

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2019**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Evergreen Elementary School, 520 W. River St., Cave Junction, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

Kate Dwyer, Board Chair
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Danny York, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member
JP Richards, Director
Casey Alderson, Director

Administrators: David Regal/Evergreen Elementary Principal and Erik Lathen/North Valley High School Principal.

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(i) – *Superintendent Evaluation*.

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

REGULAR SESSION

The board reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 p.m. and Ms. Dwyer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (Members York and Kelly absent).

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Director Allen-Hart gave a nod out to the special education staff at Evergreen. It has been a busy year. We have a brand-new special ed teacher Emma Portash, who is also working on her special ed endorsement at SOU concurrently and is working really hard! Thanks also to Amy – previously both of them were educational assistants in our Lifeskills program. Director Durrant shared that the district recently had the Oregon Battle of the Books competition. It was held this year at Lorna Byrne. There were 12 elementary school teams and five middle school teams. She thanked all of the people involved that made it such a success! Mr. Halsted thanked Evergreen for hosting the board meeting. He then recognized the bus drivers. They all wave and they all seem happy. He appreciates the positive attitude that they display. Ms. Dwyer commended Evergreen school on their commitment to community collaboration. Every month they host the Caring Community Collaborative, really demonstrating their commitment to the kindergarten readiness begins preconception. They keep the community informed and aware of services and activities.

Ms. Johnstun commented on the *Summary of Grants and Donations Awarded to Three Rivers* in the board packet. It equals \$5.8 million that the district has received. It shows a community that is really supportive of our schools, but also recognizing school administration that have applied for funding for our district that helps us enrich the services that we are able to offer. Superintendent Valenzuela gave a shout out to Illinois Valley High School. They had their local Academic Masters competition today. The whole student body came out to watch and support the participants.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *SOESD Budget Committee* – There is an open slot for our area. You have until April 5th to fill out an application to become a part of that Budget Committee. There is only one meeting to attend on Friday, May 8th.
- *Southern Oregon Headstart Lease* – We are working with Southern Oregon Headstart to renew their lease for the Lorna Byrne facility. This is another example of a great community partnership that we have.
- *District Engagement Protocol (DEP)* – Today TRSD was engaged in a DEP. We hosted four folks from ODE. From the state report cards, we learned that we had five schools that were targeted for some kind of performance issue. He explained the process of identifying the areas and a plan to fix the issue. They will come back and give us an overview and provide us with a direction to go. Once there we have an approved plan, we will be able to access the dollars.
- *State School Fund* – He shared the customized poster that was provided by COSA to push for adequate funding for education in the state of Oregon. This poster talks about a \$9.24 billion budget for education, which would be the base. He encouraged everyone to advocate with our local representatives. Right now the budgets are totally in flux. Last Thursday the co-chairs of the Ways and Means Committee, their budget was at \$8.7 billion. Because of active lobbying from folks like us, and COSA, and OSBA that went up to \$8.8 billion. That is still nowhere close to what we need.

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 2019
- Athletic Coaches – March 2019
- Annual renewal, non-renewal, contract extension and non-extension of teacher and administrators as required by law.
- Grant Requests (2)
- Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. Mr. Halsted wanted to point out that his wife is a TRSD teacher, and her name is in the packet for renewal of contracts. Due to the fact that there are only three board members tonight he is not able to recuse himself. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously (3-0, members York and Kelly absent).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Kim DeForest, Lincoln Savage MS Teacher – Thanked the district for putting out the Budget Survey, which included all of our stakeholders in the district. Class size is a concern. Would like to continue talks about possible ways to think outside the box.
- Ashley Boyce, Josephine County Food Bank/Selma Food Pantry - Wants to learn more about what is going on with the Selma Center. She needs a home for the pantry as well as food storage. She is aware the Selma lease is up in June and looking for options.
- Meadow Martell – Introduced herself as the Mayor of Cave Junction. She thanked the School Board for coming to Cave Junction.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Board Policies – First Reading**
 - AC – *Nondiscrimination*

- AC-AR – *Discrimination Complaint Procedure*
 - GBMA – *Whistleblower*
 - GBM – *Staff Complaints*
 - GBN/JBA – *Sexual Harassment*
 - GBN/JBA-AR – *Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure*
 - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that we are updating some policies regarding compliance that are required to be listed on our website. There will be a second reading at the April meeting.
- **2019-2020 Student Calendar**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela shared that there were no calendars to present at this time. He explained some of the various concepts being explored around the school start date and conference dates. We will be putting a survey out to staff to get their feedback before spring break.
- **Food Service Update**
 - Accounting Manager Lisa Cross updated the board on the financials for the district's food service program. She had emailed a five-year summary to the board. Her year-end estimates differ a bit from John Stone, but they still plan to be in the black at the end of this year. She reminded the board that one full day of closure equals \$11,000 and makes a big difference. She also explained the vended meals revenue decline due to the Boys and Girls Club closure.

SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Johnstun suggested that after they have heard from students at all three high schools it might be useful to talk through and digest what they have heard from the students and how that might contribute to their strategic plan. It was decided that this would be a board retreat topic.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- April 3, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – District Office – *Board Work Session (CANCELED)*
- April 17, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. – North Valley High School, *Board Regular Session*
 - Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.
 - Executive Session at 3:15

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk