

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
{Meeting Date}**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The regular session was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s87ZFEr4xYA>

PRESENT

Rich Halsted, Board Chair
Pat Kelly, Board Vice-Chair
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

Administrators present: Brian Miller, Mark Higgins, Megan Beck, Monica Haley, Mandi DelVaglio

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at: 4:31 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET HEARING

Rick Nelson spoke during community comment on the budget.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Camp made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Kelly seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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 thanked and recognized our outgoing Board Members, Jennifer Johnstun and Rich Halsted. They each have completed 8 years of service on the School Board. They were presented with plaques in appreciation for their service to the District.

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 – June 2025
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - May 14, 2025 - Board Regular Session
 - May 14, 2025 – Budget Committee
- Out of State Travel Requests (5)

- Grant Requests (2)

Vice Chair Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Student Group Spotlight – Fleming Middle School Leadership**
 - Fleming Middle School Principal Brian Miller spoke and shared a slide deck presentation about the FMS Leadership group. He gave an overview of the program, the impact they have on the school culture and shared awards they had received. Leadership students were present at the meeting and spoke about their experience in the Leadership program. Board Members asked a couple follow up questions and the students requested a picture with Superintendent Valenzuela.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Ten community members addressed the board: Oliva Herrera, Judy Ahrens, Bill Ertel, Mariah Rossi, Steve Raycraft, Austyn McNew, Rick Nelson, and Shannon Hauberg spoke during community comments. Board Secretary Knable read a community comment that was sent in from Emily O'Neal.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Planned Course Statements**
 - Sports History - Fleming
 - Cultures Around the World – Lorna Byrne
 - Topics in World Language – Lincoln Savage
 - Director Durrant recommends that the Board approved the planned course statements as presented.
 - Member Johnstun makes a motion to approve Sports History; Vice Chair Kelly seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Member Johnstun makes a motion to approve Cultures Around the World; Member Reese seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Member Johnstun makes a motion to approve Topics in World Language; Vice Chair Kelly seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Hidden Valley High School and New Hope Christian School Sports Cooperative**
 - Deputy Chair requests the Board approve a sports cooperative agreements extension with New Hope Christian School for the 2025-2026 school year. Member Reese makes a motion to approve to approve the cooperative agreement, Member Johnstun seconded the motion. Member Camp inquired how many students from New Hape participate, Deputy Superintendent Alderson replied approximately 10-15 students. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Board Complaint regarding the book “Tricks”**
 - Board Chair Halsted stated he would entertain a motion either way regarding the book Tricks. Vice Chair Kelly began discussing the newly passed Senate Bill 1098 and it's potential impact on this decision. The Board inquired about the review process and how books are selected. Superintendent Valenzuela informs the Board the District has hired a certified librarian that will start with the district the beginning of the school year, August 2025. There is discussion from the Board about how often this book is checked out. Vice Chair Kelly wants to work to minimize legal fees associated with challenging books. Member Reese inquired about the librarians political affiliation, which Member Johnstun reminds the Board cannot influence hiring of any employees other than the Superintendent. There is more discussion about the legal liabilities of removing the book. Vice Chair Kelly makes a motion to take no action regarding the book challenge based on Senate Bill 1098 and that this complaint was not brought forth by a parent, student or staff of Three Rivers. Member Johnstun seconded the motion. There was more discussion about the book and its appropriateness for students. The motion was brought to a vote, 3 (Vice-Chair Kelly,

Member Johnstun and Member Camp) in favor of no action and keeping the book, and 2 (Chair Halsted & Member Reese) opposed. Motion carries by a vote of 3-2.

- **Approval of the Confidential Employee Group Agreement**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela requests the Board approve the Confidential employee group agreement beginning Jul 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Vice Chair Kelly makes a motion to approve the contract. There is some discussion about who the district's confidential employees are, which Superintendent Valenzuela explains. Member Johnstun seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Approval of Three Rivers School District and Association of Three Rivers Administrators Contract Agreement**
 - Deputy Superintended Alderson requests the Board approve the ATRA contract effective July 1, 2025 through June 29, 2029. Member Camp makes a motion to approve the contract. Member Johnstun seconded the motion which carries unanimously.
- **2025-2026 Budget adjustments approval**
 - Accounting Manager Megan Beck request the Board approve recommended adjustments to the 2025-2026 approved budget. Member Johnstun makes a motion to approve the adjustments, Vice Chair Kelly seconded the motion. There is some discussion from Member Reese regarding free meals and student access. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Fiscal Resolution #7 2024-2025**
 - Accounting Manager Megan Beck requests the board approve the resolution to adopt the 2025-2026 budget, appropriate funds, and declare Tax Levy. Chair Halsted inquires about a couple budgetary questions, which Accounting Manager Beck answers. Chair Halsted reads the resolution for the Levy. Vice-Chair Kelly makes a motion to adopt the budget, Member Johnstun seconded the motion. Member Reese inquires about special funds, SMILES, ASPIRE, and All Care which Director Durrant answers. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Fiscal Resolution #8 2024-2025**
 - Accounting Manager Megan Beck request the Board approve the resolution to transfer funds from the General Fund to Carryover in an amount not to exceed \$1,108,606.00. Member Reese makes a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chair Kelly seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- There were not any suggestions or requests for future agenda items.

Future Meeting Dates & Events:

- Wednesday, July 9, 2025 Board Regular Session/Organizational Meeting – District Office 2:00 PM
 - Board Retreat 8:30 AM – District Office

Chair Halsted shared thank you messages to his wife, prior board members, current board members and future board members. He thanked teachers and staff members across the district. Chair Halsted praised the work the District is doing around PLC process and promoting reading and writing in our schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 6:24 PM.