

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 15, 2019**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Three Rivers District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

**PRESENT**

Kate Dwyer, Board Chair  
Rich Halsted, Board Member  
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair  
Danny York, Board Member  
Paul Kelly, Board Member  
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Director  
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director  
Jessica Durrant, Director  
JP Richards, Director  
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Rachel Damiano/Hidden Valley High School Assistant Principal, Steve Fuller/Applegate & Williams Principal and Renee Hults/Manzanita Elementary Principal.

**CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) – *Collective Bargaining*.

Ms. Dwyer recessed Executive Session at 4:30 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

The board reconvened in Open Session at 6:00 p.m. and Ms. Dwyer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the revised agenda with the amendment to the Consent Agenda. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Ms. Dwyer attended the scholarship night at Hidden Valley High School and the outpouring of support for our students was overwhelming. Many thanks to our community! Mr. Halsted also attended the scholarship night and it was wonderful. Reading all of the applications he had for the two scholarships that the Lions Club awards shows what impressive students, families and staff we have. Mr. Kelly attended the first day of the district track meet and saw some amazing athletes breaking school records. He attended North Valley scholarship night and there was a lot of money handed out. There are some really bright kids and he can't wait to see what they accomplish. He thanked all of the scholarship donors. Lastly, he complimented Jo Gill. He showed up unannounced to Manzanita and asked for a tour, and she was more than willing to give him an hour-long tour of her facilities there and share what they are doing in the Lifeskills program. It's amazing work! Mr. York gave a shout out to Lisa Cross for the budget season. Ms. Johnstun gave a shout out to Dave Valenzuela. This year's budget process has been challenging and very difficult and he has handled it with a lot of heart, creativity and compassion. She appreciates that he is a realist and trying to move us to a direction where we live within our means. Director Alderson echoed Mr. Kelly. He attended day two of the district track meet. He watched the North Valley and Hidden Valley kids

compete and there were some amazing times and marks. The Hidden Valley girls short relay team had the fastest time in the state amongst any classification 1A through 6A. Watching that freshman triple jump – he used to coach triple jump – she would have made him an excellent coach! She is a phenomenal athlete. He also acknowledged Mr. Dargavell and Mr. McKee, Lorna Byrne and Illinois Valley High School's band/choir teachers. They took 100 students to the Shakespeare Festival. They had kids crying because they had never experienced something like that. They were so appreciative and so excited to see something they had heard a lot about. They put a lot of work in to it and it was well worth it in the end. Director Durrant shared that tomorrow we start the next batch with our incoming kinders. She gave a shout out to our Early Learning Hub who, through a successful grant, are paying for the entire 'Ready for Kinder' night in the amount of \$37,000. At the same time, at seven different schools, we are having over 240 parents and 200 kids who will learn how to help get ready for kindergarten. Those who attend will get to take home a bag of quality educational tools that they will learn how to use valued at about \$75. Huge shout out to the Early Learning Hub for funding tomorrow night and to our kinder teachers who are welcoming with open arms. Director Allen-Hart acknowledged the special education staff in attendance. She shared an experience at Madrona and Applegate and recognized the staff in those buildings for their positive support and communication. Superintendent Valenzuela shared that North Valley handed out \$198,000 in scholarships. Hidden Valley gave away \$128,000 in scholarships. Illinois Valley scholarship night is next week. He was excited about the support for our students. He then recognized the support being shown by staff in attendance at the board meeting tonight. He thanked them for their support in the process we are going through for our budget and for our students.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *State Biliteracy Seal Report* – A few years ago the school board approved our State Biliteracy Seal for diplomas. He then read a press release from teacher Jaime Szijarto reporting that Three Rivers School District awarded the seal to five students (Illinois Valley HS – 3, Hidden Valley HS – 2, and North Valley HS – 1). In addition to this, five juniors have passed the stamp test and are poised to earn the award in 2019-2020. Director Durrant acknowledged the hard work from Jaime Szijarto and Regina Jordan to make this happen.

### **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 2019
- Athletic Coaches – May 2019
- Out of State Travel Requests (5)
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the revised Consent Agenda (the addition of item B-5). Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Carrie Gragg, Evergreen Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher – Shared concerns regarding the decision made by the district not to order Envision Math work mats for the kinder through second grade students.
- John Chambers, Drug Prevention – Expressed his thanks for allowing Mr. Valenzuela to be a part of the LADPC. He then reported on the one area seriously underrepresented in drug prevention, which is nutrition.
- Sara Evans, OSEA Chapter 22 Classified – Thanked Mr. Valenzuela, Mr. Alderson and Mr. Richards for meeting with them. It really made them feel like the district is invested in them and they appreciate that. She asked what will happen if the two groups can't agree on the five day cut?

Mr. Valenzuela responded that 5 days represents the million-dollar shortfall the district is facing. We are talking about putting the days at the end of the year as we are hopeful that the budget picture from the state will get better and we will be able to restore those days. Restoring the days is a priority for him and the school board. He explained how we have to present a balanced budget, as required by law. Our most important asset is our human capital. Unfortunately, that is the only way to close that gap. A million-dollar gap would equate to about 15 teachers – which is

unthinkable. We also have to balance safety and the health and well-being of our students. With all of those things taken into consideration, it is where we would have to go if we can't to the days.

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

### **• Hidden Valley FBLA**

- Students Emma, Hannah and Leah gave their intro to their speech presentation that qualified them for the national FBLA competition in San Antonio, Texas. They also shared that their FBLA chapter currently has 47 members, and 29 of them attended the state competition, and 16 placed in the top ten. There are 13 members headed to the national competition.
- Advisor Keith Haley commented that the Hidden Valley FBLA has a long history and that they had three event state champions. Hidden Valley FBLA was also awarded the champion chapter and gold seal chapter for the 18<sup>th</sup> year.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **• Interdistrict Transfers**

- Director Allen-Hart stated that the board needs to set a cap as to how many students we will be taking from out of district in to our district for next year.
- Historically, last year we agreed to 86 slots and were able to fill 70, and in November we closed the remaining 16 slots. The year prior we had 91 and filled 65 of those.
- This year she recommended that we open 70 slots. We don't want to turn students away because of ADM, but the reason for being more cautious this year is because the nature of the students we are taking on transfers has really changed over the last few years. We are able to revoke a transfer student on two areas: attendance and behavior. There was the highest number of revocations this year – 9 currently, and we are looking at 15 more. She recommended 45 new slots for next year: 30 at the high school, 5 at the middle school level and 10 at elementary. She worked closely with building principals regarding the numbers they could accommodate.
- Mr. Halsted made a motion to cap in-district transfers at 70 students. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **• Selma Property Lease**

- Superintendent Valenzuela explained there was a lease agreement made with the Selma Community Education Center (SCEC) in 2009 and it was a 10-year lease which expires on June 30, 2019. The lease then has an option for renewal. He has had multiple conversations with SCEC folks about the future of the property. He asked the board for a direction as to where to go with that property. Two board members recently toured the property and the maintenance department has gone through and done some evaluations. We have also repaired the well. The maintenance department feels that there are 'good bones' on the property and there is the potential to bring the property back to life. It is currently in a state of disrepair.
- Some of the options include:
  - Elect to let the lease lapse and explore options for leasing to multiple entities.
  - Renew the current lease with SCEC.
  - Put the property on hold for a while.
- Tim Lebya, SCEC chairman, explained that they have been trying to get monies for the center. It is the only community center left. He shared information on some of the future events.
- There was some discussion by the board, expressing various concerns.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to postpone leasing the Selma property to anyone until the district has a plan to deal with the maintenance issues. Mr. York seconded the motion; There was further discussion.
- Ms. Johnstun added that she is in favor of doing a community assessment and potentially opening for applications knowing that the needs of every community change over time and she is curious what other applications may come in.
- Superintendent Valenzuela explained that Mr. Kelly's motion was to take no action-the term of the lease expires June 30, 2019. The district would then take possession of the school back. Then, like any other building that we are stewards of, we have Facility Use Agreements that

would apply to Selma Elementary School. Any events would be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and it would open it up to anybody. In the meantime, we are going to prepare and get that building up to speed, then we would maybe put out that the Selma property is up for lease opportunities, including the Selma Community Education Center applying for that lease. It would have some certain standards and expectations. He believes Mr. Kelly's motion gives us some breathing room and flexibility, along with the understanding that we would continue to support some of those upcoming community events.

- Board Chair Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution (#04) to Transfer Contingency Funds**
  - Accounting Manager Lisa Cross explained that this is the formal resolution for transferring funds for the national competitions which include: FBLA National competition, Skills USA National competition and Ft. Vannoy headed to Destination Imagination Global Finals.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve resolution #04 to transfer contingency funds. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. Mr. Kelly congratulated all of these kids and the people that support them. Board Chair Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- None

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, May 29, 2019 – 4:30 p.m. – District Office – *2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Committee Meeting (If needed)*
- Thursday, May 30, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – District Office – *District Retirement Celebration*
- High School Graduations:
  - Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Illinois Valley High School
  - Wednesday, June 5, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – North Valley High School
  - Thursday, June 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Hidden Valley High School
- Monday, June 10, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – *Jerome Prairie GED Completion Ceremony*
- Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office – *School Board Regular Session*
- Thursday, June 20, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – *New Bridge High School Graduation and GED Ceremony*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Kate Dwyer  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk