

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL SESSION
May 27, 2020**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met virtually via Google Meet for a board special session on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

PRESENT

Rich Halsted, Board Chair
Kate Dwyer, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member
Danny York, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call vote was taken. Board member Johnstun was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. York made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

ACTION ITEMS

• **Seismic Grant GMP Contract**

- District Accountant Lisa Cross explained that earlier this afternoon she forwarded the memo from Ausland to the board members. She asked the board members for questions they might have?
- Board Chair Halsted asked who was in attendance from HMK and Ausland?
- Ms. Cross said that Mike Freeman from HMK was in attendance, as well as David McKay, Aaron Ausland, Greg Ausland and Scott Cerovac.
- Aaron Ausland explained, in-depth, how the grant and bid process worked. The grant included modernizing the schools as much as they could, in-line with the rules of the seismic grant. This is a reimbursed grant.
- Mr. Halsted requested more information on the proposals.
- Aaron Ausland explained the proposal was an RFP and not a bid. They were being evaluated based on their value to the district. This was a design-build contract. The process described in the contract was specifically this process of finishing the design, then reconciling the GMP later – which is all outlined in the agreement. They followed the process and believe it has been very successful to land the district with an incredible value using the funds available.
- Scott Cerovac reviewed the additional costs which included the new bleachers which are seismically designed and refinishing the existing flooring in the gymnasiums.
- Aaron Ausland shared some photos of the projects.
- There were some additional comments and questions from board members.
- David McKay further elaborated on the process and reviewed other modifications being made. He also emphasized that this is all of our tax money and they are trying to be as good of a steward with that. Each improvement is being evaluated separately.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the seismic grant GMP contract. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously (4-0, Member Johnstun absent).

- **Resolution (#13) to implore the Governor of Oregon and the Oregon Legislature to retain and strengthen the Grants Pass office of the Oregon State Police**
 - Board Chair Halsted shared that the board spoke about this last week. This is based on the Courier article that the Oregon State Police (OSP) is going to potentially close the Grants Pass office, which means they would hub things out of Central Point. For us, we want to put the safety of our staff and students as we travel these roadways and huge distances. Now, to potentially pull some of that police support away from one highway, which is one of the most dangerous in America, it could create some possible hazards for everybody. We also rely on support from mutual aid agreements, which we rely on for responding to an incident near a school or at a school, becomes even more significantly hindered. He asked Ms. Dwyer to draft something up and she did an awesome job writing a resolution.
 - Ms. Dwyer added that the community of Illinois Valley has worked for the past two years to bring more attention to the dangerous situations on state highway 199 and it took a year and a-half of coordinating with OSP, the Sheriff's Department, ODOT and the State to get the area from Selma to Cave Junction designated officially as a safety corridor to recognize the number of incidents that happen there. Statistics show that Monday afternoons, while our busses are running, are the most dangerous times on that road. It has now been designated as a safety corridor and OSP is relied upon to step up their enforcement within that safety corridor. If we were to lose the OSP coverage where they would have to drive an hour instead of twenty minutes to do enforcement on that piece of road – that's a real loss for our community and the efforts they have made.
 - Board Chair Halsted read the proposed resolution.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Board Regular Session, Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – VIRTUAL

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Rich Halsted
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk