

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2021**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met virtually via Zoom for the regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

PRESENT

Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair
Jenn Searle, Board Member
Rich Halsted, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director

ABSENT:

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked Superintendent Valenzuela to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Halsted made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Searle seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (3-0, Board Chair Johnstun absent).

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Member Halsted shared that he visited a couple of schools this week and is amazed at the art projects that the elementary kids are putting on. Glad to see the students are having fun with the holiday coming up. Member Searle wished all of the students, families, faculty, support staff and the community a happy holidays and healthy new year – thanks for everything they have done this year! Board Vice Chair Kelly thanked staff at all levels of our district – classified, licensed, DLT and administrators. This has been a hard year with everything that was thrown at us – enjoy this break. Can't say how much he thanks them for persevering through what has been a challenging first half of the year. Superintendent Valenzuela recognized our partners at First Student, Tonya Kerr and her team of drivers. This week has been a challenge. We have snow falling in a lot of areas throughout the district right now and they are up at 2:00 in the morning driving roads and communicating with us at 4:00 and working really hard to get everyone home safe. Today was a real challenge, but they got everyone home safe and did an excellent job.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *TRSD Equity and Inclusion Team Update* – Director Allen-Hart and her core group have been doing a ton of work. The team consists of administrators and folks representing all of our buildings, all of our areas at all levels. They are working really hard to go through with individual school teams and look at student handbooks. They are making sure the handbooks reflect the needs of our students, our staff and our schools. The team is making sure that the board and the district policies are in line with what the state is asking for. The team is also working towards training our staff on what this is – what is equity and inclusion and what does it mean as a staff member, for our students, and our community? He then talked about the meaning of “equity” and how it applies to our district. The power of our committee is helping people understand and recognize the importance of when an equitable approach is the correct solution for a situation.

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 2021
- Athletic Coaches – December 2021
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)
- Board Policies – Second Reading
 - GCL – *Staff Development*
 - GCN/GDN – *Evaluation of Staff*
 - ECACB – *Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) a.k.a. Drone*
 - IIBGA – *Electronic Communications System*
- Member Searle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Halsted seconded the motion; Board Vice Chair Kelly took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Director Saunders shared a screen with the two written comments that were received. They were also forwarded to the board members in advance of the meeting via email. The comments received were from:
 - Krista Schmidt/parent – concerns around all gender restrooms and using relief money to modify restrooms.
 - Regina Purtzer – Not in favor of masking or mask mandates and also against the vaccine requirement for educators and children.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- None

ACTION ITEMS

- **Board Member Danny York Resignation – Zone II**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela stated that we received notification that Danny York would be resigning from the board as he moved out of our district. His resignation was effective December 10th. He asked the board to vote on accepting his resignation. A plaque recognizing Mr. York for his service to the district is forthcoming and will be passed on to him. He shared, as per board policy BBB, when a vacancy occurs the superintendent will call a meeting of the board to make an appointment of another board member. There is an application process that will be getting out to the public very soon after the holidays. We will post and publicize the vacancy by January 7th and the board will be updated at the January 19th board meeting and move forward with a timeline that works for the board members.
 - Member Halsted made a motion to accept the resignation of Board Member Danny York, effective December 10, 2021. Member Searle seconded the motion. The board members shared how much they hate to see Mr. York go. He has been a great mentor he brought a wealth of knowledge to newer board members. He will be missed by the board and the district. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution (#03) – Local Control**
 - Board Vice-Chair Kelly shared that the board chairs and vice-chairs for most of the Southern Oregon area school districts have started meeting because they all have a common issue regarding local control. There is a desire to have the Governor ease the mandates and allow the local school boards to handle COVID related matters in conjunction with the local health departments. It would allow local elected school boards to do what they are voted to do by their constituents and also allows the local health department to do what they are supposed to do, which is handle health-related matters in our area. This will allow our educators to go back to doing what they do best – which is teach our kids, and not worry about medical stuff. Other local districts have passed a similar resolution. The resolutions will be aggregated and passed on to the Governor's office. Superintendent Valenzuela added the resolution reflects some of the goals that the board has been discussing recently.
 - Member Halsted made a motion to approve resolution #03 – Local Control. Member Searle seconded

the motion; a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Member Halsted expressed his appreciation for Mr. Kelly's work on this and it's a step in the right direction.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- Member Halsted asked about information regarding the use of specific applications to communicate with athletes by staff.
- Board Vice-Chair may have an update on his meeting with the Southern Oregon boards group.

Superintendent Valenzuela announced there will be a two-hour weather delay for school tomorrow. An official announcement will be going out soon.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – District Office
- Board Work Session - Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. – District Office
- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. – Illinois Valley High School
 - Illinois Valley High School Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice-Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.