

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
March 11, 2026**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The regular session was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oE9h2Nnoyas>

PRESENT

Pat Kelly, Board Chair
Mariah Rossi, Board Vice-Chair
Cameron Camp, Board Member
Rick Nelson, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Rob Saunders, Director
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Nancy Reese, Board Member
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director

Administrators present: Damian Crowson, Renee Hults, Danny Pratt, Mike Herzog, Monica Haley, Kellie Lovell, Mandi DeVaglio, Chris Carmiencke

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and led the audience in a 30 second moment of silence in honor of a Three Rivers Student who recently passed away. Chair Kelly then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0). There was discussion regarding Member Nelson wanting to make a report to the board that was not an agenda item. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson yes, Member Reece absent.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Board members, the District Leadership Team, and Superintendent shared an outstanding school or district highlight of an event, activity, and/or kudos to TRSD staff.

Member Camp shared a photo from Lorna Byrne showing the number of pages students have read this year. He talked about their positive progress and goals and commended them for their creativeness to get students reading.

Deputy Superintendent Alderson gave a shoutout to the licensed bargaining team and how thankful he is for their positive relationship. He stated they have already agreed on multiple articles through the process.

Director Saunders spoke about how well academic masters went this year. He thanked the staff at North Valley for hosting, Southern Oregon Audio Visual for the lights and sound, and he highlighted the 3 tech interns that were participants.

Vice-Chair Rossi shared how amazing the academic masters program is and commended the students that participated because it is a big accomplishment just to make it.

Recording Secretary Knable shouted out the District Office staff for all the positive work they are doing around culture and what a positive work environment we are creating.

Board Chair Kelly commented that we are lucky to have reasonable unions and is thankful we have a good relationship with them.

Superintendent Valenzuela shouted out the Mental Health Coordinators and what a positive difference they make in our schools and to our students. He stressed how lucky we are to have them available to help all the students in our district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Valenzuela spoke about School Based Health Centers, how they are funded and what qualifications they need to meet to continue their funding. He explained to the Board that there is a new requirement for SBHC's to have condoms and at least 1 other form of birth control available for students. He explained that the SBHC contract will be presented for approval by board vote in the April board meeting.

Member Nelson made a motion to add an agenda report item to discuss the elementary supplemental health books. Member Camp seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson yes, Member Reece absent. It will be added to the end of the Reports section of the agenda.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

- Superintendent Valenzuela recognized HMK Company as our TRSD Community Partner of the Month. HMK Company provided vital assistance to the district with construction projects and contracts. David McKay and Josh Whitaker were in attendance to accept the award.

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 2026
- Athletic Coaches – March 2026
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - February 18, 2026 – Board Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Requests (5)
- Grant Request (1)

- Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson yes, Member Reece absent.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Student Group Spotlight - Southern Oregon Success Academy Work Crew**
 - Principal Mike Herzog presented a slide show and introduced the SOSA students that participate in the work crew. He gave an overview of the program and informed the board how the program works in partnership with Project Youth Plus. Students are paid for their work and they can earn credit toward graduation. Vince Aguilera and Jessica DeKruiger are the advisors and they both spoke about how hard the students work and what the skills the students are getting. Three students also shared their personal experiences and what they have gained from the work crew program.
- **Woodland Charter School Annual Report**
 - Woodland Charter School Education Director Chris Carmiencke shared a slide deck presentation and informed the Board about:
 - Demographic Data
 - Academic Progress
 - School Goals
 - Areas of Concern and Areas for Future Growth
 - Fiscal Disposition
 - Grant Funding and Priorities
 - Future Vision for Woodland
 - Director Carmiencke then answered questions from the board about attendance, enrollment decline, and the Woodland enrollment process.
- **Student Data Highlight**
 - Lorna Byrne Principal Danny Pratt shared a presentation about the success of the Read 180 program at LBMS. He provided the board with an update on data around students reading levels and shared a couple success stories about specific students.
 - Assistant Director of Student Services Mandi DelVaglio introduced Mental Health Coordinators Ellen Johnson and Melissa Howard. The Mental Health Coordinators shared a presentation about how SEL (Social Emotional Learning) can help students succeed in the classroom. They shared data from the Student Health Survey. They gave an overview of what they can do to help students be better prepared for the classroom and life. They shared the goals of the Mental Health team. Both Vice-Chair Rossi and Member Camp asked questions which the coordinators answered.
- **Board Policies First Reading**
 - AC - *Nondiscrimination*
 - GBNA/JHFF - *Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements*
 - GCAA - *Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators*
 - GCPC/GDPC - *Retirement of Staff*
 - GCQB - *Research*

- JEA - *Compulsory Attendance*
- JHFF/GBNAA - *Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements*

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Three community members addressed the board: Sandy Lommel, David Lommel, and Judy Ahrens.
 - Sandy Lommel shared that her husband, David Lommel, and her were recently banned from a restaurant in Grants Pass. She believes students are not learning in school. She wants the board to listen to her husband about how to run the schools.
 - David Lommel expressed that he has ideas to make the school district better, he wants the board to communicate with him outside of public comment. He brought up test scores. He said he will not be coming back to public comment.
 - Judy Ahrens spoke about how she will be sharing the book opinion Member Nelson shared with Pastors in the community.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Resolution (#05) - Approve Fiscal Resolution 25/26 05**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela requested the Board approve Fiscal Resolution 25/06 05 supporting a financial sponsorship of the Hidden Valley Life Skills Food Pantry and Josephine County Foundation and transfer the balance from the Food Pantry to JCF. Superintendent Valenzuela verified this will not cost the district and it will allow the pantry to receive additional donations as JCF has a 501c3.
 - Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson yes, Member Reece absent.
- **Annual Renewal, Non-Renewal, Contract Extension and Non-Extension of Teachers and Administrators**
 - Deputy Superintendent Alderson requested the board approve the annual renewal, non-renewal, contract extension and non-extension of teachers and administrators as required by law. He explained the process, the reasoning for a vote, and the difference between this and the contracts.
 - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the annual report. Member Camp seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Rossi verified her long distance relation to a family member employee is not a conflict. The motion passed unanimously (4-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson yes, Member Reece absent.
- **Superintendent Evaluation Summary**
 - Board Vice-Chair Rossi read the proposed superintendent evaluation summary aloud. The evaluation was conducted by the board in February 2026.
 - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the superintendent evaluation summary. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson yes, Member Reece absent.

- **Board Policies – Second Reading:**
 - ACB - *Every Student Belongs*
 - EEAE - *Student Transportation in Private Vehicles*
 - EHB - *Cybersecurity*
 - GBN/JBA - *Sexual Harassment*
 - JBA/GBN - *Sexual Harassment*
 - JGD - *Suspension*
 - JHCA - *Immunization, School Sports Participation, Concussions and Other Brain Injuries*
 - JOA - *Directory Information*
- Member Nelson made a motion to approve all the policies except JOA - Directory Information. Vice Chair Rossi seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson yes, Member Reece absent.
- There was discussion around the wording in policy JOA where it discusses student information shared with Federal Immigration Enforcement. Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve policy JOA. Chair Kelly seconded the motion; which passed (3-1). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Nelson no, Member Reece absent.

- **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**
 - Chair Kelly inquired about equal services for male students and expressed concerns that males are dropping out more than girls. Deputy Superintendent provided graduation rate by sex which was less than 2% difference.
 - Member Nelson discussed recent tragedies that have occurred in Southern Oregon with teens behind the wheel. He would like to find a way to offer Driver's Ed in the classroom at the high schools. Deputy Superintendent Alderson will research our partnership with RCC and get back to Member Nelson to see if we can incorporate or offer something in conjunction with RCC on Fridays.
 - Vice-Chair Rossi would like to discuss student behaviors in classrooms, how they are affecting teachers and other students. She would like information on the laws that make it a challenge to remove students from the classroom. Superintendent Valenzuela will work with our Special Education Department to prepare a report for the next meeting.

- **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**
 - Wednesday, April 15, 2026 3:30pm Regular Session - Southern Oregon Success Academy 345 Merlin Road Merlin, OR
 - Student Panel at 1:30pm
 - Wednesday, May, 13, 2026 5:00pm Regular Session -District Office
 - Budget Committee Meeting 4:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.