

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL SESSION
August 12, 2020**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met virtually via Google Meet for a Board Special Session on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

PRESENT

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Johnstun called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call vote was taken, and all board members were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL (ACTION)

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the August 12, 2020 agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

TRSD Operational Blueprint for School Reentry 2020-2021

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared a presentation for the *Back to School Blueprint*. He explained that today we received great feedback from Josephine County Public Health and all of the suggestions they made were around language and semantics. No functional or foundational changes were recommended. They were very complimentary about the plan and our efforts to keep our students and staff safe. After the changes are made, we will post our blueprints on our website and share them with ODE within the next few days. He shared examples of what the blueprints look like with the board members (an elementary, middle and high school blueprint, and a comprehensive distance learning blueprint). He explained how they apply, how we think about them, and what they mean to the district
- A video and communication went out today and it talked about the next steps for Three Rivers. Those next steps include a distance learning at home model for all of our 4th through 12th grade students and an in person onsite learning instructional model for our K-3 students. Once we approach the October 15th date, that is when we will be making the call for the second quarter. If the metrics are trending in the right way, we will be opening up our schools for all students in some form, whether hybrid or fully onsite.
- Mr. Valenzuela reviewed the original plan for our district which then had to be changed when the metrics for schools to open were announced. He then reviewed the metrics that apply to our district. School grades 4-12 in Josephine County cannot reopen onsite at this time based on the COVID-19 health metrics required by ODE but grades K-3 can open with onsite learning by meeting exemption metrics.
- TRSD will begin the 2020-2021 school year with grades 4-12 participating in an online instructional model from home until county and state health metrics are fully met.
- TRSD will begin the 2020-2021 school year with grades K-3 participating in onsite learning with a staggered start. This will remain so long as metrics stay within acceptable levels.
- The district will be focusing on three different programs for student learning: Onsite (grades K-3 only), distance learning at home and TVOS, for parents/student that want their student in the online program for the whole year. Staff and resources will be allocated to both programs.

- CANVAS is our new learning management system. There are many more features than Google Classroom to enrich the online learning experience. The students will work with their teacher to determine their schedule for distance learning at home. The Online Learning Advisory Committee (OLAC) is really digging deep into what is the appropriate amount of time for students to be engaged online, and when to step away from the screen and utilize other skills.
- Primary resources for maximizing online instruction:
 - 1:1 Technology – All TRSDS students will be provided a device to complete all schoolwork and communicate with teachers.
 - Mobile WiFi – In addition to specific mobile hotspots, individual hotspots will be available.
 - Online Learning Advisory Committee (OLAC) – 61 TRSD staff participated. Administration led and teacher developed committee focused on creating, implementing, and improving distance learning practices. They will also address social/emotional needs. There is also a parent support committee to assist parents.
- For parents that don't want their students back in a building we have a fully online offering for K-12 students with our TRSD Virtual Online School (TVOS). He will have certified teachers from TRSD overseeing the program. The program will be flexible to meet the needs of parents.
- All TRSD students are guaranteed:
 - Peer to peer engagement.
 - Meals – all students will have access
 - Social-Emotional Resources – All students will have access to mental health resources, school counselors, etc.
 - School Support Services – All students will have access to counselors, SPED services, ELL, etc.
- The work ahead
 - OLAC – continue work with our Online Learning Advisory Committee to ensure we have the most robust distance learning at home program that they can.
 - DLT – The District Leadership Team will continue to get updates from ODE and OHA and will continue to take those recommendations and put them into practice so the district can stay compliant. Also, will be key for them to make sure that the education program that we're offering is up to the standard that we have all come to expect from Three Rivers.
 - Families – Hoping they can help us by taking care of the things that we hope will keep the metrics going the right way and lower rates in our county through physical distancing, washing hands and wearing a mask when appropriate.
- Reviewed the anticipated timeline to onsite learning.
 - September 8 – grades K-3 begin school onsite. Grades 4-12 begin with online instruction from home.
 - October 15 – The district will announce if onsite learning can begin in the second quarter.
 - November – Onsite for all K-12 begins November 9th if the health metrics allow.
- There were questions and some discussion by board members.

Board Policies – Second Reading (ACTION)

- JHCC – *Communicable Diseases-Student*
 - JHCC-AR* – *Communicable Diseases-Student*
 - GBEB – *Communicable Diseases-Staff*
- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to pass policies JHCC, JHCC-AR and GBEB. Mr. York seconded the motion.
 - Director Allen-Hart added that these policies are as required and adopted throughout the state. They will become a part of our Blueprint.
 - A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Policy – Second Reading (ACTION)

- GCBDAAG/DBDAA – *COVID-19 Related Leave*
 - Director Alderson explained that this policy keeps us in line with changes to BOLI law and will also give our staff direction when they are looking for the appropriate leave to COVID-related situations.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve policy GCBDAAG/DBDAA. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Williams Library Lease (ACTION)

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared that we have a fantastic relationship with the Josephine Community Library district. They have a library located on our Williams property and they want to expand their resource in Williams. It's a really well utilized library and a great resource for that community. They are looking for funding sources to expand the library and they need a more concrete lease agreement to secure funding. It is a 30-year agreement with a three-year clause for termination by either party.
- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the land lease agreement with Josephine Community Library District. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was some discussion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Resignation (ACTION)

- Board Chair Johnstun shared that Kate Dwyer will be leaving the TRSD school board. She has been such a wonderful resource to the board and a mentor to her. Other board members shared their thoughts around her great service to the board and students and wished her will on future endeavors.
- Ms. Dwyer explained that it was not an easy decision and she didn't make it lightly. She just felt strongly that these decisions should be made by someone with kids in our schools. It has been an honor and she thanked the people of the Illinois Valley for entrusting her with the job.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the resignation of Member Kate Dwyer (Zone 1 representative). Mr. York seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Process to Fill Vacant Zone I Board Position

- Superintendent Valenzuela outline the process to fill the vacant zone I board position. A public notice will be printed in the Daily Courier and IV News advertising the vacant board position and that we are accepting applications. It will be posted on our website as well. The vacant zone I position will be filled until June 30, 2021, when it will then be filled as part of the county election process. On September 16th the board will review applications and interview perspective applicants during an open Special Session. The voting to fill the position will take place as an agenda item during the September 16th regular session.

Board Recognition

- Superintendent Valenzuela recognized Rich Halsted for his time as board chair. He was awarded a plaque with a gavel to commemorate his service. Mr. Valenzuela appreciated all his time he invested into the position – he was very engaged, open to ideas and very supportive!
- Mr. Valenzuela recognized outgoing member Kate Dwyer with a plaque for her seven years of service on the TRSD school board. He reviewed their history all the way back to Evergreen Elementary school. He appreciates what she has done for this district and what she will continue to do for the Illinois Valley residents.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Board Regular Session, Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Johnstun adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Jennifer Johnstun
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk

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