

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 16, 2017**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, May 16, 2017 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**

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

Administrators: Lori Conner/Ft. Vannoy Elementary Principal, Sid Hobgood/Fleming Middle School Principal, Renee Hulst/Manzanita Elementary Principal, Erik Lathen/North Valley High School Assistant Principal, Dennis Misner/North Valley High School Principal, Brian Miller/Hidden Valley High School Assistant Principal, Darrell Erb/Applegate & Williams Principal, Mark Higgins/Lincoln Savage Middle School Principal.

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) "*Collective Bargaining.*"

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 6:00 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. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Ms. Dwyer attended Scholarship Night at Illinois Valley HS and it was wonderful. Ms. Olmo commented that it was Election Day and it was nice to see the ballots and all of the people running for school board positions. Mr. Kelly congratulated our track athletes. He attended the district track meet and our two schools performed very, very well in the Skyline Conference. Superintendent Valenzuela congratulated North Valley and Hidden Valley High Schools for a successful Clash of the County, Senior Superstar event. There was a lot of great sportsmanship between the three schools. He also thanked the Budget Committee and Board for their work on the proposed and approved budget and thanked Lisa Cross for her hours and hours of work leading up to a final budget. Director Durrant gave a shout out to North Valley. She had the privilege of being there for the Senator Wyden Town Hall. Principal Misner and his staff did an amazing job of set up, prepping the kids and welcoming the community. Director Allen-Hart gave a shout out to Shelly Quick, there is a lot going on this time of year and she's planning the

Valedictorian /Salutatorian lunch and District Retirement Reception and handles it all so well. Director Simons thanked our Collaboration Grant Professional Development Committee. We have multiple sessions after work training happening throughout the district that are being led by district staff. The turnout has been amazing. Director Alderson also acknowledged all of the athletes in the post season right now and moving on to state. He also recognized Joe Polka, a student at North Valley, who has been working on their plasma cutter for the last three years. He has also been coming over to Hidden Valley and training some of the students and also working with the teachers there on how to use it. Mr. York commented that we have potentially the certified, classified and ATRA contracts in the bag before the end of the school year, which is pretty exciting. He appreciates everyone's efforts there. Hidden Valley Principal Daye Stone shared that their baseball team is the district champions in the Skyline for the first time in about twelve seasons. He also shared how it went with student led conferencing with freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Out of 414 kids, 404 of them brought a parent, grandparent or significant other to their conferences. They were highly successful! He also shared the results of a follow-up survey which overwhelming indicated that the student led conferences were preferred over the traditional conferences.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Administrative hiring/status update - Started the process about six weeks ago. The process begins with a school-based committee where the school sends up their final candidates. Erik Lathen has been selected to assume the role of principal at North Valley High School; Lori Conner, who is currently at Ft. Vannoy, will assume the role of principal at Fleming Middle School next year. We hired Alicia Timbs for the Ft. Vannoy principal position. She is currently in a teaching role at Grants Pass. The North Valley Athletic Director position is currently under way and should be wrapped up this week. Lynn Eccleston has been hired to replace retiring Brent Workley at New Bridge.
- The Valedictorian/Salutatorian luncheon is tomorrow at 12:00. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the Staff Retirement Reception, beginning at 5:00. We have the upcoming graduation ceremonies – June 6<sup>th</sup> Hidden Valley, June 7<sup>th</sup> Illinois Valley and June 8<sup>th</sup> at North Valley.
- He pointed out a couple of communications in the board packet. There is the Opt Out Report for SBAC statewide testing. There is also the Williams Elementary PR brochure. It's the Williams viability Committee intent to keep eyes focused on what a great place Williams Elementary is to be.

### **NORTH VALLEY AREA REPORT**

- Ft. Vannoy Principal Lori Conner reviewed some of the highlights for the year which included: student involved conferences (90-100% participation), logo selection has been completed and is out in the community, holiday music program at North Valley, technology upgrades, symphony and OMSI assemblies and their PBIS focus. They also get regular visits from Skip the dog. One of her third grade students participated in the Sodexo cooking contest. He won at the district level and participated in the regional competition. She also shared their experience with the Sphero Balls, a technology project done in with the assistance of the North Valley Leadership students who came to assist.
- Manzanita Principal Renee Hults shared they have their carnival coming up Friday night. In honor of Teacher Appreciation week she recognized her Manzanita teachers that do an amazing job. They are taking time to focus on 'why' they are there as teachers and reflecting on that. She talked about their after school programs that include chess, readers theatre, choir, cooking club, a homework club, builder's club, student council and Destination Imagination. It's currently limited to third to fifth grade. Their auction this year was held off-site and raised a little over \$10,000 for their school to provide music for students. They had a contest to design a new t-shirt for Manzanita students. Students are able to get credits in lieu of having to purchase the shirts by earning a 'Pride Pass'. 135 of her students were able to purchase a new shirt with their Pride Passes. The Manzanita music concert is tomorrow at 6:00, directed by Mr. Hegdahl.
- Fleming Middle School principal Sid Hobgood shared some highlights. Their enrollment is at 390 and they are actively working to get parents signed up in ParentVue to observe what is going on with grades. They had a successful *Do, Be Nice and Kindness* campaign which was awesome! Most recently they had a Hoedown dance with almost 250 kids participating in the PBIS activity. 238 Students out of 390 made Honor Roll with a 3.0 or better. End of year activities will include:

a Color Run, 21<sup>st</sup> Century after school classes include: builder's club, archery, yoga, cooking, digital arts, DJ madness and tutoring. The archery class is first in the state for middle schools. Outdoor school is coming up and he is expecting 50-60 kids.

- North Valley Principal Dennis Misner thanked the Board for the appointment of Erik Lathen as principal; he believes North Valley is in good hands. Some good news – we have four diplomas this year coming from Inn Sight alternative ed. Working with the valedictorians and salutatorians, they are getting the graduation program put together. Their band is taking on learning to march, which is exciting. He complimented his music teacher, Mr. Eason, on the work he is doing in the music department. He shared how well his three new teachers (Kelsey Anchors, Brian Scharpen and Steve Plymale) are doing. The driveway project is in full force and should be presentable by graduation. Lastly to the Board, Mr. Misner shared that he came to the district in 1991-92 and he thanked them for the multiple contracts that were awarded to him. He has been honored to work in this school district and it has made him a much richer person.

### **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 2017
- Coaches – May 2017
- Grant Request (1)
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Mr. York called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- There were none.

### **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Hidden Valley High School Scoreboards**
  - Hidden Valley Athletic Director Brian Miller reported that he has been working for about a year and a half, making connections with the community people and their Hidden Valley family. The connections and the partnership came through and they were able to get a lot of donations and funding for the project (\$66,281). They are able to purchase two new scoreboards for the gym and a new scoreboard for the baseball program. The scoreboards will be ordered next week and indoor will be ready to go in August. He shared designs and pictures of the new scoreboards. Maintenance, Techtronics and contractors will install the scoreboards. They have a 3.5% loan for the project.
- **Wastewater Treatment/Manzanita Rest Area - Update**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela reported that there has been a lot happening in the last week with the Oregon Travel Experience (OTE) and the Manzanita Rest Area and our wastewater treatment at North Valley HS. Mr. York sat in on a meeting with Nancy DeSouza, who is an Executive Director for OTE. Mr. Valenzuela reviewed all that has happened since August. The original estimate was \$60,000 for the install of a septic tank. That project has increased to \$160,000, which has slowed up down because additional approvals were required from the Department of Justice (DOJ). The project has been approved by DOJ and DEQ. Nancy and Tim are ready to sign the check and order the tank. They also discussed the revenue structure that's in place. The current structure/agreement was put in place in 1981. It has been neglected by OTE, ODOT and Three Rivers. He feels the conversations with OTE are productive and progressing but it is ultimately a board's decision on how to proceed. Nancy also informed them they could enter into a claim with Oregon Risk Management. He then reviewed the benefits of the upgraded plant and how it will greatly improve the functionality of our system
  - There was a great deal of discussion by the board on whether to proceed with the

upgrades or cut off the relationship with the rest area and their ability to utilize our treatment facility.

- The board agreed to give OTE a strict timeline to complete the project. Ms. Dwyer asked that we also pursue the claim with Oregon Risk Management. Mr. Valenzuela will follow-up with OTE.

- **Long Range Facility Plan**

- Superintendent Valenzuela provided the board with the updated Long Range Facility Plan. There are not a lot of changes as we will be focusing our efforts on the future of our roofs. They are currently being evaluated A-Tech roofing consultants under the direction of our Maintenance Supervisor Don Hiler.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Planned Course Statements**

- Advanced Placement Music Theory
- Foundations in Number Sense
- Director Alderson stated the Planned Course Statement for Advanced Placement Music Theory will allow the district to grant students nine articulated credits with Rogue Community College (RCC) and also be in compliance with the AP Board so the College Board will be able to offer those AP credits through that also, which would then transfer to the university system in Oregon.
- Director Durrant stated the Planned Course Statement for Foundations in Number Sense is the result of May PLC meetings with all of the math departments. It is intended to be a part of the hierarchy to address a specific need that has been identified to build foundational skills.
- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the two Planned Course statements as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **2017-18 Student Calendar**

- Director Simons stated that the district is at a place where families really need to be able to start planning next year and with the state funding still undecided we are still unable to determine if we can operate a full school year or not. She has met multiple times with both employee groups, administrators have reviewed it, the Collaboration Grant has reviewed it and this is the result. At the bottom it is noted that there may be up to five cut days. If this occurs the revised calendar would show the week of Thanksgiving as cut days and likely the Friday before President's Day and the Friday before Memorial Day.
- Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the 2017-18 student calendar as presented. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Interdistrict Transfers**

- Director Allen-Hart shared that nothing has changed in the law or policies. She brought forward a recommendation for opening 91 slots for transfers for next year. The slots will be made up of high school, middle school and elementary students. We do give priority to our employees as well as students who are on a transfer this year that are new that we would want to keep. Last year she requested 90 slots and still had a few open slots in December that were closed. A few elementary schools are full. We are able to limit locations.
- There was discussion.
- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the 91 transfer slots. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

*Member Dwyer left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

- **First Student Transportation Contract and Property Lease**

- Director Alderson stated we have been looking at the new contract and answering questions. The revised contract and lease agreement are before the board for approval tonight.
- There were additional questions from the board regarding the age of the busses and mileage, the \$1.05 fuel cap, the fuel storage tanks and questions about the previous

- monthly lease.
- Mr. Lengwin made a motion to table the First Student contract and lease until June. Ms. Olmo seconded; the motion passed unanimously (Ms. Dwyer absent).
- **Association of Three Rivers (ATRA) Contracts**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward the two Three Rivers Administrators contractors for approval.
  - Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the ATRA contracts with a step freeze for 2017-18. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (Ms. Dwyer absent).

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. York requested the Woodland Charter update from them regarding compliance. They would like Woodland at the June board meeting with a correction plan.
- Mr. York brought up an email from Mr. John Harris that was sent to all board members regarding an incident that occurred at Fruitdale. Director Yount is aware of the issue and has been working with the school and parent. Mr. York will forward Superintendent Valenzuela the email for him to look into and report back to the board.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Graduation Dates:
  - Hidden Valley High School – Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.
  - Illinois Valley High School – Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m.
  - North Valley High School – Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- June 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session*.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Danny York  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk