

Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a regular session, Monday, March 12, 2012 at the Three Rivers District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ron Lengwin, Chairperson of the Board, Zone V PRESENT  
Bob Litak, Member of the Board, Zone I  
Jadd Horban, Member of the Board, Zone II  
Leslie Meier, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Zone III  
Ron Crume, Member of the Board, Zone IV  
Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources  
Doug Ely, Director of Student Services  
Peter Maluk, Director of Elementary Education

Also Present: Dave Valenzuela/Evergreen Principal, Casey Alderson/Illinois Valley HS Assistant Principal, Patti Richter/The Daily Courier, Lisa Cross/District Accountant, Bonnie Cameron, Devon Dorn, Steve Jones, Dave Bracken/Aramark, Michael Morris/Sodexo, Dennis Misner/Hidden Valley HS Principal, Wensdae Davis, Stacey Denton, Stephanie Allen-Hart/Applegate & Williams Principal, Kevin Marr, Sally Clements, Richard Ziff and Shelly Quick/Recording Secretary. ALSO PRESENT

Board Chair Ron Lengwin called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Huber-Kantola acknowledged the great work that is done by our classified employees and shared some of things done at the various schools to recognize those employees during Classified Appreciation Week, March 5-9, 2012. He shared his positive experience visiting the multi-handicapped program at Madrona and how their work exemplifies the great job done by our staff. Superintendent Huber-Kantola then read a resolution 'officially' recognizing our classified employees. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated he will share some key items regarding Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) and stated there will be a more thorough implementation process presented by the Curriculum Department in April. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ◆ PBL will be implemented for math and language arts next year (2012-13) for middle school and high school.
- ◆ PBL and the Common Core Standards will be the focus of professional development this year and next year.
- ◆ There will be standard grading practices.
- ◆ There will be a standard high school schedule, which will include some time for interventions and enrichment.
- ◆ Parent notification will be developed through: webpage, newspaper, Facebook, Twitter, Synrevoice, meetings and newsletters.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola then commented that after meeting with Grants Pass, the transfer policy will include new timelines which will complete the process by the

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED) beginning of June. The revision of the forms will include acceptable reasons for a transfer and also require specific documentation.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola then provided an update on Sunny Wolf Charter School (SWCS) regarding the remote school funding. The first estimate from the state estimates the district will receive an additional 26 ADMw for SWCS.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

District Accountant Lisa Cross reported that the estimate for the year end forecast is up from last month by about \$80,000. Part of that was the SSF 26 ADM remote school funding for the charter school and the rest of it was a correction from the final 2010-11 which upped the ADM. There was also a decrease in teacher experience by .44% because the collections have been submitted to the state and they have the new numbers. We are also on the cusp of 70 or 80% reimbursement for transportation and once all of the numbers are in we could possibly be bumped up to 80% reimbursement which equates to over \$300,000. The current estimated ending fund balance is \$1.71 million.

## CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Member Crume moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Litak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Board Chair Lengwin opened up the meeting for Community Comments and there were none.

## IVHS DUCK DERBY PRESENTATION

Illinois Valley High School Assistant Principal Casey Alderson reported that this year the school received \$20,000 in the fall from the Duck Derby proceeds from last year. Mr. Alderson presented updated information on the all-weather track project. They have raised \$106,000 with a couple of grants still pending. The total still needed is \$215,150. The Illinois Valley Rotary is working in conjunction with the school on a 'Biggest Loser' contest/fundraiser; 75% of the proceeds will go to the track. Illinois Valley High School is the last school in the state, 3A level and above, to have an all-weather track surface.

## 2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT

District accountant Lisa Cross stated she mailed the audit along with the notes from the auditors to the Board back in December. She then provided an audit presentation to the Board to give a brief overview which included the objectives of an audit, the advantages of the audit, 2011 audit results and 2011 audit changes from last year. Ms. Cross noted that the net assets were reduced \$2.36 million from the prior year. This was due mostly to accumulated depreciation from capital assets.

