

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
October 15, 2025**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Illinois Valley High School 625 E River Street Cave Junction, 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=i0q6klxv9wE>

PRESENT

Pat Kelly, Board Chair
Mariah Rossi, Board Vice-Chair
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member
Rick Nelson, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director

Administrators present: Monica Haley, Erik Lathen, Erica Butler, Steve Fuller, Danny Pratt, Sabrina Miller, Lindsey Namanny and Damian Crowson.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at: 4:03PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

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 shared information about the upcoming events happening in Three Rivers School District that honor Veteran's. He showed a video from last year's celebration at Hidden Valley High School. He invited all community members to attend these events.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

- Lorna Byrne Assistant Principal Sabrina Miller recognized Ash Wissler and Paul Montgomery Jayne as Community Partners of the Month. They have been setting up donations of picnic benches and other items, making improvements to the school and starting a parent partnership group with the school. Their impact on the school and community has been contagious.
- Illinois Valley High School Principal Erik Lathen recognized the Reyes Family and Jordan Reyes as another Community Partner of the month. They are always willing to help with projects around the school and volunteer their time.

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 2025
- Athletic Coaches – October 2025
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - July 9, 2025 Board Retreat
 - September 17, 2025 Board Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Request (1)
- Grant Request (1)
- Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Response to Member Nelson's Agenda Requests**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela addressed Member Nelson's prior agenda topics requests and provided explanations and answers. Superintendent spoke about air conditioning in the schools and the costs associated with that. He informed that in 2019 the District went out for Bond, which would have addressed HVAC, but the bond failed. He informed the Board that the District continues to apply for all grants and that 3 schools were awarded the Renew America's Schools Grants which will add air conditioning.
 - Superintendent Valenzuela informed Member Nelson the District does not have a committee called "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion or DEI" so he has nothing to report on their work or minutes.
 - Superintendent Valenzuela addressed Member Nelson's questions regarding books. Policy IIA will address Member Nelson questions and that policy is currently in work session.
 - Member Nelson inquired about the Board resolution regarding Title IX and sports. Superintendent Valenzuela reminded Member Nelson that any resolution needs to be added to the Agenda which Chair Kelly can request. The District has not received a request to address this as a meeting from the Chair or Vice-Chair.
- **Student Group Spotlight - Lorna Byrne**
 - Vice Principal Sabrina Miller introduced Lorna Byrne student Kennedy who gave a speech about the newly implemented "Circles". This practice was started to address

bullying and building community among the students. Kennedy spoke about how this positively affected their school experience and the school as a whole. Member Camp commended the work Lorna Byrne is doing to create a positive culture.

- **Budget Committee Vacancy Zone IV**

- Accounting Manager Megan Beck advised of the Budget Committee vacancy due to Member Nelson being elected to the school board. She provided an overview of the process and will be posting the vacancy.

- **Board Policies First Reading**

- GBG - *Staff Participation in Political Activities*
- GCBDE/GDBDE - *Military Leave of Absence*
- IF - *District Curriculum*
- IGBHD - *Program Exemptions*
 - There was discussion from Member Nelson regarding the protected classes, he specifically called out protection for “Gays and Lesbians” and inquired why Christians were not a protected class. Member Reese pointed out that it is covered by religion. There was discussion among the Board Members with Chair Kelly explaining the Board has no authority to state who is and who isn’t a protected class. Chair Kelly pointed out Member Nelson’s concerns were with the law, not the policy. Vice Chair Rossi inquired about the Curriculum policy and Superintendent Valenzuela pointed out the Board retains their authority to adopt all curriculum. Superintendent Valenzuela again reminded the Board this is a first read, not a voting Agenda item. Chair Kelly chose to move on to the next Agenda item which Member Nelson objected to. Chair Kelly noted that objection, but continued to move on.

- **Student Data Highlight**

- Director Durrant introduced Lorna Byrne Principal Danny Pratt and teacher Christine Correa. They shared a presentation about the program Read 180. They shared about the implementation of the program and the increased engagement and success they are seeing in student reading. They shared a couple success stories about students in the program and shared what they hope the positive reading outcomes from the continued use of this program.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Seven community members addressed the board: Oliva Herrera, David Lommel, Judy Ahrens, Skye Baker, Margie Wilkie, Steve Raycraft, and Erica Butler.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Interdistrict Transfer Openings**

- Superintendent Valenzuela requested the Board approve the District’s recommendation to close the remaining interdistrict transfers for the 2025-2026 school year. The District would remain open for hardships or students moving into school boundaries.

- Member Camp made a motion to approve the closing of the remaining IDT slots. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Collective Sponsorship Swimming**
 - Deputy Superintendent Alderson requested the Board approve a collective sponsorship between North Valley and Hidden Valley. The swimming teams will be using the same pool at the same time to practice, but competing as separate teams. OSAA requires approval for this to occur.
 - Member Camp made a motion to approve the collective sponsorship. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Fiscal Resolution 25/26-02**
 - Accounting Manager Megan Beck requested the Board approve a resolution to accept unbudgeted grant funds as the District received a seismic grant for Lincoln Savage Middle School gym. The 2025-2026 budget was adopted before these funds were received.
 - Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the resolution. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Josephine County Investment Program** (note this item was presented out of agenda order)
 - Accounting Manager Megan Beck requested the Board approve for the District to participate in the Josephine County investment program, which provides the District with income from a percentage of the interest earned by the program.
 - Member Reese made a motion to approve the District participation. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Design Team approval**
 - Accounting Manager Megan Beck requested approval from the Board, sitting as the contract review board for Three Rivers School District, for pre-approval of the Design Team for the Lincoln Savage Middle School Seismic Retrofit Project.
 - Member Nelson made a motion to approve the Design Team. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **OSBA Board of Directors Candidate for Position 5, Southern Region**
 - Three candidates were presented for the Board to nominate and use their combined vote for the OSBA Board of Directors; Richie Owens (SOESD), Daniel Ruby (Ashland), and Nathan Seable (Grants Pass).

- Member Reese made a motion to vote for Nathan Seable. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Board Policies – Second Reading:**
 - The following policies were presented to the Board for a seconding reading:
 - CB - *Superintendent*
 - DH - *Loss Coverage*
 - IGBBA - *Talented and Gifted Students - Identification*
 - IGBHA - *Alternative Education Programs*
 - JEDA - *Truancy*
 - JFCEB - *Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Students*
 - KI - *Public Solicitations in District Facilities*
 - KJ - *Commercial Advertising*
 - Superintendent Valenzuela has not received any discussion or revisions regarding these policies from Board Members. There was discussion among the Board Members about the policies and they requested additional time to review them.
 - Member Reese made a motion to table the vote on these policies. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Elementary Library Book Board Member Initiative**
 - Member Reese made a request to use Board funds to purchase books for each of the Elementary Schools for titles authored by the Big Red Chicken, Lance Nevis who is a local author of children's books. She also mentioned books by Kirk Cameron if there are additional funds. Member Camp made a motion to allocate an amount not to exceed \$500.00 for the purchase of these books. Vice-Chair Rossi seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**
 - Member Nelson would like to propose a resolution for Title IX and sports, he then read the resolution in its entirety.
- **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**
 - Wednesday, November 19, 2025 5:00pm District Office
 - Hidden Valley High School Veteran's Day Celebration - Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 11:00 (correction from 10:00)
 - Three Rivers High School Music Department Community Patriotic Event - Monday, November 10, 2025 6:00pm RiverWay lot

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:36 PM.