

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2016**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Three Rivers District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

Danny York, Board Chair
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair
Kara Olmo, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member
Ron Lengwin, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Debbie Simons, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Lori Conner/Ft. Vannoy Elementary Principal, Renee Hults/Manzanita Elementary Principal, Sid Hobgood/Fleming Middle School Principal, Cassie Banuelos/Fleming Middle School Assistant Principal, Dennis Misner/North Valley High School Principal and Linda McClanahan/North Valley High School Assistant Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Olmo seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Superintendent Valenzuela deferred to Director Alderson to introduce the special guests in attendance. Director Alderson presented the OSAA 4A State Championship trophy for girls soccer to North Valley High School Principal Dennis Misner. The girls soccer team went the entire season undefeated and won the state championship. Mr. Misner accepted the trophy and talked about the players and their season. The girls in attendance shared some of their experiences from the season. Mr. Kelly complimented the North Valley HS trick or treat event for Halloween at the school. The event was put on by the National Honor Society. Mr. Lengwin commented that the Veteran's Day celebration at Hidden Valley High School was absolutely phenomenal. There were even several WWII vets in attendance along with many other veterans. Ms. Dwyer attended a quarterly collaborator's meeting in the IV which consists of community groups and schools. It's a powerful effort and an amazing thing to see. Ms. Olmo commented that as a school board member representing Applegate and Williams she has had a number of conversations about the future of Williams Elementary and even though people are highly passionate about it, every conversation has been so professional and reasonable. She is proud of the members of that community. Director Simons complimented principals Renee Hults & Lori Conner. Ms. Conner is new to Ft. Vannoy and doing a fantastic job of demonstrating leadership. Yesterday she visited Manzanita and witnessed what a good leader Ms. Hults is by the teamwork taking place while Ms. Hults was not in the building. Director Allen-Hart sent her congratulations to the North Valley High School girls soccer team. Director Durrant shared that there is a professional development opportunity for classified coming up. She gave a shout out to Kellie Lovell, Sylvia Saporto and Vicki DeStefano who planned and organized the training.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- It's the end of the first quarter. Enrollment is up 61 students from last October.

- Parent/teacher conferences are coming up Thursday and Friday. This presents an opportunity to provide a classified professional development for classified staff. The PD will focus on small group instruction and engagement strategies.
- Schools continue to focus on PBIS. Attendance issues to be addressed district-wide.
- Woodland Charter – Has made some good progress in their current location. They are working with the county and Public Works Director Robert Brandes. They have cleared some brush in the driveway and got the fifth building placed.
- North Valley wastewater treatment plant – He met recently with the Oregon Transportation Experience (OTE), the vendor that takes care of the rest area. A meeting has been set up with OTE, someone from ODOT in Salem and an engineer. In the meantime a vault has been set up at the plant to enable us to obtain hard data about how much is coming in to our system and what's in it.
- Go Knights! He's so impressed with the poise and integrity of the North Valley soccer girls. It was also great to see the support from our Illinois Valley and Hidden Valley students.
- Member Dwyer brought to the board's attention that there are still 18 classrooms with 30+ students and asked that we keep an eye on it.
- Member Lengwin noticed that we lost 16 students at Hidden Valley. Mr. Valenzuela had the data and explained the student loss to a number of different things.

NORTH VALLEY AREA REPORT

- Ft. Vannoy Principal Lori Conner reported on activities at her school: the August ice cream social, 5th grade STEM projects, 2nd grade pumpkin characters, the scarecrow tradition (a family project), Pink out day, Trunk or Treat and their Jogathon that raised \$16,000. They are currently doing double-dose reading and math groups which is intervention and enrichment. A music teacher was hired and three teachers received Josephine County Foundation grants which will be for reading programs. Attendance and enrollment is up and they are finalizing their new logo. Upcoming they will have student involved conferences.
- Manzanita Elementary Principal Renee Hulst reported that their enrollment is up to 410 and they are bursting at the seams. The music program is back. The students are walking to Fleming once a week. They are working hard to make the Lifeskills program a part of their school which has been a phenomenal learning experience for the kids. She is participating in the Rural Schools Network through ODE. It's nice to come together with other schools and share what works with other schools that are struggling. PBIS activities are happening and their Jogathon raised almost \$14,000. Their professional development this year is focusing on teaching with poverty in mind.
- Fleming administrators Sid Hobgood and Cassie Banuelos handed out a photo placemat to the board members that shared activities and stats about Fleming. Their student population is at 393. He reported on sports and after school activities. They have a 95% attendance rate and there is a 37% drop in behaviors. He reported on school activities which included: spirit events, Red Ribbon Week and the Colonial Fair.
- North Valley Assistant Principal Linda McClanahan shared that they are off to a great start. They are working on teamwork and collaboration with their staff. Their master schedule this year is perfection. They have made a change to their tardy policy and it has made a huge difference. There are three great new teachers this year. The band program has increased from 14 to 35 students. They will be working on school curb appeal with participation from all students and a grant from Lowe's for over \$18,000. She also reported on the upcoming accreditation, Knight's Closet, Pink Week and the Friday video. Mr. Misner reported on *Team Time*, and how they work with students that have one or more incompletes or failing grades. He addressed the issues with students and adverse childhood experiences and how to deal with them. They need help and it is overwhelming.

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 – November 2016
- Coaches – November 2016
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)

- Grant Requests (3)

Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Lengwin seconded the motion. Mr. York called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- John Chambers shared that prevention specialists are certified by the state and there will be some testing done in Grants Pass soon to get some additional specialists in the area. He also talked about the need to start prevention programs earlier; perhaps an elementary school program is a possibility (*Good Choices*).

Board Chair York asked Mr. Chambers opinion on the Oregon Healthy Teen and Wellness surveys and what information is disseminated to them that they actually use? Mr. Chambers responded that they would like to have actual annual data, however there is an issue with some questions deemed inappropriate.

Superintendent Valenzuela explained that we also have another guest, Dr. Tamara Medley (OB/Gyn), who was invited to speak to the board about how data from these surveys are used to address teen sex and pregnancy issues.

Dr. Medley introduced herself and explained that she got involved to work to find out why so many Grants Pass teens are getting pregnant and why are there very few going to school and attending the school's teen pregnancy program? They're looking at ways to keep them in school and keep them engaged. They are now looking at ways to prevent this from happening such as engaging health teachers at the middle and high school level with the community resources. Dr. Medley gave her presentation which gave startling statistics and addressed issues with sex and pregnant teens.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Williams Elementary School Future Viability**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela reported that last week he, Ms. Allen-Hart and Ms. Olmo met with some folks from Woodland Charter School at Williams Elementary. They toured them around the campus to give them idea on what was there. Tomorrow (12/16) he and Ms. Allen-Hart will be hosting a public information meeting at Williams which will give community members the opportunity to provide their input. They are handling the viability of Williams Elementary on its own, before they think about the Woodland Charter School aspect. The board meeting on December 13th will be at Williams Elementary.
- **Budget Committee Positions**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross reported there are two vacant positions on the Budget Committee – zones III and V. Per board policy, the vacancies will be posted in the newspapers and on our district website. She asked for direction from the board and recommended conducting interviews for the positions at the February board meeting and then appointing the positions at the March board meeting. The board agreed.
- **Collaboration Grant Update**
 - Director Simons reported that the Grant Committee has been very busy since August. She gave an update on committees and talked about the upcoming POinT training. Continuous information on the grant is available by going to the district home page on our website.
- **Food Service Update**
 - Director Simons provided an explanation of the Food Service loss in 2014 and stated that it was largely due to service days, the loss of the Boys & Girls Club and the increase in labor costs. Some staff cuts were made in 2015. There is an increase in revenue now due to the increase in community eligibility program and all-day kindergarten.

- **2015 Wellness Survey Results & 2016-17 Healthy Teens Survey**

- Superintendent Valenzuela explained to the Board how to access and view the results from the 2015 Wellness Survey. He believes the results from the Wellness survey can help guide the Board on whether or not to take the Healthy Teens Survey, which they have a copy of in their current board packet. The Board will be voting on whether or not to participate in the Healthy Teens Survey at the next meeting in December.

There was some discussion about the viability of the survey and are the results used for anything to address the needs of our students?

ACTION ITEMS

- **Interdistrict Transfer Slots**

- Director Allen-Hart proposed that the district close the remaining 22 transfer slots, with the exception of hardships.
- Ms. Olmo made a motion to close the 22 remaining Interdistrict transfer slots. Ms. Dwyer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution (#02) – Construction Excise Tax**

- District Accountant Lisa Cross presented resolution (#02) to raise the construction excise tax amount to \$1.23 per square foot beginning March 1, 2017 for residential and \$.61 per square foot beginning March 1, 2017 for non-residential which will bring us up to date with the allowable limits. The amounts and dates coincide with Grants Pass District 7.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Olmo seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Budget Calendar**

- Ms. Cross presented the suggested budget calendar to the board.
- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to adopt the budget calendar as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. York announced there will be an Executive Session prior to the December regular session to discuss contract negotiations.
- Ms. Dwyer would like to see steps toward strengthening the culture of respect in our schools. She would like discuss as a board.

OTHER

- Mr. Lengwin would like to know more about the power bills. He would like to know what facilities the charges apply to and would like to see a power audit.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- No *Board Work Session* scheduled for December
- December 13, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Williams Elementary – *Board Regular Session*.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Danny York
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk