

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2017**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, November 15, 2017 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

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

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

ABSENT

Danny York, Board Member
Jessica Durrant, Director

CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) "*Collective Bargaining*."

Ms. Dwyer recessed Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 PM and Ms. Dwyer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Mr. Kelly complimented the Hidden Valley soccer and volleyball teams for how well they did and also recognized the Trick or Treat event at North Valley High School and the Trunk or Treat event at Ft. Vannoy. Mr. Halsted talked about Grandma Jean who leads the volunteer cause at Applegate and is actively working to recruit more volunteers. He thanked all of our volunteers. Ms. Johnstun commented on the licensed union negotiations. She is so impressed on how positive the experience has been. Superintendent Valenzuela thanked Rich Halsted and Jim Bunge for their service. He then shared an experience at North Valley High School where he participated in a morale-building event and handed out mini pies to students. In a classroom Mr. Lathen thanked the teacher and then opened it up to the students to share reasons they were thankful. It was very cool experience and he enjoyed it. Director Alderson recognized the Veteran's Day Ceremony at Hidden Valley High School. There were over 100 Veteran's that participated and it was a very moving ceremony. Director Simon's recognized the work that Food Service Supervisor Ben Guyton did to meet with the students at Hidden Valley about food service. They will return in December to do some tastings based on the input that was provided. Director Allen-Hart acknowledged the Three Rivers Transition Center at Jerome Prairie. The staff and students have done a phenomenal job getting a program up and running that is truly remarkable and will become one of the highlights of the state. They are also working on getting a greenhouse up and going at Hidden Valley. She invited the Board to visit the facility. Ms. Dwyer also commented on Ben Guyton's work with

the students at Hidden Valley. Any time we can teach the students the real life complexities of what's involved, it is powerful learning for them. She also thanked the Board. She is thrilled at where this board has come and the quality of communication and skill sets that the board brings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Jerome Prairie Transition Center – Since it has been reopened it is now well-utilized and thriving. We have the Youth Transition Program (YTP), GED and Online Plus which is all part of Three Rivers. Then we have infants to five year olds in the old building with *Imagine That* and a preschool center there. He would like the board to tour the facility sometime this year during the day while things are happening.
- Construction Excise Tax (CET) – Director Alderson attending the meeting last week with the Josephine County Commissioners (JCC) to represent Three Rivers and our interest in collecting the excise tax. February of last year the Board resolved to increase the rate from 1% to 4%. The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was never signed by JCC. JCC didn't feel good about collecting that tax. The tax money collected can only be used for deferred maintenance. He handed out a CET brochure made by Lisa Cross that was given to JCC that explains where the funds go that they can hand out. He believes at least two of the three commissioners are okay with the tax. The JCC asked to revert to the collection old rate. There was some further discussion by the board.
- Board Goals – A draft of the board goals were handed out to the Board. He asked that they review for suggestions or revisions. They will be brought forward to adopt officially in December.

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, 2017
 - Coaches – November, 2017
- Grant Request (1)
- Out of State Travel Request (1)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Work Session – October 4, 2017

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously (Mr. York absent).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- John Chambers – Last week he attended the Western States Marijuana Summit. CLEAR Alliance was there and he shared materials from the “*Did You Know*” campaign about marijuana.
- Kim DeForest – They celebrated Red Ribbon Week at Lincoln Savage Middle School. She was impressed with what the kids came up with.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Woodland Charter School Improvement Process**
 - Woodland Charter School administrator Phil Centers provided the Board with an update as to where they are at with their six point Academic Improvement Plan. The six points were:
 - Agree on WCS responsibility to TRSD to meet the District's high academic standards for our students.
 - Commit to doing everything necessary to resolve the issue.
 - Establish a robust Student-Teacher Support Program with aides in the classrooms to support small group instruction and interventions.
 - Utilize all District resources (trainings, materials, etc.) that are available to us to help us be successful in making this transition.
 - Apply appropriate principles to assure that the culture shift at Woodland Charter

- School is successful and sustainable.
 - Demonstrate results in a timely manner.
 - He discussed the assessments, interventions, ongoing instruction, and a shift in the school culture that focuses on student academic achievement.
- **Budget Committee Positions**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross reported that there is a vacant position on the Budget Committee for Zone III (Williams/Applegate area). A notice will be published in the newspaper, The Applegate, and on our district website. Applications will be due by January 5th then the board can vote on the position at the February meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Budget Calendar**
 - Ms. Cross stated that Superintendent Valenzuela recommended that they have their first budget meeting prior to the May 16 board meeting at about 4:30. Funding is relatively stable; she will have the relevant information and believes that they are able to get everything they need ahead of time. A second meeting can be held if needed.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Budget Calendar. Mr. Halsted seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Interdistrict Transfer Report**
 - Director Allen-Hart requested the Board close the 26 open slots. She reminded the board of the reasons to close the slots and advised that hardship transfers are still available.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to close the 26 open inter-district transfer slots. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Board Policies – First Reading**
 - JHCCF & JHCCF(AR) – Pediculosis (Head Lice)
 - Superintendent Valenzuela reported that the district has received new information from the Oregon Department of Education on an update coming in regards to this policy.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to table board policy JHCCF & JHCCF(AR). Ms. Johnston seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Halsted expressed concern with the morale of our kindergarten teachers. He would like to have board interaction with kinder teachers and administrators to address the increase in behavioral problems.
- Ms. Dwyer would like a subcommittee to look at sponsorships and advertising in the schools. The focus is on how to deal with the advertising in schools of products that are not for people under 21 (e.g.; wine and cannabis).

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- December 13, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session*

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk