

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 16, 2018**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, May 16, 2018 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**

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| Kate Dwyer, Board Chair         | Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent   |
| Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair    | Casey Alderson, Director          |
| Rich Halsted, Board Member      | Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director    |
| Danny York, Board Member        | Jessica Durrant, Director         |
| Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member | Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary |

Administrators: Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal and Lori Conner/Fleming Middle School Principal

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. *(The Pledge of Allegiance was said at the Budget Committee meeting held prior to this meeting.)*

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda with revisions to the Consent Agenda. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Mr. Kelly shared that he has kids in track and the district has a lot of kids going to state. There are some really talented kids at the middle school level. Mr. Halsted recognized our volunteers and gave a shout out to the graduates at our three high schools. Ms. Dwyer thanked the community for all of the scholarships that are awarded to our seniors. Mr. York attended the Senior Superstars and Hidden Valley brought home the trophy for the second year in a row! There was great participation, tons of volunteers and the kids had a great time. Ms. Johnstun congratulated Fleming for the district Brain Bowl competition. Also, she attended the Southern Oregon Early Learning Services meeting and they were very excited to report really high participation in the Ready for K Program from Three Rivers School District. Superintendent Valenzuela recognized Alejandro Robles, Valedictorian at Illinois Valley High School. He shared how hard he has worked and was awarded the Ford Family Scholarship - \$25,000 a year for four years. Director Durrant gave a shout out to the ELL department. High school has really been struggling to exit kids. She is happy to report that in middle school we will be exiting three students this year and at the high school we will exit six. Director Alderson reported that starting tomorrow the state track meet begins and there are almost 30 athletes representing our district. He also recognized the folks at Jerome Prairie. There are 15 seniors there on track to graduate with their classmates on time. Director Allen-Hart shared that she will be presenting a scholarship tonight at Hidden Valley. She had an opportunity to review applications and is touched by all of the input from the teachers and staff – also what our students have been through and their stories are very significant. The community support for the scholarships is just huge! She also recognized Jen Perry at College Dreams. In our Youth Transitions Program they are working hard to get together a work crew this summer of many youth that will be working with our maintenance, custodial and food service staff over the summer to add hundreds of hours of work which will be helping out the district. Fleming Middle School Principal Lori Conner gave a shout out to her staff, teachers, students and parents. They took on the challenge this year of student led conferences and they were overwhelmingly positive. All 400 students presented and they hit 80%

participation. They had volunteers such as community members, retired administrators, site council members, Mr. Baumann from Lincoln Savage and staff from their building available for students who were not able to come with a loved one so they could still present their conference to somebody.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *ACES and parent presentations* – Through immense work and coordination by Director Durrant we have held five parent nights throughout the district and served 63 parents through this process. Day care was provided for 38 children. They plan to offer the same next year but will rotate the schools.
- *Ready for K* – Was held May 3<sup>rd</sup> at all seven elementary schools. This was the first year we offered parent education training for our families. The focus of the night was to teach parents how to help their child develop social and emotional skills. Each family that attended received a tool kit of items to use with their kid, valued at \$75 each. It was funded fully through the Southern Oregon Early Learning Hub. The event was well attended and was huge success!
- *North Valley Wastewater Treatment* – He has submitted a proposed contract to Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). There was a concern expressed in that are we protected from the years of untreated effluent that were going into the ponds? Upon initial inspection the ponds look good. However, to protect ourselves we have added language to the contract. He will submit the proposed contract to ODOT tomorrow.
- *Collaboration Grant* – He thanked the collaboration group and Julia Richardson for the work they have been doing. He is excited about the direction for the third and final year. He truly believes in the power of the POinT (Peer Observers in Teaching) for next year. It's a wildly powerful system and program and the people in the POinT program are amazing teachers! Next year the grant will also be focused on Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). They will also be looking for sustainability.
- *Student Led Conferences* – He has been having conversations with Hidden Valley, North Valley, Fleming and Lorna Byrne and they can't say enough about the results of the change from fall conferences and seeing about 20% of the parents to the change to 80% and the ability for students to share their body of work. He is excited about the results!
- *Food Service* – Recognized the work of Sodexo Food Services Supervisor Mr. Ben Guyton. When he came on board, we were in pretty dire shape and subsidizing Food Service from the General Fund. We haven't had to do that since he has come on board. Ben also brings Farm to Market programs to the schools, the snack programs and does the culinary challenge for youth. He has attended our student feedback panels and has done a great job of talking to those kids about their lunches and making a difference there. Ben is leaving for a larger and more challenging role in Eugene, 4J School District, which has about 45 sites. Mr. Valenzuela thanked him for his service to Three Rivers.

