick Draper, Kathy Ryan, Sally Clements, Jim Early, Jackie Gray, Van Granger, Wanda Reynolds, Daniel Burdis, Rene Hults, Amy Lieser, Sharon Fisher, Pamela Katz, Gabrielle Calderon, Teresa John, Kari O'Brien, Auna Bumgardner, Steven Stuckey, Jim Stublefield, Jessica Coppes, Kellie Lovell, Kim DeForest, Jason DeForest, Rena Logan, Jennifer Tudor, Quinn Arrington, Michael Morris/Food Service Director, Chaix Klumpp, Ken Klumpp, Jennifer Wagner, Kurt Davy, Dawn Davy, Carol Hickey, Kevin Marr, Becca King and Shelly Berry/Recording Secretary.	ALSO PRESENT  CALL TO ORDER  SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board Chair Strahan called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola gave a demonstration utilizing dumb bells and weights. He had members of the audience guess how much weight was on the bar.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola then presented the current Enrollment Report for the district which showed the projected enrollment for this year based on birth rates as well as the projection based on rolling-up the number of students from the previous year to the next grade. The district was projected to have 5007 students this year. We currently have 4944 kids enrolled in our schools plus 43 kids from Sunny Wolf Charter School which gives us a total of 4986 students in school. Next year it is projected that we will have about 4915 kids in our district, including about 53 kids at Sunny Wolf Charter School. The numbers are down at the elementary schools in our Hidden Valley area. Superintendent Huber-Kantola announced that on Thursday,

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT (CONTINUED)

October 28 we will be conducting a Board Workshop to begin looking at how we can take a district of 4900 kids and adequately provide for them.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that this is an interesting financial time for us and for the state. In May we got one prediction from the state of what our funding would look like. About a week later in May, we got another prediction of what school funding would look like for this year, and it was lower than the first prediction. For our district, it was \$2 million lower. In August we found out that the Federal government passed the Jobs bill, and for us it looked like about \$1 million more coming to our district. That lasted about two days when the state came out and said the State funding is going to drop as least as much as the Federal Jobs bill produced. So we are back in the same place as we were before the Federal Jobs bill came out.

The weights weighed 245 pounds. There were guesses ranging from 200 to 500 pounds. When we look at the budget stuff, it is right in front of us—but it is what it is; it can't be made any bigger. Perception is a lot of it. There is a perception in the Manzanita area that says we have this budget and we have '500 pounds' - we need to place some more money in third grade because the classes are too big. They are right, and more money should be placed in third grade, but unfortunately we don't have '500 pounds' we only have '225 pounds'. There is a perception with the teachers that says 'you've got 500 pounds and you need to place more of it to other things'. The teachers are right except we don't have '500 pounds' we only have '225 pounds'. Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated he wished that we had more money to put in to the coffers both for Manzanita school, and other schools. He expressed his wish that we had more money for teacher insurance and more resources so that we don't have to potentially cut 15-17 days of school. Unfortunately we only have '225' pounds.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented a slide that shows the Superintendent of Schools and when you look at the increase between 2003-2005 and 2009-2010. The Legislature has stated they will put their increase in to: Education—16.7%, Human Services, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Other Programs, etc. Human Services has increased 69.4%, while education increased 16.7%. The other programs listed increased 47.2%, 44.8%, 74.8%, 35.2%, while K-12 education has increased 16.7%. That is a common fight that we can all fight. The 'pie' is the same size, but the slice of pie that is given to each one of those agencies is something that we need to band together and let them know it's not okay for 16.7% of the pie increase to happen to education while almost 70% is happening in Human Services.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that we had an incident in the North Valley area where we had a potential person with a hand gun in the area. After it was over we found that Principals and staff did a great job. There were some minor things we need to work on. We need to make sure it is not a drill, that it is very serious when those things happen and they are real. There were some walkie-talkie issues. It was a good learning experience for us. We will iron out those things identified that we need to do better at.

