

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
November 20, 2024**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The meeting was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsJuFh05rVM>

PRESENT

Pat Kelly, Board Vice-Chair
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Rich Halsted, Board Chair

Administrators present: Damian Crowson, Erik Lathen, Renee Hulst, Monica Haley, Kelli Lovell, Mandi DelVaglio, Shelli Campos, Jessica Falkenhagen, Jenny Mohr and Steven Fuller.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Camp made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Johnstun seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0, Member Halsted absent).

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

- Superintendent Valenzuela began his report by sharing the District's mission statement: "To ensure high levels of learning for all students." He then addressed his previous comment regarding the toxic political climate in the community, clarifying that his intention was not to assign blame to any individual or group. He explained that while the District is required to comply with certain legal mandates, some of these requirements may not align with the values or expectations of the community. Superintendent Valenzuela reiterated his belief that open dialogue between the District and the community is essential for moving forward and for helping the Board fulfill its goals. He assured the Board and community members that he will always follow the law, prioritize the well-being of students, and ensure their protection. He also pointed out that while there were no board member attendees at any of the public comment forums, his office remains open and accessible for communication and feedback. In closing, Superintendent Valenzuela expressed his desire to reset the relationship between the District and the community, fostering greater collaboration, transparency, and mutual understanding in the future.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Director Durrant recognized Katherine Clayton and Stephanie Finch representing Southern Oregon Head Start as the TRSD Community Partner of the Month. She highlighted the longstanding partnership between the District and Southern Oregon Head Start, emphasizing their shared goal of helping students and families thrive and succeed. Director Durrant noted that Southern Oregon Head Start's programs are embedded at both Hidden Valley High School and Williams Elementary, where they play an integral role in supporting students and families as part of the schools' community.

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 2024
- Athletic Coaches – November 2024
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - October 16, 2024 - Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)
- Board Policies – Second Reading
 - JGAB - *Use of Restraint and Seclusion*
 - IK - *Academic Achievement*
 - DJC - *Bidding Requirements*
 - GCBDC/GDBDC - *Domestic Violence/Harassment/Sexual Assault/Stalking Leave*
 - JB - *Equal Educational Opportunity*
 - IB - *Freedom of Expression*
 - EEBB - *Use of Private Vehicles for District Business*
 - ECD - *Traffic and Parking Controls*
 - GBEDA - *Drug and Alcohol Testing - Transportation Personnel* - (DELETE)

Member Johnstun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Camp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Eight community members addressed the board: Amber Guient (via Zoom), Neigel Hruska, Becky Lemler, David Lommel, Mariah Rossi, Rick Nelson, Oliva Herrera and Steve Raycraft.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Integrated Grant and Student Investment Account (SIA)**
 - Director Durrant shared information from the Integrated Grant for the 2023-2024 school year. The Integrated grant has multiple pieces totaling \$5.5 million. The Integrated Grant includes: Student Investment Account (\$4,254,642.21), High School Success (\$1,269,582.09), Early Indicator and Interventions System (\$12,818.97), Continuous Improvement Planning (*no funds allocated*), Career and Technical education (*funds allocated and managed by Southern Oregon Educational Service District*), and Every Day Matters (*no funds allocated*). All information for the Integrated Grant, including the Annual Report is posted on the TRSD public website ('District Grants' webpage).
- **Board Policies – First Reading**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward the following health-related policies for a first reading and explained that the updates are as recommended by OSBA and most of these updates are due to legislative changes.
 - 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-AR* - *Communicable Diseases in Schools*
- GBEB-A - *Staff - HIV, AIDS and HBV* - DELETE
- JHCC - *Communicable Diseases - Students* - DELETE
- JHCC-AR* - *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

*AR's (Administrative Regulations) are included for information only as they do not require board approval.

- **Budget Committee Vacancy**

- Accounting Manager Megan Beck informed the board that there is one open Budget Committee position for Zone 1 (Illinois Valley area). Notices will be published in the newspapers and applications will be due on January 3, 2025. Any applications received will be brought to the Board at the February board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Inter-District Transfer Slots**

- Director Allen-Hart reported that this past year 150 slots were approved and recommended closing the remaining 65 open slots for this school year. They will continue to accept hardship and remainder of the year requests for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year.
- Member Reese made a motion to close the 65 inter-district transfer slots. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **Planned Course Statement – Pathways to Teaching – Mentorship Program**

- Deputy Superintendent Alderson requested approval for the 'Pathways to Teaching-Mentorship Program' planned course statement for a new course to be offered at Illinois Valley High School.
- Member Johnstun made a motion to approve the Pathways to Teaching planned course statement. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **Supplemental Budget – Resolution (#01) to Recognize and Appropriate Additional Funds**

- Accounting Manager Megan Beck requested the Board approve resolution #01 to recognize an additional \$950,000 and allocate \$500,000 to building construction and improvement for construction projects originally anticipated to be fiscal year completed during fiscal year 2024 and continued into 2025 due to unforeseen project delays and \$450,000 to unappropriated ending fund balance, which is a line item that reserves these funds for future years and is not to be spent during the current fiscal year.
- Member Johnstun made a motion to approve resolution (#01) – Supplemental Budget. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **Resolution (#02) to Accept Unbudgeted Grant Funds**

- Accounting Manager Megan Beck explained that on August 8, 2024, the district received a seismic rehabilitation grant for the Fort Vannoy Gymnasium. Due to the grant being awarded after the start of the fiscal year 2025 it was not included in the current budget. She requested the Board approve resolution #02 to include these funds in the current budget for fiscal year 2025 with revenues and expenditures just under \$2.5 million.
- Member Johnstun made a motion to approve resolution (#02) to accept unbudgeted grant funds. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **CM|GC Contract Award for Fort Vannoy Elementary School Seismic Rehabilitation Grant**

- Accounting Manager Megan Beck explained the district received a seismic rehabilitation grant for the Fort Vannoy Elementary School gymnasium. An RFP was issued for Construction

Management|General Contractor (CM|GC) services with four companies submitting bids. After careful review the scoring committee and HMK Company recommend that the district award a CM|GC contract to Ausland Group and award pre-construction services not to exceed \$75,000.

- Member Reese made a motion to award the CM|GC contract to Ausland Group and Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **Budget Calendar**

- Accounting Manager Megan Beck presented the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar for approval. The first meeting of the Budget Committee will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 4:30 PM, prior to the board regular session. The second meeting, if needed, is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 5:00 PM.
- Member Reese made a motion to approve the budget calendar as presented. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **OSBA Election 2024**

- **OSBA Board of Director Candidate for Position 5, Southern Region**
 - Member Kelly made a motion to abstain. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- **Resolution (#01) to Amend the OSBA Dues Schedule**
 - Member Reese made a motion to vote no to amend the OSBA dues schedule. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- **Resolution (#02) to Amend Oregon School Boards Association's By-laws Relating to Composition of the Board of Directors**
 - Member Reese made a motion to vote no to amend OSBA's by-laws relating to composition of the Board of Directors. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- **Resolution (#03) to Amend the OSBA 2023 By-laws**
 - Member Johnstun made a motion to vote no to amend the OSBA 2023 by-laws. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- Member Kelly requested to add discussion on a parent's bill of rights to the next agenda, along with a resolution to only fly two flags in our schools – USA and State of Oregon.
- Member Johnstun is also interested in the parent's bill of rights, possibly utilizing the proclamation language that was shared.
- Member Camp supported the student panels and looks forward to the panels at the other high schools.

Future Meeting Dates & Events:

- Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Board Regular Session at Illinois Valley High School, 4:00 PM
 - Student Panel at 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 15, 2025, Board Regular Session at the District Office, 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice-Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.