

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2024**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The meeting was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bO2Ex9DrZ5w>

PRESENT:

Rich Halsted, Board Chair (*by phone*)
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice-Chair
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Pat Kelly, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director

ABSENT

Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Shelly Quick, Board Secretary

Administrators present: Jenny Jones and Renee Hults.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-Chair Johnstun called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Board vice-Chair Johnstun noted that the executive session to conduct the superintendent evaluation was postponed to the April meeting so that all board members could be there in person. Member Reese made a motion to approve the agenda as revised. Member Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Valenzuela provided the Board with information on the following items:

- District Processes under Board Purview - Provided an overview and explanation on the following items:
 - Annual renewal and non-renewal contract extension and non-extension of administrators and teachers. Per ORS must take place by March 15th of each school year.
 - Budget Process
 - TRSD Core Values
 - Produce life-ready learners
 - Culture of Care

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- Families are Involved and Community Centered Schools
- Safety and Security
- o TRSD Mission: To ensure high levels of learning for all students.
- o TRSD Vision: Who we must become as a district to carry out that mission.
- o Next month addressing issues/suggestions on Member Kelly's list:
 - ORS 339.875 and TRSD policy INDB - Flag Display and Salute policy.
 - Look at the Naturalization Test versus our Social Studies standards.
 - Look at positive celebrations of both Veterans Day and Memorial Day.
 - Possibility of establishing an ROTC program.

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 – March 2024
- Athletic Coaches – March 2024
- Annual renewal, non-renewal, contract extension and non-extension of teachers and administrators as required by law.
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - o February 7, 2024 - Board Special (Work) Session
- Board Policies - Second Reading
 - o GCBB - *Counting Transcript Credits for Movement of the Salary Schedule*
 - o JFCA - *Student Dress and Grooming*
 - o JOA - *Directory Information*
 - o BD/BDA - *Board Meetings*
 - o BDC - *Executive Sessions*
 - o BDDC - *Board Meeting Agenda*
 - o BDDG - *Minutes of Board Meetings*
 - o BFCA - *Administrative Regulations*
 - o KBA - *Public Records Request*
 - o KK - *Visitors to Schools*

- Member Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Reese seconded the motion; Board Vice-Chair Johnstun called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Two community members addressed the board: Judy Ahrens and Oliva Herrera.
- Members Halsted and Johnstun shared some personal comments and reflections in response to some of the statements that were made during the public comment period. Superintendent Valenzuela also provided an example of a previous situation where a board member abstained from a vote due to a conflict of interest and how proud he is of the students in our district.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Community Partner of the Month Recognition**
 - o Superintendent Valenzuela stated this community partner would be recognized next month.

- **Woodland Charter School Annual Report**
 - o Woodland Charter School Education Director Chris Carmiencke shared a slide deck

presentation and informed the Board about:

- Demographic Data
- Academic Progress
- School Goals
- Fiscal Disposition
- Grant Funding and Priorities
- Future Vision for Woodland

- **2023 High School Graduation Rates**

- Director Alderson shared a slide deck presentation to provide the board with information on:
 - TRSD graduation requirements
 - Diploma options
 - Graduation rates by high school, also broken down by sub-populations/demographics.
 - Hidden Valley High School - 84.3%
 - Illinois Valley High School - 95.2%
 - North Valley High School - 90.3%
 - Southern Oregon Success Academy - 36.4% (alt ed school)
 - Ongoing efforts to get students across the stage.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Resolution (#04) - Approve Exception for CM|GC Contracting**

- District Accountant Lisa Cross requested the Board approve the resolution asking for an exemption to the competitive bidding procedure for the Illinois Valley High School athletic building addition. The district wishes to utilize the contract management/general contractor (CM|GC) process in lieu of the lowest bid process.
- Member Kelly made a motion to approve resolution #04. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- Member Halsted is interested in reviewing the employability rubric.

FUTURE MEETING DATES.

- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 3:30 p.m. at Southern Oregon Success Academy
 - Student Panel at 1:30 p.m.
 - Executive session to follow the regular session

ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice-Chair Johnstun adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.