RECOGNITION OF  
EXCELLENCE

Board Chair Strahan presented outgoing Board Chair Jim Weaver a plaque and thanked him for his year of service as Board Chair. This was Mr. Weaver's second round serving as Board Chair. It is a huge time commitment to serve on the Board, and even more so being Board Chair.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Strahan stated that we changed the order of our agenda this year and moved the Consent Agenda near the top of the meeting so that folks can exit after the matters on the Consent Agenda are addressed. Member Litak stated he will be abstaining from the vote as he was not at the July meeting. Member Weaver moved to

approve the Consent Agenda. Member Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously with Member Litak abstaining.

CONSENT AGENDA  
APPROVED

Board Chair Strahan stated that at this point of the meeting we are opening up the meeting for up to 20 minutes of Public Comment.

COMMUNITY  
COMMENTS

Teacher Sherry Zottola thanked everyone in attendance for coming out to support her or just support the Negotiations team. She thanked some of her students for showing up as well. Ms. Zottola read a prepared statement expressing concern over the 'Status of Negotiations Update' letter that was sent out to all staff by the Superintendent.

Board Chair Strahan challenged some of the things that were stated by Ms. Zottola. Perhaps her misunderstanding was due to the fact that she was out of the loop, had only recently attended a Union meeting and this is the first Board meeting she has attended. He welcomed her to attend future negotiation sessions as they are open to the public, as well as Board meetings.

Teacher Sharon Fisher commented on the inaccuracy of the items reported in the Daily Courier. Ms. Fisher also expressed her concern over safety due to the number of students in her classroom.

Member Meier responded that we need assistance with solutions to address our financial situation. The upcoming Board Workshop is important and we encourage people to attend and provide input to plan for the future. It is also important for people to contact their legislators and do other proactive things to help get us the needed funding. The bottom line is that we have 'X' number of dollars and what are the choices we're supposed to make. We don't want to take away raises or cut days for students and teachers. But, we have funding issues due to the way the state does business. Member Meier also stated that every time bargaining comes around she asks for a comparison of how our teachers are compensated compared to other districts around the state. Historically, including the one received earlier this year, Three Rivers School District's total compensation package is up near the top; we can't afford to continue to do that. The Board values the teachers in this district. The Board is just trying to do the best they can with what there is to work with, and again invited the public to participate in upcoming workshops and board meetings.

An unidentified patron asked if the classified gets better insurance than the teachers do? Then asked why we have to get rid of the teachers and not the classified?

Human Resources Director Breckner responded that the other employee groups have agreed to cuts. Last year, for example, the administrators took a reduced cost of living increase. Other staff groups have sacrificed; they have given up days and have taken other cuts as well, and were asked to do the same this year as well.

District Therapist Betty Sumega asked if everything is on the table in terms of looking at the whole district and having to reduce our expenses?

Director Breckner responded that on May 8th we were dealing with a potential \$2 million cut. By May 27th we were dealing with a \$4 million cut. Many reductions have already been made. We made a 10% reduction in discretionary spending across the board. We have made a number of staff reductions.

Member Meier reiterated that the Board stated they want all options on the table and open for discussion. There is nothing that the Board does not want to look at and consider.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS  
(CONTINUED)

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that he appreciates those that showed up to the Board meeting and came forward and spoke. This is a difficult time for everybody. When he came out and talked with all of the schools at the end of last year, prior to the May meeting, we were looking at having to cut eight days. A week later we received word from the state that it would be much deeper. Right now we know what we think the state is going to give us for funding, in November it is possible that the State could come back and say the revenue forecast is less than what it was in August.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola responded that he really does not like for our kids and our staff that we are talking about cutting up to fifteen school days. That would be the first thing that would come back. From there you have to talk about potentially adding back benefits for insurance, salaries, etc. But starting with a full school year is number one. It's fair to the teachers and the kids.

A teacher stated that she realizes how serious the economic downturn is. Her concern is that it's not just about the idea of taking a pay freeze or steps for a short amount of time, but writing it into contract language that it might be extended longer than the intent for it to be as teachers.

Teacher Becca King stated that she is having \$4800 per year taken out of her check for insurance. What she really needs is catastrophic insurance. She is open to other insurance options and why isn't something like that available for teachers?

Director Breckner responded that there are other options to be considered. Every employee group had some options that were different. Director Breckner recommended participation on the group's insurance committee.

Board Chair Strahan recommended attending her group's bargaining sessions and provide input to her group.

