

Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a regular session, Monday, May 17, 2010 at Ft. Vannoy Elementary School, 5250 Upper River Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dave Strahan, Member of the Board, Zone IV  
Ron Lengwin, Member of the Board, Zone V  
Robert Litak, Member of the Board, Zone I  
Dan Huber-Kantola, Superintendent-Clerk  
Peter Maluk, Director of Elementary Education  
Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources  
Doug Ely, Director of Student Services  
John George, Director of Secondary Education

PRESENT

ABSENT: Jim Weaver, Chairperson of the Board, Zone II  
Leslie Meier, Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Zone III

ABSENT

Also Present: Kathie Hill, Principal/Ft. Vannoy, Susan Angeli, Lindsay DeVore, Bob Just, Jake Musser, Kari O'Brien, Steve Jones, Jeri and Charlie Couger, Steve Finley, Dave Bracken/Aramark, Kimber Guthrie, Dan Guthrie, Dave Marks, Michael Morris/Sodexo, Claudia Dow, DJ Edmonds, Van Granger, Gary Enoch, Patricia Enoch, Owen Peterson, Via Kelly, Dave Holden, Leslie Clark, Eric Holte, Keith Hitchko, Jennifer Parsons, Patti Richter/Daily Courier, Darrin Bossingham, Bob Meier, Sandra Brown, Wayne Brown, Jim Early, Mary Solomon, Carlie Wiley-Wolter, Chaix Kight, Ken Klumpp and Lisa Cross/Recording Secretary.

ALSO PRESENT

Acting Board Chair Strahan called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported on the Valedictorian/Salutatorian luncheon that was held at the District office. The Valedictorians and Salutatorians from each of the three high schools, along with their parents, were invited to attend. It was a lot of fun. Graduations will be taking place on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The GED graduation will be held the following Monday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that we have finished talking with the teachers union about the possibility of reducing some days this year and some days next year given the bad economic situation we are in. We have traditionally made sure that we are slow in moving forward to make any cuts because the Board, the Directors, staff, and everybody values making sure that we don't cut days for kids unless we absolutely have to. We did approach the teachers about the possibility of taking some days this year and some days next year, even though we are going to have enough money in our ending fund balance to be above three percent. They did say if we were below three percent we could go ahead and cut some days, but we will be above three percent. The teachers said at this time please continue with what has been done in the past which is to wait and see that things are really going to be as bad as predicted. So, the days will be restored this year which means that the official last

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT (CON'T)

day of school for Three Rivers School District will be June 9th. Teachers will have a clerical day on June 10th. Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated he hopes the teachers are right, and he is wrong, which would be a pleasant, good thing, but we have been very cautious. We have so far in the district, honored every contract that we have had with everybody; with all of the teachers in terms of pay raises, in terms of days; with all of the classified members in terms of pay raises and in terms of days. The only group that we have not honored our contract with, and they have been willing to give back to us, has been the administrative group. He expressed concern that we have finally hit the point where we are not going to be able to continue the way we have.

Member Litak expressed his disappointment with the teacher's union leaders and stated it was a short-sighted decision on their part to not allow us to take any days this year, and will come back to haunt all of us next year, especially our students.

RECOGNITION OF  
EXCELLENCE

Ft. Vannoy Principal Kathie Hill recognized the following staff members for their outstanding service to the school and students:

- Nicole Brown, Computer Lab Tech
- Eric Holte, Head Custodian
- Darin Bossingham, Custodian

COMMUNITY  
COMMENTS

Acting Board Chair Strahan opened up the meeting for community comments, and there were none.

NEIGHBOR TO  
NEIGHBOR PROJECT

Bob Just spoke on behalf of the Neighbor to Neighbor Project. The Neighbor to Neighbor project is a project of Citizens Core Council which is a federal program to encourage volunteerism. The four sitting groups of Citizens Core Council include: Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and Medical Reserve Corp. They have developed a flyer, with wonderful community support. The basic principle of the flyer, of which 35,000 have been published through a Department of Homeland Security grant, is challenging the public to put the flyer on their neighbor's doorstep. They are basically saying to the public, the more your neighbor knows about safety and preparedness, the safer you are. The more you know about safety and preparedness, the safer they are. The flyer has basic information where you can go to get help, where you can go to help/volunteer, safety and preparedness information and information on starting a neighborhood watch. Their special focus is drug addiction and recovery. Currently there is support for this program from District 7, three private schools, the banks, Chamber of Commerce and the media. The program goes through July 4th. His hope is to do this once every two years

## APPROVED

Member Litak moved to approve the flyers for distribution to our students and their families. Ron Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO  
TRANSFER  
CONTINGENCY FUNDS

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented Resolution (#11) to transfer contingency funds for students attending national competitions. As per Board policy, we set aside \$300 per student to help support those students that qualify to attend national competitions. This year we had 19 students from Hidden Valley High school qualify for the FBLA competition, had three students traveling to the National Skills Competition, and three students qualify for the National Forensics Tournament. The total amount requested to be transferred from contingency is \$7,500 to cover the \$300 per student. Member Litak moved to approve the Resolution to transfer of contingency funds. Member Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## APPROVED

JACKSON COUNTY  
EXCISE TAX

Superintendent Huber-Kantola presented Resolution (#12) for the implementation of the Jackson County Construction Excise Tax. In 2009 we instituted the tax for Josephine

County, since it's inception money has been collected. For Three Rivers School District we have collected approximately \$80,000 for construction-type projects. We have not had Jackson County on board yet because it is a county that has multiple school districts. Finally this year Jackson county universally is adopting a resolution and an Intergovernmental Agreement to enact the excise tax in Jackson County. For us, that is the Applegate area, we have a small number of families that live out in that area. We will be beginning the excise tax June 1st for both residential and commercial. Member Lengwin moved to approve the Resolution. Member Litak seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that on the Jackson County Intergovernmental Agreement, it was essentially the same as the Josephine County agreement, but in a slightly different order. The definitions are the same in terms of what it is we would be collecting in excise tax. Member Litak moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Member Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

JACKSON COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

APPROVED

Accountant Lisa Cross presented Resolution (#13) to Transfer Appropriations between Capital Projects accounts. Member Litak approved the resolution to transfer appropriations. Member Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

APPROVED

Accountant Lisa Cross presented Resolution (#14) to Transfer General Contingency Funds. This is with the agreement to reinstate the five days. We need to budget those dollars before any paychecks can be run in June. The full \$750,000 needs to be put back in to the budget for expenditures. Member Litak moved to approve the Resolution to Transfer Contingency Funds. Member Lengwin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CONTINGENCY FUNDS

APPROVED

Student Services Director Doug Ely presented Resolution (#15) to Transfer Appropriations. Director Ely stated there is a need at Hidden Valley High School to move a behavior classroom. There is space available at the other end of the building and the classroom needs to be moved to expand the program's capacity. It will also allow the room that is currently being used as the behavior classroom to be used by the multi-handicapped program. Member Lengwin moved to approve the resolution. Member Litak seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS—SPED

APPROVED

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated Willamette ESD would like us to allow them to take people through a pre-qualification process for the biomass project before we open the bid process to the public. Member Litak asked if there was a feeling for how many contractors are potentially interested or qualified in going through this process? Superintendent Huber-Kantola responded that they're hoping to get three to five folks who are qualified to bid. Member Litak moved to approve the Prequalification Finding of Facts. Member Lengwin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

BIOMASS PREQUALIFICATION

APPROVED

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported that we began the year with a \$3.6 million beginning fund balance. Currently, after adding back the cut days to run the entire school year at a cost of \$750,000, we will end the year with a \$1.6 million ending fund balance. We are potentially in a spot where we have spent more than what we took in by about \$1.9 million this year to keep everything up and running for the full year. This is a trend that we cannot continue next year because we will not begin the year with enough to put \$1.9 million into the school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Human Resources Director Debbie Breckner added to her written report that tomorrow we have 'The Amazing Eye' video conference happening at Evergreen Elementary. This will be a live broadcast in which Evergreen and five other schools will participate. Dr. Dan

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

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Vidlak is doing a cow eye dissection in Mrs. Griffis' fifth grade class at Evergreen and that dissection will be participated by five other schools, with kids following along. This is made possible by the network upgrades that have been made possible.

In response to a question from Member Litak, Director Breckner confirmed that 85% of all e-mails coming in are spam and blocked before they ever get in to the district.

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Bracken stated he had nothing to add to his written report unless there were questions. Member Lengwin asked how the installation of the new water tank was going at Fruitdale? Mr. Bracken responded that they excavated the hole for the water tank last week. The system was put in the ground on Saturday, and looks to be completed this week.

## FOOD SERVICE REPORT

Mr. Morris stated he had nothing to add to his written report unless there were questions. Member Litak asked what 'TRACT' stands for? Director Ely stated that it is the transition program for our 18-21 year old students that are learning job skills out in the community. Member Litak applauded Mr. Morris for working with them for the recycling project. Mr. Morris responded that Food Service encourages them to come out to the schools, work in the kitchens, and helping him serve for special event luncheons such as the Valedictorian/Salutatorian luncheon being held at the District Office tomorrow.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola also pointed out that if you go back to the ending fund balance, the number there reflects that as of now we are anticipating not having to transfer any money from the General Fund to subsidize the Food Service program. That is a first in a very, very, long time.

Member Litak pointed out a couple of minor corrections to the April 19, 2010 minutes.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Member Strahan asked that the spelling of a Wolf Creek resident that attended the April 6th meeting be corrected. Chuck Lockerette needs to be changed to Lauderette. Item D2—Out of state travel for the National Skills USA needs to change from six to three students will be attending.

## APPROVED

Member Lengwin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Member Litak seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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Dave Strahan  
Acting Chairperson of the Board  
THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dan Huber-Kantola  
Superintendent-Clerk  
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