

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR SESSION  
December 18, 2024**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at Illinois Valley High School, 625 E. River Street, Cave Junction, Josephine County, Oregon. The meeting was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_OgbQKIMHA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_OgbQKIMHA)

**PRESENT**

Rich Halsted, Board Chair  
Pat Kelly, Board Vice-Chair  
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member  
Nancy Reese, Board Member  
Cameron Camp, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent  
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent  
Jessica Durrant, Director  
Rob Saunders, Director  
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT**

Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director

Administrators present: Erik Lathen, Erica Butler, Lindsey Namanny, Monica Haley, Mandi DelVaglio, Steven Fuller, Mark Higgins, Danny Pratt and Jenny Mohr.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Member Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Camp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

**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.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Legislative timeline and key dates – The legislative session begins January 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be plenty of opportunities to weigh in. He will be attending at least twice with COSA lobbying for special education funding, unfunded mandates, K-12 facilities, student mental and behavioral health, early literacy, summer and expanded learning opportunities, attendance, workforce diversity and hard-to-staff positions.
- Unfunded mandates – explained what it means and gave some examples.

**COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION**

- Illinois Valley High School Principal Erik Lathen recognized Jordan Reyes and shared that Jordan was instrumental in creating the new Cougar mascot in the front of the school. He was the artist and worked with partners that included: the Reyes family of the Tongva Tribe, the Gibson family, the Ledford family of the Cow Creek Tribe, The Equity Project of Josephine County, Robert "Bob" Blank, Kat & Briar, It's a Burl and Rogue Truck Body.

- Illinois Valley High School Assistant Principal Erica Butler recognized Trina Mason and the River Valley Restaurant. Shelby Mason was in attendance to accept the award. Ms. Butler shared that Trina has consistently been supporting IV and the extra-curricular activities. Trina is always willing to help and go the extra mile for our students.

## **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 – December 2024
- Athletic Coaches – December 2024
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - November 20, 2024 – Board Special (Work) Session
  - November 20, 2024 – Board Regular Session
- Grant Requests (2)
- Out of State Travel Requests (3)
- Board Policies – Second Reading
  - EBBA - *Student Health Services*
  - JHC - *Student Health Services* - DELETE
  - EBBA - *Infection Control and Bloodborne Pathogens*
  - GBEBAA/JHCCBA/EBBAB - *Bloodborne Pathogens* - DELETE
  - EBBB - *Injury or Illness Reports*
  - GBEB - *Communicable Diseases in Schools*
  - GBEB - *Staff - HIV, AIDS and HBV* - DELETE
  - JHCC - *Communicable Diseases - Students* - DELETE
  - JHCCA - *Students - HIV, HBV and AIDS* - DELETE
  - JH - *Student Welfare*
  - JHCA/JHCB - *Immunization and School Sports Participation*
  - JHCA - *Physical Examination for Students Participating in Extracurricular Activities* - DELETE
  - JHCB - *Immunization and Vision Screening/Eye Examination* - DELETE

Member Johnstun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Kelly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Eight community members addressed the board: Judy Ahrens, David Lommel, Rick Nelson. Steven Raycraft, Mariah Rossi, Oliva Herrera, Becky Lemler, and Fort Vannoy teacher Austyn McNew (via Zoom).

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Academic Report – Middle School**
  - The middle school administrator team consisting of Steven Fuller/Applegate, Mark Higgins/Lincoln Savage Middle School and Danny Pratt/Lorna Byrne Middle School provided an overview on the literacy data focus at the middle school level.
- **Policy – First Reading**
  - INDB – *Flag Display and Salutes*
  - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that there is a slight change to the policy due to a couple of requests from board members. It will be on the agenda for a second reading and approval at next month's meeting.
- **Leadership Through Core Values – Illinois Valley High School Live Red**
  - Illinois Valley high school administrators Erik Lathen and Erica Butler shared information about the newly implemented “Live RED” program at the high school. RED = Respect, Excellence and Determination. Students have bought into the concept of making sure that they embody this.

They have noticed a positive impact on their school culture, school climate and ultimately in the academic success of their students. They then shared a short “Living RED” video highlighting some of their students with the Board.

- **Parents’ Rights Resolution (#03) – First Reading**

- Board Chair Halsted shared the resolution is on the agenda for a first reading and he is looking for comments and feedback on it. He looks for this resolution to set the tone for how he sees the Board interaction with parents and students.
- Member Reese would like to add “in Education” on the second line in the title of the resolution.
- Member Johnstun stressed the importance of the ‘parent responsibilities’ portion of the resolution.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- *None*

#### **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**

- Member Kelly would like to see the parent opt-out letter.

#### **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Board Regular Session at District Office, 6:00 PM
  - Special Session at 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 5, 2025, Board Work Session at the District Office, 5:00 PM - CANCELED
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025, Board Regular Session at SOSA/Merlin, 3:30 PM
  - Student Panel at 1:30 PM

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.