Member Litak asked Director Breckner, for clarification purposes, if there were other options available to other employee groups, and they were also available to the teachers, but their leadership chose not to avail themselves of those choices that would have been less expensive?

Director Breckner responded that is correct.

Teacher Jim Early stated that there were no other districts that he knows of in Oregon that were on the trimester system with no prep period. Mr. Early asked with worsening working conditions, the lowest insurance cap in Southern Oregon and the move towards an imposed contract, how is the district going to attract outstanding teachers in the future?

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that he hopes the situation we are in is temporary. We don't know what the legislature is going to do in the next biennium. The forecast isn't great for the next biennium. The forecast that he has seen is slightly better than status quo. Superintendent Huber-Kantola has met with every legislator in our area twice between May and the end of the summer. We were successful at stopping the potential to reduce transportation reimbursement even more. Member Meier is working with a group of people and now have a legislator that is willing to introduce legislation to change the small school funding. Superintendent Huber-Kantola and John George have both met with State Superintendent Dr. Castillo.

Teacher Carlos Gutierrez stated that he came here for facts. He sees the

Superintendent and School Board as people of integrity trying to do their best. "You can't take blood out of a turnip". Mr. Gutierrez also stated that he was an Educational Assistant for three years and know what kind of salary they make. He would personally take a cut in pay before he sees Educational Assistants lose their jobs.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS  
(CONTINUED)

Secondary Education Director John George stated that he had met with State Superintendent Castillo last spring at Fleming Middle School when she visited the school to congratulate them on their continued success. Director George shared with Dr. Castillo that there are a lot of good things going on in our school district in spite of the current financial issues we are facing. Director George announced that all three of our high schools met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Six out of our seven secondary schools met Adequate Yearly Progress as well. As of last week the district had six of our fifteen schools recognized as 'Outstanding'. The schools include: North Valley High School, Hidden Valley High School, Fleming Middle School, Applegate School, Manzanita Elementary and Williams Elementary. We are one of the very few school districts (fewer than 15% in the state) that do not have schools ranked below 'Satisfactory'.

ASSESSMENT DATA AND  
AYP REPORTS

Director George commented on the Comparison Reports that were included in the Board packets. The reports are available for anyone who wants to see them. We have some places that we need to focus. Math is still a significant goal in our district. Writing is also an issue that we need to work on in terms of instruction.

Board Chair Strahan stated the information was very well put together, congratulated the people in the district and let them know they were appreciated.

Federal Programs Director Peter Maluk stated that it is ironic that we are measured by an Oregon State Report Card and we are measured by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) which talks about Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) which we have not achieved as a district because of math scores, but also because of the scores started at 50%, 60%, now we're up to 70% this year and will keep rising to 100% by 2014, which is an unrealistic measure. This district has shown it's success in many different ways. It's more than just data. You can't measure a child by a ruler or by an arbitrary test score.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented the six Board goals which came from the Board Workshop that was held on August 25th:

BOARD GOALS

1. Deliver a high quality academic program that meets the individual needs of Three Rivers School District students.
2. Provide a safe and respectful school learning environment.
3. Strengthen community connections.
4. Strengthen the working relationship amongst all employees of the Three Rivers School District.
5. Improve student retention and engagement by establishing and strengthening intentional relationships with students.
6. Provide careful stewardship of District resources to ensure long term sustainability.

The Superintendent Goals were reviewed:

SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

1. Deliver a high quality academic program by continuing focus on student engagement.
  - a. Improve classroom instruction by continuing focus on student engagement.

SUPERINTENDENT GOALS  
(CONTINUED)

2. Provide safe and respectful learning environments.
  - a. Full implementation of *Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports* (PBIS) at all schools in Three Rivers School District.
  - b. Develop an action plan to address the high incident level of student use of alcohol.
3. Strengthen community connections.
  - a. Increase the amount and effectiveness of school to home communications.
  - b. Enhance the first impression impact of all schools and the District Office.
4. Strengthen the working relationship amongst all employees of the Three Rivers School District.
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5. Improve student retention and engagement by establishing and strengthening intentional relationships with students.
  - a. Oversee and lead the District's improvement of student retention and engagement.
  - b. Develop an action plan to address strengthening of intentional relationships with students.
6. Provide careful stewardship of District resources to ensure long term sustainability.
  - a. Develop an action plan to provide careful stewardship of District resources to ensure long term sustainability.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that he does not have all the answers on how to make all of these things work with the financial situation that we have been given. Community input, teacher input, Board input, Classified input and everybody's input truly is welcome as we work together to develop the plan as to how we get there.

## DISTRICT PILLARS

Superintendent Huber-Kantola discussed the four district pillars that we have been working on for the last several years:

1. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
2. Intentional Relationships
3. Continuous Instructional Improvement
4. Student Engagement

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated it took a lot of work to achieve the accomplishments that Director George shared earlier. He challenged anyone to go find another district in Oregon where all three high schools, or multiple high schools, met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). He believes Three Rivers is alone in that accomplishment, and that is due to the teachers in our district. One of the biggest areas of need under Continuous Instructional Improvement is in mathematics. Specifically, mathematics when it comes to students with disabilities. Directors Maluk, Ely and George have done a lot of work together and will continue to work together to

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make all of the Special Educations kids our kids. This is an area that we have got to show improvement mathematically.

Director Maluk presented the electronic Continuous Improvement Plan (eCIP). The last one completed was done for 2007-2009, which was put together by Jann Taylor. There was a year off due to the fact that they switched it to an electronic web-based program. Last December a group from our district volunteered to be reviewers of the first set of plans, then came back and started to write the new plan in January. The goals in the eCIP are congruent with the District's goals and the Superintendent's goals. We are looking at the graduation rate as a way of measuring. Both of our goals need to have a measurable component. Student engagement is the umbrella, it is a component of many things: instructional practice, teacher's ability to differentiate and check for understanding and motivate students. But it is also the conditions that we create as a school district, and one of those is the intentional relationships between staff and administration. More than staff, it's also relationships the teachers create with their students.

Director Maluk went through a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

*Goal #1: Starting in June, 2011 and each year following, TRSD will improve the graduation rates of students 5% a year by a concerted and systemic K-12 effort to improve student engagement and teacher performance.* Including the student engagement, which is a lot of the cooperative learning structures we have been training staff in, research shows that students learn best by doing, being engaged and problem-solving with each other. We have also included in this goal the development of motivational and attitude change in students. We have included aspects of technology, new teacher development, ELL and Special Education activities to make our teachers more effective in dealing with students and a better understanding of how these students learn. It also includes transitions between elementary to middle and middle to high school. It includes PBS, attendance initiatives, counseling and advisory programs and alternative programs, and the development of climates in schools.

*Goal #2: In June 2011, 70% and in June 2012 80% of all K-12 students will meet or exceed state standards in mathematics as measured by the ODE Oaks Assessments.* The new math standards have opened a lot of questions for teachers. Professional development is necessary. Our demographics are worsening in the sense of socio-economic status. Director Maluk reported that he is the person that okays every homeless child that comes across the district's threshold. Our district is has the second highest percentage of childhood poverty according to the U.S. Census. The size of our district kills us with the amount of money we pay on transportation.

Member Meier commented that this is all really good information that we need to talk about when we have our meeting on the 28th. We need to be advocating because of these unique challenges and the resources to deal with them.

Member Weaver asked if our math textbooks are going to be adequate to meet the new standards for the state? Director George responded that they are not currently aligned with the new standards. We have spent a significant amount of time last year with the high school and middle school staff in breaking out the new standards and finding where the holes are in the textbooks and providing supplementary resources or ideas for those. Director Maluk stated he had met with all of the elementary staffs the last few weeks and we put a waiver on purchasing textbooks for math and science. He assured them that elementary math would be a number one priority as far as administration is concerned. There is a benefit in waiting another year or so. Teachers need to see what the needs are. The publishers need to catch up with that as well. We are looking at it as an opportunity in the next year to find the right program, and hopefully the funds will be there.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that our teachers do a great job of getting kids to standards, whatever the standards are. Eventually we are going to have to get them better tools to work with.

Board Chair Strahan adjourned for a five minute break at 9:00 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:09 PM.

SUNNY WOLF CHARTER  
SCHOOL UPDATE

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported that the Sunny Wolf Charter School (SWCS) started well with 43 students. There are only 9-10 students that would have been at Manzanita this year who are at SWCS. During the enrollment presentation it was announced that our district has 4944 kids, and that does not include the Sunny Wolf kids. When you include those kids, we have close to 5000. The district, because of the way the declining enrollment happens; those kids will help us next year, they will count as our kids and we will be paid as a district on the kids that are in Sunny Wolf just as they were our kids. We will pay money to the charter school for the kids that are in their school next year, but the district as a whole will also receive funds from the kids who are currently at Sunny Wolf. When you consider that there are 43, and only nine or ten were from Manzanita to begin with, that means that we lost 33 less kids because of the charter school that we will get to count for next school year. They also received the second implementation grant. They will now be able to move forward with the purchasing of textbooks, desks, chairs and other needs.

Susan Scheufele reported that they received the maximum grant possible which was \$225,000.

Director Maluk reported that he met with First Student Manager Rowdy Bates last week to review bus transportation regarding efficiency, time pick-up times, routes, etc. For the Wolf Creek routes, the district maintains the two routes in Wolf Creek for our elementary schools, not knowing if the kids were going to go to Sunny Wolf or Manzanita. Upon review, one of the routes, A-20, which is all in Wolf Creek, there are no Three Rivers kids on that entire route. Also a portion of A-19, which also encompasses some of the Wolf Creek and Sunny Valley area, has no Three Rivers kids either. As a result, per a conversation Director Maluk had with Mr. Bates, the District can save about \$300 a day by cutting the one entire route, and a portion of the other route. This will definitely impact the Charter, but as we agreed when contracted, it is not our responsibility to provide transportation. It's our responsibility to provide the option on any established routes. Director Maluk also spoke with our attorney, and was advised that we don't need to maintain a route if there are no Three Rivers students. Director Maluk stated he would like to give them an adequate timeline to try figure out their alternatives. The 20% received by our district does not cover transportation. It covers the district's administrative costs such as his time, and the time of our district accountant.

Susan Scheufele responded that her biggest concern is the kids. They need to have enough time to confirm in fact there are no Three Rivers kids on those buses. Ms. Scheufele stated that does not feel it is in Three Rivers of Sunny Wolf's best interest to notify parents that in two weeks they will no longer have transportation to school. These are parents who, for a lot of them, do not have transportation for their kids. These are not parents who can get their kids to school unless we have some way to get them there. She respectfully requested that the Board give them time to figure out what the alternatives are for them.

Member Strahan asked Ms. Scheufele what her request would be in terms of a timeline. Ms. Scheufele responded that thirty days seemed reasonable.



- TRANSFER UPDATE Member Meier stated that the request seems reasonable, but we were clear when we created the Charter that the District can't fund that expense.
- SECOND READING—POLICY JFHH The Board agreed to give Sunny Wolf Charter School thirty days to get an alternative plan in place, which is October 20th.
- APPROVED Director George reported that there are currently 234 transfer requests either in or out of the district. At this point in time we have an even number of students leaving and coming in to our district, so we have a zero deficit in terms of transfers. 61 Transfers were approved to come in to our district and 61 were approved to leave our district.
- SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROVAL Human Resources Director Debbie Breckner presented policy JFHH, *Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Contact with Students* for the second reading. This policy is a new requirement stemming from House Bill 2062. At that time there was some questions as to why use the word 'conduct' versus 'misconduct'. She reported that in the enrollment packets that went home to parents, the wording was changed to 'misconduct' to make it more clear. However, her recommendation in the adoption of the policy is that it remain as written in the law.
- APPROVED Member Weaver moved to approve policy JFHH and member Meier seconded. Member Meier asked Director Breckner why the policy does not outline the consequences if an employee were to violate the policy. Director Breckner explained that it depends on what the circumstances are. Just as in any staff disciplinary issue, those things are treated individually. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.
- OSBA CONVENTION Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented the document that was discussed at the Budget Hearing for approval. This action would move the Sunny Wolf Charter School budget to the 7000 Fund so they can be accounted for individually. There is a total budget amount of \$241,797, which is higher than what the actual will be but that is the current budgeted amount. It is anticipated it will actually be about \$212,000 by the time we requisition 80% of the ADMw to the Charter School. Member Weaver moved to approve the Resolution to Adopt Supplemental Budget and Appropriate Funds. Member Meier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVED Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported that the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) Convention is being held November 11-14, 2010 in Portland. At the August Workshop it was discussed as to whether or not we want to send some representatives to the convention. A couple of things that we will be dealing with in the near future such as online schools and alternative schools will be topics discussed at the convention. The Board needs to determine whether it wants to send representatives to the meeting or whether they want to send everybody. Given the topics and our timing, Superintendent Huber-Kantola recommended that we send at least representatives to the meeting, and gather that information. There will also be many workshops on Charter Schools, online schools, and legal advice. Our district is going to be facing both of those issues again this year. We have another charter school potentially making application to come into the district.
- RENEWAL OF 2010-2011 CONTRACTS After Board discussion it was determined that three members would attend: Members Lengwin, Weaver and Board Chair Strahan expressed interest in attending. The Board Members that attend will come back and share the information in a workshop. Member Meier moved to send three Board Members to the OSBA Convention. Member Litak seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVED Director George presented the 2010-2011 contracts for Inn Sight/Court School and Boys and Girls Club alternative education for approval. The Inn Sight contract was

revised this year to decrease the up-front cost. There was no cost increase in either contract from last year.

## APPROVED

Member Weaver moved to approved both contracts. Member Meier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Bracken stated he had nothing to add to his written report unless there are questions.

Member Weaver asked if the slabs have been poured yet for the new boilers. Mr. Bracken responded that they have not. The pipe fittings have been ordered and they are expected to be installed within the next two weeks. The slabs will be poured at the end of that and they will set for a month or so waiting for the silos to come in. The silos will be installed and the boilers should be placed at Evergreen and Illinois Valley High School around the end of this year.

Member Weaver asked how many times the silos will need to be filled each heating season. Mr. Bracken estimates two to three times during the winter months. The boilers will come with two full silos of fuel as part of the deal.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola mentioned it is important to remember that most of the projects done this summer time were paid for through Excise Tax money. This is the first year we have had Excise Tax money. We have not had to utilize much of the Capital Projects money to pay for the projects that have been completed. The bio-mass boilers are being substantially paid for out of ARRA dollars. We are currently sending in another proposal, due to the fact that other places did not complete the projects, that they were awarded, there is some left over ARRA dollars. We are submitting a second request about paying for more of the bio-mass boilers. We are also looking at a Seismic Rehabilitation grant for Ft. Vannoy.

Member Meier commented that is great to see the energy savings going on in the district. We have saved almost \$120,000 over a three-year span.

Board Chair Strahan complimented maintenance on how well the schools look and asked Mr. Bracken to pass this on to his crew.

Board Chair Strahan also commented that we need to do a better job of informing our staff of the grants and money-saving projects that we accomplish.

## FOOD SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Morris stated he had nothing to add to his report and asked if there were any questions.

Member Litak asked how the recycling program is going? Mr. Morris responded that he is working with the TRACT program to pick up from schools that don't normally have any kind of recycling program and they are taking it all to Fruitdale. All schools in the Hidden Valley area participate, with the exception of Williams, which has it's own program. Member Litak thanked Mr. Morris for the progress he has made in the recycling program.

An audience member asked if we were looking at any local produce markets or growers? She stated the city district is purchasing a lot of their food and even storing/freezing it, like corn-on-the-cob and beans. They are doing it under grant money. Do we have access to that same grant money? Mr. Morris replied that we would need to apply for the grant, and we have not. But we have talked to Ft. Vannoy Farms about supplying us with product this year.

## OTHER

OTHER (CONTINUED)

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that before we adjourn the eCIP needs to be approved. Member Meier moved to approve the eCIP for submission. Member Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Member Meier asked if we could go back to the topic of the goals. Her recollection from the workshop was that we were going to do a little word-smithing and talk about some of the goals again. Member Meier will e-mail some ideas to the Board to enable discussion at the October Board meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

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Dave Strahan  
Chairperson of the Board  
THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dan Huber-Kantola  
Superintendent-Clerk  
THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT