

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 20, 2015**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at the Lincoln Savage Middle School, 8551 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

**PRESENT**

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

Administrators: Darrell Erb/Williams Elementary and Applegate School Principal, Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal, Mark Higgins/Lincoln Savage Middle School Principal, Lori Conner/Lincoln Savage Middle School Assistant Principal, Daye Stone/Hidden Valley High School Principal, Cassie Banuelos/Hidden Valley High School Assistant Principal.

**CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) "*Collective Bargaining*."

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 5:56 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:05 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. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Mr. Kelly commented on how well the Hidden Valley and North Valley volleyball teams are doing and are battling for the conference title. The lady soccer teams are doing well also. Mr. Lengwin also commented on the Hidden Valley and North Valley volleyball and attended some soccer games as well. Mr. York said it feels like things are settling down in the classrooms. Ms. Dwyer acknowledged how well First Student handled an issue she had with a lost child. They were professional and empathetic. Ms. Olmo acknowledged Superintendent Holmes for his interaction with Josephine County Foundation and how his communication with them has enabled them to be aware of what's going on in Three Rivers School District. Mr. Holmes congratulated Newbridge Social Studies teacher Jonathan Johal for being selected for an award from Representative Stark. Mr. Johal is now going to the Salem Convention on Civics Instruction where he will be recognized. Director Alderson echoed the North Valley and Hidden Valley volleyball and soccer teams – they are doing very well. He then publicly congratulated Patty Cornelison and Kim Pyle for the work they have done getting the district alternative education pieces together at Jerome Prairie. The GED prep and testing center is located there, as well as the district's online program. Director Allen-Hart acknowledged the responsiveness of First Student in meeting the unique needs of our

special needs students. Director Valenzuela recognized the move made last year sending the Evergreen fifth grade class to Lorna Byrne. The students are settled and thriving. Teachers Tammy Griffis and Amanda Crowl are doing a phenomenal job teaching the students and utilizing the resources they have. Director Breckner gave kudos to Lisa Cross for all of her efforts in preparing for the annual financial audit and keeping up with her daily demands and requests as well. She also recognized the kindergarten teachers and appreciated them getting our kindergarteners off to a positive start. Keith Haley thanked Fruitdale and Hidden Valley for their Open House's. Hidden Valley had spaghetti and Fruitdale had hot dogs. The turnout for both schools was great.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- The backlog of board minutes is caught up and completed. The approved minutes and links to the audio of the board meetings are on the district website.
- The contract has been executed for the Illinois Valley High School fire alarm and work will begin soon.
- The wastewater treatment plant at Fleming – the district received final approval from DEQ. The plant is up and running.
- Met with Sheriff Daniel last Tuesday. He will be attending the all administrator meeting next Tuesday to talk with administrators regarding the latest safety thoughts and concerns. He will also be going to each building and meeting with staffs. There will also be an office at Illinois Valley HS for use by the Cave Junction deputy.
- Meeting this week with Representative Wilson, Sheriff Landis, Sheriff Daniel and superintendent Higgins to meet regarding school safety and resources in Josephine County.
- Site Council minutes are now in board packets. Encouraged public participation in school Site Councils.
- Met today with Family Connections hub – every agency in Josephine and Jackson County that has to do with pre-K around forming their yearly action plan. Also working on pre-K hubs for the Illinois Valley area.

### **HIDDEN VALLEY AREA REPORT**

- Applegate and Williams principal Darrell Erb talked about some professional development that was going on and recognized two Applegate teachers that are the anchors of the Applegate staff – Vicki Destefano and Sylvia Saporta. He also introduced Debra Yerby for her support at Applegate when he is at the other school. Mr. Erb shared a video that featured Applegate and Williams' students and staff. The video can be viewed on the district website. Middle school is starting an Applegate field study program. Two new teachers hired for music that will spend four hours at Applegate and four hours at Williams. Funds raised by the community to pay for the music program.
- Madrona Elementary principal Miranda Carpenter expressed excitement with her first year at the school. The teachers are collaborative, positive and eager to learn. They are working to provide interventions and finely tune the RTI program. Positive Behavior Support program with Pride assemblies each month to recognize student achievements. She had an excellent turnout at her parent support group meeting last week and they are excited to work together for fundraising and events.
- Lincoln Savage Middle School principal Mark Higgins welcomed the board to his school. He has 25% of his teaching staff is new to the building this year, four new classified staff and the new Lifeskills program. With all the change it was a great start of the school year! Credit to his staff. In the seven Smarter Balanced categories measured against the Oregon average and the Three Rivers School District average – Lincoln Savage owns four of the top scores. They are now moving from proficient to mastery. Focused on reaching out to the community this year. PTO is phenomenal and Site Council is full. After school programs, Family Camp and College Dreams are all up and running.
- Hidden Valley High School principal Daye Stone praised the level of middle school teaching going on in our district. He then explained how they are now tracking seniors and utilizing the new College and Career Advocate position to support the goal of increasing graduation rates. He thanked the School Board and superintendent Holmes for committing to the new College and Career Advocate positions at each of the high schools. Mr. Stone then shared the success of the

college credits courses offered at Hidden Valley. Four years ago they offered 47-48 college credits that were articulated with RCC - today they offer 141. They are three classes away from being able to offer the entire OTM and AAOT (Associate of Arts Automatic Transfer degree). Last year his seniors, juniors and some sophomores earned over 2000 college credits – the vast majority of them were free. He then read a thank you letter from a former student, Tanner Simpson that is now attending Oregon State University. Upon entering OSU he has 85 college credits that have transferred to OSU and he has not stepped a foot on campus. As an entering freshman he is five credits away from being a junior in academic standing.

## **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 – October 20, 2015
- Coaches – October 20, 2015
- Out of State Travel Requests
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
  - Board Work Session – October 6, 2015

Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. Ms. Olmo asked about the proposed supervision ratios for the out of country trip? Mr. Clark explained the chaperone ratios as well as other details for the proposed trip to Greece over Spring Break. Mr. York called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- John Chambers – talked about the efforts of the Josephine County Prevention team’s efforts to reduce substance abuse and shared information on a three day training being offered.
- Robin Terranova – expressed concern about potential religious instruction at Woodland Charter School where his children attend school.
- Robin Sue Terranova – loves Woodland Charter School but is frustrated about the religious content.
- Jennifer Parsons – read a letter to the Board from another teacher that shows support for their union representatives and expressed her care and commitment to students.

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Interdistrict Transfer Report**
  - Director Allen-Hart provided the statistics for incoming and outgoing approved transfers.
  - To date there are 59 incoming and 133 outgoing interdistrict transfers.
  - There are still seven slots open from the cap of 60 that was set by the Board.
  - Due to the change in legislation the district is not allowed to ask about the reason for the transfer request.
- **Assessment Data**
  - Director Alderson presented the results from the 2014-15 Smarter Balanced testing.
  - The results included a comparison other schools in the district and state.
- **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Update**
  - Director Alderson shared information on a collaborative CTE Revitalization Grant that the district is working on in the areas of engineering and design. There are 13 partners from industry as part of the grant.
  - The grant is \$500,000 and proposes idea of a mobile lab for Jackson and Josephine counties that could travel to different schools for CTE programs and increase the engagement in CTE courses.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **'D' Policies (ACTION)**

- A. DBK – Budget Transfer Authority
  - B. DBK-AR – Budget Transfer Authority
  - C. DH – Bonded Employees and Officers
  - D. DJC – Bidding Requirements
  - E. DJC-AR – Special Procurements and Exemptions from Competitive Bidding
  - F. DN – Disposal of District Property
- Mr. Kelly asked for clarification earlier in the DJC policy as to who the Local Contract Review Board was.
  - District Accountant Lisa Cross added one recommended change to policy DJC-AR striking 10.b.4 on page 10.
  - Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the policies as presented: DBK, DBK-AR, DH, DJC, DJC-AR and DN. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion
  - There was some additional discussion by the Board.
  - Mr. York called for a vote to approve the 'D' policies as presented with the change to DJC and DJC-AR. The motion passed unanimously

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ms. Dwyer requested the Board revisit the discussion about creating a culture of respect.
- Superintendent Holmes reported that Siskiyou Health will be presenting to the Board in December to talk about our health centers.
- Mr. Lengwin expressed concern about the way things are looking at Hidden Valley High School and asked what is going on? Mr. Holmes explained that there is a lack of water at the school and a reduction in manpower.
- Mr. York asked what the follow-up obligations are for the Board in regards to the concerns raised about Woodland Charter School. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Valenzuela explained the current status and reviewed future plans for follow-up.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- November 3, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Work Session*
- November 17, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. Lincoln Savage Middle School – *Board Regular Session.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Danny York  
Chairperson of the Board

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David Holmes  
Superintendent-Clerk