

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
May 17, 2023**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the Three Rivers District Office, 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=SfR0BXfJbIE&t=30s>

PRESENT

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Chair
Susan Fischer-Maki, Board Vice-Chair
Jamie Wright, Board Member
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Jenn Searle, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

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

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Johnstun called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Searle seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (5-0)

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

This month's Say Something Positive was dedicated to the recognition of SOSA Office Manager Zandra Jansma by being named the Oregon Education Support Professional of the Year. Zandra was selected for this honor by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) from hundreds of nominee applications and honored in a surprise ceremony at SOSA on May 16th. ODE Director Colt Gill and an Oregon Lottery representative were on hand to award her with a plaque and check for \$5,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Valenzuela provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Kickoff to Kindergarten – Thursday, May 11th. This year attendance was phenomenal. 'Ready for K' packets were provided to all attendees,
- Partnership with Josephine County Juvenile Justice. Survey results on smoking and vaping. \$100,000 grant for vape monitors.
- Human Centric Lighting – Current project at Hidden Valley High School – developed by Plan LED. Shared Plan LED video.

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 – May 2023
- Athletic Coaches – May 2023
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - April 5, 2023 – Special (work) Session
- Out of state travel requests (2)
- Member Halsted made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Fischer-Maki seconded the motion; Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Five community members addressed the board: Rick Nelson, Judy Ahrens, Kevin Wood, Pam and Terry M.
- Board Chair Johnstun also recognized and thanked the Illinois Valley High School students that have sent letters to the Board. She appreciates input from students.
- Member Wright shared comments and thoughts on her meeting yesterday with Rick Nelson and others reviewing the proposed Great Body Shop curriculum.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Board Policies – First Reading**

- IGBB - *Talented and Gifted Program*
- IGBB-AR* - *Complaints Regarding the Talented and Gifted Program and/or Services*
- IGBBA - *Talented and Gifted Students - Identification*
- IDBBA-AR* - *Appeal Procedure for Talented and Gifted Student Identification and Placement* - DELETE
- IGBBC - *Talented and Gifted - Program and Services* - DELETE
- IGBBC-AR* - *Complaints Regarding the Talented and Gifted Program* - DELETE
- IIA - *Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials*
- **Administrative Rules (AR's) are included for information only and do not require board approval/adoption.*
- Director Durrant explained that there are two different groups of policies. A new law was passed regarding TAG – the updated policies are a result of a collaboration with District 7 and the district 'Talented and Gifted' plan. The updated policies are required pieces for the plan. The instructional resources and instructional materials policies are revised as per recommendations from OSBA.

ACTION ITEMS

- **ESSER II Capital Expense Approval – New Bridge**

- New Bridge Administrator David Regal asked the Board to approve a capital expense that has been submitted to ODE for approval. ESSER II funds in the amount of \$45,000 will be utilized for an outdoor classroom, mostly used for CTE.
- Member Halsted made a motion to approve the ESSER II capital expense for New Bridge as requested. Member Wright seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **6th-8th Health Curriculum Adoption**

- Director Durrant reported that nothing has changed since her presentation at the last meeting. They are working to ensure the curriculum will be here in time for the next school year.

- Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to adopt the Great Body Shop curriculum for 6th-8th grade. Member Searle seconded the motion. There was lengthy discussion. Member Halsted shared that he did not feel up to speed on the proposed curriculum and he is not at a 'yes' right now as he is unprepared.
- Member Fischer-Maki rescinded her motion and Board Chair Johnstun made a motion to table the item until the June board meeting. Member Halsted seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Planned Course Statements**

- Intro to Film as Literature
- Interactive Investigations (elective)
- Creative Design (3D and 2D)
- Director Durrant presented the above middle school Planned Course Statements for approval.
- Member Wright made a motion to approve the Planned Course Statements. Member Searle seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Interdistrict Transfer Slots 2023-34**

- Director Allen-Hart explained that the district needs to open up slots for inter-district transfers. The last few years we have had about 40. She proposed to open about 90 slots for next year, 40-50 will be at the secondary level and a fewer number at the elementary level.
- Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve recommended number of inter-district transfer slots. Member Searle seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Superintendent Evaluation**

- Board Chair Johnstun shared that overall the superintendent had a wonderful review. She then read the summary statement she had prepared for the board packet.
- Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve superintendent evaluation summary. Member Halsted seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution (#05) – Issuance of Full Faith and Credit Obligation**

- District Accountant Lisa Cross requested the board to approve the resolution that will allow the district to sell bonds to borrow the money to complete the Illinois Valley High School roofing project.
- Member Halsted made a motion to approve resolution #05, issuance of full faith and credit obligation. Member Wright seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Approval of Fruitdale Cooling Tower Contract**

- District Accountant Lisa Cross requested the board approve the contract for \$278,596 to Johnson Barrow / FluidTEK. The project was put out for bid and had three businesses show up for the pre-bid meeting, but only one of them submitted a proposal.
- Member Halsted made a motion to approve the Fruitdale Cooling Tower contract. Member Searle seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Fleming Seismic Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Authorization**

- District Accountant Lisa Cross explained the Fleming seismic went out to bid and came back over budget. We are all working together to find a way to do this project within the budget. She is seeking approval for give Superintendent Valenzuela the authority to approve the GMP when all of the final prices come in under budget.
- Member Fischer-Maki made a motion to approve the Fleming Seismic Guaranteed Maximum Price authorization and allow Superintendent Valenzuela to approve the bid when it is finalized. Member Wright seconded the motion. Board Chair Johnstun commented that these seismic

grants have done so much for our facilities in the district. She expressed her appreciation for aggressively seeking these seismic grants and reported that to date we have received seismic grants for: Illinois Valley, Hidden Valley, Fleming, Evergreen, and Applegate and currently applying for Lincoln Savage. These bring tremendous facility upgrades that we would otherwise not be able to afford. Member Wright explained that there is no money in the budget to do giant facility upgrades, the funding has to come from the people that live in the community. Board Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- There were none.

FUTURE MEETING DATES.

- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, June 14, 2023 (*Changed from the 21st*) at the District Office, 6:00 p.m.
- Board Retreat – Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the District Office
- Board Organizational Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the District Office

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Johnstun adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.