### **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.

The Athletic Coach Report was removed from the Consent Agenda and will be voted on separately.

- Routine Personnel Items – May 2018 (*Revised*)
- Out of State Travel Requests (6 plus additional request from Rob Money)

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the revised personnel report. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Dwyer stated that for the Athletic Coach report we are adding Paul Kelly as coach to North Valley girl's soccer. Mr. Kelly's wife is also on the report for assistant track.

Mr. York made a motion to approve the revised Athletic Coach list. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0 (Member Kelly abstaining).

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Liz Pell – read a letter on behalf of Ulana Korovec in support of Woodland Charter School and the amazing opportunity it provides for her child.
- Wensdae Davis – spoke in support of Woodland Charter School and addressed high school readiness. She shared positive comments from teachers and staff.
- Elijah Elliott – a former student of Woodland Charter School. He shared how Woodland prepared him for high school. Academically he is doing well and is a 4.0 student. He is excelling socially as well.
- Alec Bogard – a former Woodland Charter student and is now a sophomore at Hidden Valley High School and is doing very well. He's kind of impressed with himself! He shared how Woodland Charter prepared him for high school.
- Michelle LaFave – Has two children that attend Woodland. They are dedicated to the school and travel over 20 miles each way to attend. She expressed support for their style of learning, diverse curriculum and special events such as the festivals and fifth grade Olympiad.
- Jennifer Parsons/Teacher – Expressed concern with the high rate of absenteeism. She shared some statistics. She would like enforcement of the rules and deterrents the district already has in place: phone call, letter, visit from an officer, citation and summons. She also expressed concern that “failing four core classes means nothing” (quoting students) – even if students fail all of their core classes they are sent on to high school. It has also been 17 years since the district adopted a social studies curriculum.
- Kim DeForest – Expressed concern about subjects not being covered at the lower levels – social studies and science. Plan for elementary teachers has been quite overwhelming. Multiple teachers are staying late to keep their head above water when meeting district requirements for instructional planning. There's also concern about push in model not being the best interest of the middle school students – some classes are not developmentally appropriate. She cited some examples. Class size is also a serious concern.

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Blue Zones Project**
  - George Prokop, a member of the Blue Zones project team in Grants Pass, gave an overview of the three-year project. It was started in January and there are currently six worksites that are approved. District 7 is approved and Three Rivers School District should be approved by the end of June. Ben Guyton has been helping with the food services across the district. We will soon be working to get all of the schools approved. In fall they would like to start their walk to school bus program – Fruitdale has been suggested as the most likely candidate.
  - Board member Jen Johnstun recently attended the national Blue Zones conference; she was excited to see a school honored at the conference and what they accomplished. She is excited to have the project in our district.
- **TRSD Path to Graduation**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela talked about the path to graduation concept, which gives students the ability to look ahead.
  - Director Alderson gave an overview of a couple new options that give us the ability to challenge and serve the different needs of students: Honors diploma and Career and Technical diploma. We will begin to advertise these options to students and parents beginning at the middle school level to help them better understand the credits. They also believe this will help motivate students and improve attendance.
  - There was some discussion with questions and suggestions from board members.
- **Board Policies – First Reading**
  - ECACB – *Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) a.k.a. Drone*
  - ECACB-AR - *Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) a.k.a. Drone*
  - Superintendent Valenzuela stated that this policy and AR has to do with drones, and were drafted from the OSBA guidelines. He explained that we utilize drones for a number of different reasons: video production class, maintenance department to assess roofs and survey fields. Students are also using them for advanced coding.

- These policies are state suggested verbiage that cover the district with our liability insurance.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Woodland Charter School Charter**

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared that we have been collaborating with Woodland on the new charter. They have been amazing and really willing to come to the table and have great conversations. The only additions from the last time we looked at the charter were the definition pieces and struck out one piece of language.
- Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the revised July 2018 to June 2023 Woodland Charter School charter. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (*member York now absent*).

- **Interdistrict Transfers**

- Director Alderson presented on behalf of Director Allen Hart, providing the board with the interdistrict transfer timeline and processes.
- It is proposed that we open up 86 slots across the district for next year: elementary – 30, middle school – 16, and high school would open up 40 slots. Schools and/or grade levels that are at or above capacity are closed. The schools include Madrona, Fruitdale and fifth grade at Ft. Vannoy; Manzanita is closed off at fourth grade.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the timeline and slots. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Boundary Realignment**

- Superintendent Valenzuela said after two public discussions and a community forum on this concept. There were three proposals originally, and has now been whittled down to two – with a modification to one of them.
- The modified proposal on North Applegate Road taking students from Springbrook Road (instead of Noble Dairy) would capture seven middle school and four elementary school students out to Applegate School and be no additional cost or time change at Applegate School.
- The Murphy Creek to Williams would affect eight elementary school students next year and would also be no cost.
- There is no cost savings, it's about balancing out class sizes and setting up Applegate and Williams to receive more students in the future.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve options one and two boundary realignments. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Paid Lunch Prices 2018-19**

- Superintendent Valenzuela stated that the USDA school lunch program requires the district to raise the price of our paid lunches similar to the reimbursement rates. He reviewed the three options provided by Ben Guyton and his team. The current lunch prices are: Elementary - \$2.30, Middle - \$2.60, and High – \$2.85.
- Mr. Guyton added that we were able to not change lunch prices for this school year, but it is a general almost annual thing that's going to come about because of the way that the paid lunch equity program works. With option 'A' we are allowed to cap the annual increase at a dime average district-wide. We should expect annual increases of the similar amount.
- Ms. Johnstun made a motion for option 'A' (Elementary - \$2.35, Middle - \$2.60 and High - \$2.95). Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Board Policies – Second Reading**

- JHCCF & JHCCF-AR – *Pediculosis (Head Lice)*

Director Alderson brought policy JHCCF and JHCCF-AR forward for board approval. The

only change was adding 'designated personnel' to be able to support the schools and their families.

- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve policy JHCCF and JHCCF-AR – Pediculosis (Head Lice). Mr. Halsted seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution #06 to Transfer Contingency Funds
  - District Accountant Lisa Cross explained this is just paperwork to back up the national competitions that the board previously approved for Destination Imagination, FBLA and Skills USA and allows her to transfer those dollars.
  - Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve resolution #06 to transfer contingency funds. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

#### **OTHER**

- Sodexo Food Service Supervisor Ben Guyton shared a video of the Future Chef's competition with the Board and audience in attendance.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Board Retreat – It was suggested that the board retreat be held prior to the admin returning in August. Mr. Valenzuela recommended that we have the board retreat on the scheduled board meeting day of July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Weasku Inn (as in previous years), followed by the regular board meeting to take place there and start about 2:00 p.m. The organizational board meeting in July is typically very brief. Due to a scheduling conflict, the date needed to be changed to July 19<sup>th</sup>. Shelly will check with Mr. York to make sure he is available.
- Behavior strategies/behavior classrooms will be addressed at the next board meeting.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Graduations:
  - North Valley High School – Tuesday, June 5, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
  - Hidden Valley High School – Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
  - Illinois Valley High School – Thursday, June 7, 2018
- June 20, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Kate Dwyer  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk