

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
November 19, 2025**

The Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The regular session was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Tbmk-YAVDI>

PRESENT

Pat Kelly, Board Chair
Mariah Rossi, Board Vice-Chair
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member
Rick Nelson, Board Member

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

Administrators present: Renee Hults, Damian Crowson, Shelli Campos, Monica Haley, Sabrina Miller, Jessica Falkenhagen, Kellie Lovell, Mandi DelVaglio, Lindsey Namanny, Steve Fuller, Danny Pratt, Erik Lathen

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at: 5:02pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Camp made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

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. Member Reese spoke about the Veteran's celebration at Riverway and what a great job the high school bands and choirs did. Member Camp shared about his visit to the IV area schools. He was impressed with the phonics being taught as well as the excitement of the students during lunchtime. Vice-Chair Rossi echoed the appreciation of the Veterans Day celebrations. Director Allen-Hart shouted out Jessica Durrant and Heather Yount, appreciating the PLC Training they provided to the Administration team. Director Durrant gave a shoutout to the ELA curriculum adoption and review team. Deputy Superintendent Alderson commended the classified bargaining team and their work to bring the contract to vote at the meeting. Director Saunders spoke highly of the tech interns that are available through a partnership with Project Youth Plus.

Superintendent Valenzuela shared about the OSBA training and the culture and values building occurring throughout the staff district wide.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared with the Board what he learned at the OSBA training, specifically around the work that Boards are doing to create operating agreements. He shared that the Board Chair and Vice-Chair both expressed a desire to create an operating agreement starting at the January workshop. From there the Board expressed a desire to work on strategic planning at the June 2026 organization meeting. Superintendent Valenzuela updated the Board on the budget and economic forecast from the state. He will continue to update the Board on budgets and financials as those updates come to the District.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

- Director Durrant recognized Maslow Project as our TRSD Community Partner of the Month for November 2025. Cheyenne Nichols, Nicole Ritterbush and Mariah Henderson were present to receive the award. Maslow Project supports TRSD students experiencing houselessness. They have recently helped a family with housing, a family stop the eviction process, and countless others with gas or supplies.

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 2025
- Athletic Coaches – November 2025
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - October 6, 2025 - Board Work Session
 - October 15, 2025 - Board Regular Session
- Grant Request (3)
- Out of State Travel Requests (5)
- Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Camp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Student Group Spotlight - Fort Vannoy Student Leadership**
 - Principal Jessica Falkenhagen along with Leadership Students shared a presentation and informed the Board about:
 - The work and tasks that students are completing to make a positive impact on the culture and student experience at Fort Vannoy. They shared how cleaning up the school, helping other students, and their everyday actions embody the HERO motto at Fort Vannoy.
- **Chartwells Quarterly Business Report**

- Chris Gilliam shared a presentation with the Board of the Chartwell's quarterly report. He gave an overview of Chartwell's staff, shared goals between Chartwells and the District, and a program overview. Meal count updates show about 20,000 more meals vs this time last year. He spoke about events at the schools and that there was recently a student vote for students to choose foods. He talked about challenges that kitchens can face when there is no water or power due to outages. Chris also shared about what is upcoming like the Farm to Table program and additions to the Smart Snacks.
- **6th - 12th grade Curriculum Adoption Process**
 - Director Durrant provided the Board with an overview of the timeline for the upcoming 6-12th grades ELA adoption. The final 2 publishers are HMH and Savaas have been selected by the teachers on the adoption committee. The adoption team will pilot these programs for 3 weeks in January and February and meet again in March 2026 to come up with a recommendation for the Board to adopt in the April 2026 meeting. There was discussion from Member Camp about improving performance through an updated and better ELA curriculum. The Board would like to see the final 2 at the January Board meeting for review. The last ELA adoption in TRSD was 25 years ago for high school and 11 years ago for middle school.
- **Alternative Education Evaluation**
 - Deputy Superintendent Alderson provided a report to the Board on the Alternative Education program in TRSD. This is an annual evaluation.
- **Federal Scholarship Tax Credit**
 - Vice Chair Rossi shared a program that might be available to allow tax payers to make donations to specific schools. The donations would be tax deductible. Vice-Chair Rossi will update the Board as she receives more information.
- **Student Data Monthly Report**
 - 6th - 8th Grade Reading Goals - Jessica Durrant introduced Principals Steve Fuller and Danny Pratt to discuss the 6-8th grade reading goals. This data is measured by accuracy percentage and total words correct. 8th grade last year words were 48%, the new goal is 80%. Accuracy last year was 84% and the goal is 90% by the end of this year. Member Camp inquired about the foundation which both Danny Pratt and Steve Fuller responded is important but also they need to meet students at their current level. Member Nelson inquired about the State Testing scores, which Director Durrant explained was not what was measured and or being presented on. Vice-Chair Rossi inquired about the overall levels of the students, Danny Pratt explained LBMS was like a bell curve as far as reading goals.
 - Academic Performance and School Culture - IVHS Principal Erik Lathen and Grad Coach Erin Rodman presented on core values and the role they can play on student success and student outcomes. Erin Rodman shared the student mental health survey results from 2023 vs 2025 and then how they relate to increases in both the Freshman on Track and Incompletes. They also shared the data on student discipline and the decrease in fights as the culture and values have been implemented. They shared the implementation of positive notes and how that connects to positivity at home. RED Leader cards were presented for students to recognize other students and teachers. The Board was then led in a fun activity, and a video was shared by IVHS showing gratitude in action. An

audience member shared a special story about how IVHS positively impacted his granddaughter and helped her graduate.

- **Board Policies First Reading**

- IIA - *Instructional Materials*
 - Member Nelson suggested this policy be brought forward at a work session to discuss further.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Four community members addressed the board:
 - Alyssa Donoho spoke about concerns with the Draft Policy IIA and specifically the section providing guidance on books. She believes the guidance is vague and subjective which could create legal issues for the District.
 - Nancy Reese spoke as a community member about her beliefs that schools and the media are indoctrinating children since God is no longer involved in schools
 - Tim Lenhardt spoke about being a substitute teacher and losing sick leave since the District moved from SOESD to EDUSTAFF for substitutes. His sick leave was accrued when he was an employee of SOESD.
 - Judy Ahrens also spoke and echoed some of the statements of Nancy Reese. She also commended the District on the Veteran's Day celebrations.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Classified Staff Contract Approval**

- Deputy Superintendent Casey Alderson recommended the Board approve the Classified Contract in the Board packet. The contract dates are July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.
- Chair Kelly made a motion to approve the contract. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion. There was discussion by Member Nelson requesting to move the vote as he did not read the contract. Vice-Chair Rossi explained the contract was in the packet sent the week before. Chair Kelly took a vote and the contract passed by a vote of 4-1. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp Abstained, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Approval of the Budget Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year**

- Superintendent Valenzuela, filling in for Accounting Manager Megan Beck presented a draft copy of the budget calendar for the 2026-2027 school year for the Board to approve.
- Member Reese made a motion to approve the budget calendar. Member Camp seconded the motion; which passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reese yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Board Policies – Second Reading:**

- CB - *Superintendent*
- DH - *Loss Coverage*
- GBG - *Staff Participation in Political Activities*
- GCBDE/GDBDE - *Military Leave of Absence*
- IGBBA - *Talented and Gifted Students - Identification*
- IGBHA - *Alternative Education Programs*

- JEDA - *Truancy*
- JFCEB - *Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Students*
- KI - *Public Solicitations in District Facilities*
- KJ - *Commercial Advertising*

- **Board Resolution 1-25**
 - Board Member Nelson read the resolution on the record. This resolution was brought to the Board by Member Nelson and pertains to Title IX and is the Board's resolution, not one of the Three Rivers School District.
 - Member Reese made a motion to approve and adopt the resolution. Vice-Chair Kelly seconded the motion. There was discussion by Vice-Chair Rossi who expressed her support of this resolution as she believes it safe-guards both boys and girls sports. Member Camp inquired if this is something within the privy of the Board. The resolution was approved by a vote of 4-1. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp abstains, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**
 - None

- **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**
 - Wednesday, December 17, 2025 Board Regular Session at North Valley High School 4:00pm
 - Student Panel at 2:00pm
 - REVISED** Board Retreat/Organizational Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2026 District Office 9:00am
 - Board Regular Session to follow 2:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.