## WOODLAND CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT

Federal Programs Director Peter Maluk reported that since the February meeting they have been negotiating a contract and a lease with Woodland Charter School (WCS). The contract has moved along rather nicely. Last week a draft of the contract was sent to the Board. Since that time there have been some revisions. There has also been discussion in regards to the lease which has been delayed due to the fact that there has been a consideration in the change of property/location which the Woodland Charter Board would like to pursue.

Director Maluk pointed out the following changes in the contract (summarized):

- ◇ Pg 8—4(b)(3) - English Language Learners. *Services to be provided by WCS.*
- ◇ Pg 9—5(a) - Opening Date and School Calendar. *In case of possible delays allows WCS a deadline of November 5, 2012 to open the school.*
- ◇ Pg 11—4(b) - Equitable Principles. *Will require a waiver from ODE for children of founders to have preferential treatment for admission.*
- ◇ Pg 13—9(c)(1) - Attendance. *Changes attendance reporting requirement to district from weekly to monthly.*
- ◇ Pg 15—8(f) - ADA/504 Obligations. *Changed from District will provide*

*services or accommodations to WCS may contract with the District for services or accommodations to meet WCS's legal obligations under these statutes.*

- ◇ Pg 15—8(g) - Transportation. Added: *WCS students may obtain transportation to and from school on existing TRSD routes and any costs incurred by modifying these routes will be paid by WCS. WCS may contract for special transportation services from District in accordance with Appendix B.*
- ◇ Pg. 15—8(h) - Use of District Contracts. *DELETED.*
- ◇ Pg. 18/19—10(d)(2) - Annual Audit. *Added a deadline of October 31 of each year to submit completed audit to the District.*
- ◇ Appendix B—7—Purchasing Power. *No change. Checked with legal and ODE and it is permissible.*

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SCHOOL CONTRACT  
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Director Maluk feels the contract is pretty close to being where it should be for the academic and business pieces and asked if there were any additional concerns about the contract.

Member Meier asked about the first renewal term being three years and then subsequent renewals for five to ten years; Is that standard and what we have done with Sunny Wolf? Director Maluk responded that Sunny Wolf has a three-year first lease and the subsequent renewals are three years as well. It was explained that the contract is in alignment with the current charter law. Director Maluk added that his reasoning is that is if the school is successful and up and running that the district would want at least a five-year renewal rather than doing it every three years. Member Meier feels five years is reasonable but feels ten years is too long.

Member Meier expressed her concern regarding the lottery which allows preference for the children of the charter founders. She asked for clarification as to why there was a need for this preference if their children were currently enrolled, and the contract allows for a preference for siblings—which should cover their children. Stacey Denton responded that some of the founders have children who are not of school age yet, so they wouldn't have a sibling before them already enrolled. The children could face a potential lottery situation to be eligible. The intent is to grant those people the opportunity since they have been putting many years of service in to the project to have enrollment preference. She reiterated the comment by Director Maluk that is was a common practice amongst charter schools. It's a waiver that ODE sees often. Member Meier commented that she has mixed feelings—on one hand she understands that the founders have put in an unbelievable amount of work and want their children to attend the school; the negative feedback when discussing whether or not to approve the charter school, one of the complaints she heard, especially from the Applegate/Williams community, was that this was an attempt to do a private school for certain people's own children and use public money. Member Meier stated she was not necessarily in agreement with the comment, but this preference appears to give the concern some credence. As a Board member, they put in an unbelievable amount of hours, their kids do not receive any special priorities.

Member Crume asked how many founders there were? Director Maluk responded that there were nine, and that the list would not change or be added to. Member Crume commented that he would not have a problem with that. Wensdae Davis added that this is something that will require a waiver from ODE.

There was discussion regarding whose responsibility it would be to handle expulsions? Director Ely commented that the district is responsible for Sunny Wolf. Member Meier asked how the district would know when a suspension occurs? Director Ely responded that the suspension would happen at the charter school and they would notify the district that an expulsion is necessary and if the parent wanted to pursue an expulsion hearing. Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that there needs to be some change in the wording to ensure that WCS notifies the district. It was also clarified that the 'home' district would be responsible for placement alternatives for expelled students.

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Member Meier stated that on page 14—Insurance it doesn't specify the amounts of coverage required. Director Maluk responded that information is located in the lease document where it is very specifically stated. Member Meier was concerned about it not being in the contract as the possibility exists where we could possibly not reach an agreement on the lease or later on may not have the lease; it needs to be in the contract. Ms. Denton responded that would be fine, but added that the proposal that was already voted on has very specific language regarding insurance coverage. Her understanding is that agreement along with the conditional agreement that have been approved by the Board are partners to the charter contract, so it is in writing elsewhere.

Member Meier stated that in regards to 'Transportation' she was confused where it states "*the district will enable reporting and complete financial transactions with the ODE to enable WCS to obtain the 70% transportation reimbursement*". Member Meier asked why, if Woodland Charter students are riding our buses which we are paying for, then why wouldn't the 70% reimbursement come back to the district? Director Maluk responded that it will and recommends adding '*to obtain the 70% reimbursement for any cost incurred by Woodland Charter*' to the end of the sentence.

Member Litak expressed concern over the potential November 5th start date to begin school. Will the parents of enrolled students be okay with holding the kids back from school for two months? Ms. Denton responded that although she can't anticipate that every one will be okay with it, her guess is that they would modify the school schedule which is now planned to be four full days a week and a half day on Friday, which would be modified to five full days and add some days on the end in June. It would be a disappointment, but they want to get the school under way in the fall. It is more appealing to parents to have a late start as opposed to waiting a whole school year.

Member Litak also asked for clarification on item 4(b) - Equitable Principles. Would the kids on the waiting list count towards the allowable number of Three Rivers School District that can transfer into WCS? He doesn't feel it reads that way in the contract. Ms. Denton responded that those students do still count towards the cap.

Director Maluk added that in the proposal that was sent out last week it has the language regarding the cap. Originally WCS had asked for a 20/10/10 and we negotiated it to 20 the first year, 8 the second year and 7 the third year—a total of fifteen additional Three Rivers School District students in the second and third year as opposed to their original request for twenty.

Member Litak suggested that considering the significant changes in both the lease and the charter agreement that are being discussed, there is more time needed to discuss the details and moved to delay the vote on both until the April meeting. Jadd Horban seconded. Ms. Denton responded that she anticipated the delay on the vote for the lease, but as Member Meier mentioned earlier they are two completely different documents. It's great that the Board has voted to support their proposal and the charter contract is the final thing that will seal the deal for them. They are in the process of trying to hire teachers and put themselves out in the community as a viable and secure school option for families in the fall. Each delay makes that security more tenuous. Ms. Denton asked if there was any way the Board could vote on the charter tonight? Member Crume requested that the Board hold a Special Session earlier in April to enable things to move along. Member Meier commented that they would need to look at their calendars and talk about it. Member Crume feels they are close and would like to resolve the issues and get it done. Member Meier responded that if she were pushed in to voting tonight that she's not sure she could vote yes on the charter; not because she doesn't support the charter, but there are too many changes that need to be made and reviewed. She would like to see a final document to review for approval.

Member Litak agreed that he could not vote for it tonight for the same reasons expressed by Member Meier. He is in favor of Member Crume’s suggestion for a special meeting.

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Member Meier suggested that it is brought back in front of the Board at the April meeting if the Board is unable to schedule a special meeting earlier.

Member Crume amended his motion to state the vote on the Woodland Charter School charter and lease will be held by the April 16th meeting. Member Litak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola displayed the map indicating the site change at the Hidden Valley location. A change of location was needed due to the discovery of a large amount of asbestos in houses that were going to be abated on the original site. The expense of removing the asbestos made it prohibitive. Superintendent Huber-Kantola showed where the new proposed site would be, which has many advantages for both parties. Other issues still being discussed in regards to the lease include the termination clause, the length of the lease, the option to purchase and how to determine the price of the property.

WOODLAND CHARTER  
SCHOOL LEASE  
AGREEMENT

District Accountant Lisa Cross stated that last month is was requested that the Board up the construction excise tax (CET) rate for Jackson County. The Board had asked if we have to increase the rate as they did not feel comfortable having two different rates charged for Jackson and Josephine county residents. The original response from Jackson County was that their financial system would not allow for two different rates. Ms. Cross stated she called them back and explained the situation and expressed the Board’s concerns about charging two different rates. Ms. Cross heard back from Jackson county last week and was told that they now have the capability to charge two different rates and we are not required to charge the higher rate. Districts are now able to charge either rate. No action is required until the Board wants to change the rate. The Board would like to revisit the topic again in about three months to discuss the possibility of both counties moving to the higher rate.

JACKSON COUNTY CET  
UPDATE

District Accountant Lisa Cross presented the enrollment projections for fiscal year 2012. The projections are looked at in three different ways. Ms. Cross presented the enrollment history over the last 20 years. It has steadily been going downhill. One of the three ways we have projected enrollment was a paid study done by Portland State University (PSU). The district has been doing projections using a co-hort survival method for the last ten years. The common theme between that and PSU is that it showed the next five years as evening out. The projections up until the last five years had been within one percent of what we had projected. The only commonalities between our co-hort survival and Portland State’s was that our numbers were lower than theirs, but they were evening out for five years. The final slide presented which included the history from 1998-2011 and the projected enrollment for 2012-2015, was prepared utilizing the roll-up method and the Josephine County birth formula to predict kindergarten. The worse-case scenario presented which indicates a continued drop in enrollment is due to larger twelfth grades dropping off than we have kindergarteners coming in. It shows are current enrollment at 4814 with predictions of: 4646 for 2012; 4547 for 2013; 4386 for 2014 and 4223 for 2015.

ENROLLMENT  
PROJECTIONS

Board Chair Lengwin stated that there are three Budget Committee positions open: zones 2, 3 and 4. Member Meier questioned the practice of appointed members not actually having to reside in their appointed zone. If we are actually going to appoint Budget Committee members by zone, why aren’t they required to live in that zone? And if they aren’t then why do we appoint by zone, why not just appoint five Budget Committee members to serve ‘at large’? She believes that in the very near future we need to look at our policy to either require from this point going forward to either require members to live in the zones they represent or do away with that requirement all together. Member Crume asked if someone that lives in the city could serve on the Budget Committee? The policy states that members must be a ‘qualified voters of the local government’. Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated

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that statutorily we are fine and by our policies we are fine to do what we have been doing. This is just an awakening that we do need to do either one or the other. We need to state that they need to live in the zone or just have five Budget Committee members 'at large'. There was some discussion as to whether or not members should have to live within the attendance boundaries or if the law allows it, they could live anywhere in the county. Further discussion will be held when we discuss the policy for revision. There needs to be some investigation as to what we can require legally before we revise the policy. Member Crume moved to appoint Keith Haley for zone 4, Tammy Canady for zone 3 and Kevin Marr for zone 2. Member Litak seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Dave Bracken stated he had nothing to add to his written report and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

FOOD SERVICE REPORT

Michael Morris presented a scholarship check on behalf of Sodexo to the district in the amount of \$1500, \$500 for each high school.

OTHER

Member Meier asked for a follow-up regarding the net loss of thirteen students at Lincoln Savage last month. This month there is a loss of eleven students at North Valley. Superintendent Huber-Kantola provided a detailed accounting of where the students went. He expressed concern over the attendance drops and commented that they will be followed up by our attendance officer.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola then introduced Casey Alderson as the next principal at Illinois Valley High School and Stephanie Allen-Hart as the next Director of Student Services.

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 8:45 PM

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Ron Lengwin  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dan Huber-Kantola  
Superintendent-Clerk