

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 13, 2016**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Williams Elementary School, 20691 Williams Highway, Williams, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

**PRESENT**

Danny York, Board Chair	Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair	Casey Alderson, Director
Kara Olmo, Board Member	Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Paul Kelly, Board Member	Debbie Simons, Director
Ron Lengwin, Board Member	Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Darrell Erb/Williams Elementary and Applegate School Principal

**ABSENT**

Jessica Durrant, Director

**CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) "*Collective Bargaining.*"

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:10 PM and Mr. York led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Mr. Kelly shared that the North Valley girls soccer team did really well. Baylee Touey was named player of the year for the state 4A and the coach was named coach of the year 4A. Also, the girls basketball team was coming home from Junction City and came across a disabled bus carrying the girls basketball team from Grants Pass, they stopped and tripled up in the seats and brought that team home with them, saving them three hours of standing out in the cold. Ms. Olmo is proud to be here to have conversation and see the community turn out at this level. Ms. Dwyer attended the Fiddle Clinic at Evergreen Elementary School, made possible by a local parent Tina Wright, which was a huge success. Mr. Lengwin attended North Valley girls and boys basketball the other night. He commended KAJO radio for the great job reporting scores of the high school games and how they reached out to the community to come out and support the schools. Superintendent Valenzuela recognized the Williams school community for their presence and being respectful during this process. Director Allen-Hart acknowledged Williams office manager Mindi Gallegos for her hard work on the annual Williams Christmas Play. Director Alderson recognized the work of the alt ed staff. There are a lot of heartbreaking stories that go through the Merlin Alternative Center and the staff does a great job of supporting them through the

holiday season. Director Simons thanked Cathy Agnifili the beautiful ornaments and then recognized food service staff. She thanked Ben Guyton for doing the cooking for the food service Christmas party and the food service staff for going above and beyond to help our kids, especially during the holiday season. Mr. York shared that his son is involved at Hidden Valley and he sees that school community comes around those that are in need.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Thanked the board for their willingness to move the meeting to Williams Elementary school location to meet the needs of the community.
- The Illinois Valley Community Team, with great help from Kate Dwyer and Nicole Rensenbrink are bringing ACES trauma informed instruction to IV schools and parents. This will have a huge impact on how we are able to serve that population.
- Fleming Middle school is looking to reinstitute National Junior Honor Society that has been missing for a few years. They are going to calibrate with other schools in our region. They are recruiting an advisor and will be ready to start with 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year.
- Energy consumption –Due to things such as the wastewater treatment plant at Fleming and the bus barn at Evergreen being on the school bills it is hard to differentiate between a large bill and a school's energy consumption. We are looking at energy monitoring services to figure out usage and what steps we can take to minimize energy usage.
- North Valley area wastewater treatment – continuing to have great conversations with Josephine County regarding the lift station at North Valley industrial. Mike Bollweg has been brought on as the Director of Operations which should be an improvement for us. He has a meeting set up to meet with Oregon Travel Experience and ODOT at the southbound Manzanita rest area.
- Williams's Elementary update – the district held a public meeting at Williams Elementary and had a two hour conversation that was productive. There were a lot of questions from the community but the primary question that kept coming up which was "what is that number?" The current enrollment is 60 +/- . The cost of operations annually is \$550,000. The current ADM brings in approximately \$700,000. At 45 students this school will lose money, based on the current formulas from the state. He also reiterated that no decisions have been made. He is very invested in working this process and turning it over to the committee.

### **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 2016
- Coaches – December 2016
- Out of State Travel Requests (1)
- Grant Requests (4)

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Olmo seconded the motion. Mr. York called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- John Chambers shared some graphs with data obtained from the Oregon Healthy Teen survey and Oregon Wellness Survey and discussed how the data is used to help the community.
- The following people spoke during the Community Comment period in support of Williams Elementary School and asked that the Board not close the school:
  - Rebecca Brinegor
  - Jacqueline Morlock
  - Michelle Lamar
  - Greg Cox
  - Jessica Morris
  - Amber Cruient
  - John Rickert
- Board Chair York reiterated that there are a lot of moving targets and the district is facing some

major funding issues that we will be dealing with. This process is intended to be a conversation. The way our board policies are written, in order to have this conversation we have to follow the process and start the ball rolling early on. The last thing anyone on this board wants to have happen is to see a school in a small community shuttered. We have already done that and it is catastrophic to the community. This is more on a fact finding thing and he hopes that it energizes their base as a school.

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Williams Elementary School Future Viability**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela reported that Director Allen-Hart has been working on forming the committee to represent the community. The date for the next committee meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Williams Elementary. They are looking at 3-5 meetings prior to making a recommendation to the board in March. Having been a member of the community for almost 45 years she is very concerned with the drop in student numbers. There are many kids that do not attend their school. If the committee can find out why that might be, it would help with the long-term viability of the school.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **2016-17 Healthy Teens Survey**
  - Director Alderson reported that the board has heard from John Chambers and seen some examples of how the data is used in the community for resources. He is looking to the board for a vote to give the district some direction on which way to go.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion that the district proceed with the 2016-17 Healthy Teens Survey. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was some discussion by the board, specifically asking if the survey can be modified? Ms. Olmo would support the opportunity to edit the survey in the future if the option becomes available. It cannot be done at this time.
  - Board Chair York called for a vote and the motion passed 3-2 (Mr. Lengwin and Mr. York opposing).

## **OTHER**

- Mr. Lengwin asked what the maximum capacity is for Fleming Middle School and Lincoln Savage Middle School at any given time? What is their highest enrollment?
- Ms. Dwyer clarified that the March meeting has been changed from March 14<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ms. Dwyer is satisfied that the district is moving forward in finding out about the power costs and recognizes it will take a while. She looks forward to discussing more about this in the future.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- *No work session scheduled for January*
- *January 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – Board Regular Session.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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Danny York  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk