

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 2016**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Evergreen Elementary, 520 W. River Street, Cave Junction, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

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| Danny York, Board Chair | Debbie Simons, Director |
| Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair | Dave Valenzuela, Director |
| Paul Kelly, Board Member | Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary |
| David Holmes, Superintendent | |

Administrators: Jamie Ongman/Illinois Valley HS Principal, Penelope DiGennaro/Sunny Wolf Charter School Principal, David Regal/Evergreen Elementary Principal and Scott Polen/Lorna Byrne Middle School Principal.

ABSENT

Kara Olmo, Board Member
Ron Lengwin, Board Member
Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (3-0, members Olmo and Lengwin absent)

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Mr. Kelly announced several students from North Valley FBLA are going to Nationals. The Ft. Vannoy *Destination Imagination* team is going to Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee – his daughter is on that team. Ms. Dwyer commented that the production of Cavetown at Lorna Byrne Middle School was wonderful and there was a tremendous turnout from the community. Mr. York attended the Senior Superstars at Hidden Valley. The participation level of the kids was awesome – Hidden Valley won. Also, Hidden Valley FBLA took state for the 15th year. Mr. Holmes announced that Fruitdale Principal Heather Yount was named Oregon State Principal of the Year and will be representing the state at the national level. Ms. Simons complimented the Fruitdale staff as a good leader doesn't get where they are going by themselves. They also assisted with the nomination process. She also attended the 20% meetings at Manzanita last week and complimented the staff there for the effort they are making in trying to get kids to grade level for reading. Mr. Valenzuela shared Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up soon. Our teachers are working so hard right now – recognized the teachers in advance. Also gave blood today at Hidden Valley. The Leadership group was putting it on and the kids were so professional to take care in what they were doing. Nicole Rensenbrink shared that they have hired Nick Reynolds to lead the QUEST program at Lorna Byrne and Illinois Valley HS. She is inspired about how the IVHS community can all work together. Scott Polen shared that the Lorna Byrne choir has been accepted to the *Best in the West* choir competition in Portland. Jamie Ongman shared that on April 5th Illinois Valley HS hosted 5-6 administrators for their exit review for accreditation process and it went well. The accreditation team has recommended them for the maximum 5 years accreditation and absolutely loved

the environment, students and staff at the school.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Congratulations to the maintenance department and staffs in all of the schools. The Fire Marshall visited all 16 sites and only seven had any comments at all. The maintenance leads, Ric Ross and Don Hiler, have reported that every one of the items on the lists have been taken care of and completed.
- Financial – there have been three different state report updates this week. The district is now back to even (from \$142,000 loss). We are now waiting on the May report.
- The second arson of the old building at Hidden Valley will begin to be cleaned up this week. Insurance covered the cleanup cost of the loss of the first building. It will cover the cost of cleaning up the second building as well with a bit left over.
- We have started collecting the projects for Serve Grants Pass. He thanked the organization of churches that puts that together and does that work in our schools. It is very impactful and helpful to our buildings.
- We are in the middle of evaluating staffing for next year and hiring replacement staff to fill vacancies.

ILLINOIS VALLEY AREA REPORT

- Evergreen Principal David Regal gave kudos to his staff to make sure kids are safe and able to work academically. He also honored his Office Manager Erica Lundberg – couldn't do his job without her! Mr. Regal shared information regarding his Title program and the great work Ms. Campbell is doing. SMILE program update – teachers Mr. Flaherty and Ms. Clements are taking 14 SMILE kids to OMSI for an overnight program on engineering. Evergreen received a KPI (Kindergarten Partnership & Innovation) grant and will be utilizing the grant to kick off the Kaleidoscope program which works on readiness for kindergarten. Kindergarten Round up will be on May 10th and they will tour the school, visit the classroom and will be given backpacks that will have some supplies, along with school resources they can work on over the summer. Update on Head Start activities.
- Illinois Valley High School student Quinn Deets reported on the activities taking place at IVHS: partnership with the Sparrow program and their Sparrow Brook Davis; partnership with the JCF (Josephine County Foundation) which includes the annual Dan Fiske Day of Service, a program on impaired and distracted driving awareness and the Illinois Valley Cougar Closet to help meet the needs of students. The Leadership students support the Cougar Closet, they have hosted three student dances; they also play roles in the JCF, Site Council and upholding their PBIS standards. Illinois Valley HS is the reigning champions as well as tying for the 2013 title in Academic Masters. He then shared information about the Mathletes program and the Speech & Debate team.
- Lorna Byrne Principal Scott Polen talked about the Studio to Schools five year grant and introduced Gina Angelique to talk about the arts program at Lorna Byrne. There are three arts components all at the same time: arts integration, after school components in dance and theatre which include public performances such as Cavetown. The kids are enjoying the program and the after school participation is growing.

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 – April 19, 2016
- Coaches – April 19, 2016
- Out of State Travel Request (1)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Special Session – March 31, 2016

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion; the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER DONATIONS

- Board Chair York reviewed the list of donations from the community and thanked them for their support.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Carol Valentine explained she has been active in the Illinois Valley HS music boosters. She talked about why it was really important to halve full time music instruction at Illinois Valley High School.
- Christine Gardner spoke to the Board on behalf of the wider community of the Illinois Valley talked about the Illinois Valley 20/20 Strategic Planning process that is going on. Many of the exciting developments focusing on how to improve conditions for the youth. She made a citizen request asking for a new policy for the school district to promote food gardens at every school in the district beginning in the Fall of 2016. She requested that every school be provided the materials to create and maintain a school food garden with a paid school garden coordinator. She offered her support to the school district if help is needed with grant-writing.
- Kaci Elder expressed concern over a risk of IVHS losing a full time music program. She supports a full time program for kids and commented that all of the studies back up the positive correlation between music education and academics. Arts and music is a necessary ingredient of life.
- Kent Fisher, President of the Illinois River Valley Arts Council, spoke in support of the arts in the Illinois Valley High School and Three Rivers School District. They are directly involved at learning through arts 21st Century after school program. They have other programs such as “*Keep America Singing*” with the 4th graders at Evergreen. They believe the arts are an incredibly important component of education.
- Kate Dwyer read a comment from Paul Dillon, at his request. He wanted the Board to know that if it weren't for the music department at IV high school he truly believes he would at this time be dead or in prison. He thanked T. Lund and Jack Dwyer for helping him become passionate about music and through his passion about music to graduate high school and become a successful business man in their community.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Chalkboard Grant Update**
 - Teacher Vicki DeStefano provided the board with an update of the committee's work over the last month. The chairs of the sub-committees are going to Portland on May 12 to meet with the Chalkboard Project people and will present their work to them. Ms. Simons added that the presentation will be to ODE in June. They will not require a written application. She believes the district will know if we were successful before school is out.
- **Jerome Prairie Preschool/Lorna Byrne MS Head Start**
 - Superintendent Holmes shared that Head Start received funding for a Head Start program at Lorna Byrne Middle School. They will have up to 25 slots. The program should start in September. He then gave an update on the daycare to be located at Jerome Prairie in conjunction with OCDC (Oregon Childhood Development Coalition). They are the same group that is funding the preschool at Hidden Valley HS. Tomorrow they will be looking at the rooms and gymnasium to determine the viability. When asked about an update on the Hidden Valley daycare Mr. Holmes responded that they will start construction the day the students walk out of the building.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Resolution – Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-5, 2016 (ACTION)**
 - Mr. Holmes read the resolution recognizing our teachers and declaring May 2-5, 2016 Teacher Appreciation Week. Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Kelly seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Sunny Wolf Charter School Charter (ACTION)**

- Director Dave Valenzuela commented he had sent the Board members a copy of the charter that he and Penelope DiGennaro had been working on. The two main changes were the flow through percentage for ADM and the term changing to five years. Ms. DiGennaro addressed the Board and spoke to the request to change from a three to a five year term and request to go to 90% ADM flow through from the previous 80%. She then shared some of the reasoning for the requested changes and how it would address their needs.
- Board Chair York felt the item should be tabled as two of the board members were not in attendance. The other two board members in attendance agreed – they would like to table it to have the support of the full board when a decision is made. The charter will then be on the agenda as an action item for the May 17 board meeting.
- **Resolution to Transfer Contingency Funds (ACTION)**
 - Mr. Holmes explained that this is simply a resolution to transfer funds from contingency so that they can be expended to spend \$300 per student for the *Global Destination* National finals in Tennessee, per board policy. There will be five students attending. Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer contingency funds. Mr. Kelly seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Board Policies – FIRST READING**
 - GBCD – Keys
 - GCBDD/GDBDD – Sick Time
 - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to table the policies until they have the full board unless there is a reason to approve them immediately.
- **Resolution to Approve PACE Property & Casualty Coverage (ACTION)**
 - Director Simons brought forward a resolution to approve PACE Property & Casualty Coverage. She explained the purpose is to protect the \$32 million in assets that are part of the trust. Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **2016-17 Student Calendar (ACTION)**
 - Director Simons brought forward the 2016-17 student calendar for approval. She explained specific changes from previous years brought about by required seat time for kids, the length of the school year and limited conference time. Two additional inservice days for teachers will be added if the Design Grant is successful.
 - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Student Calendar as presented; Mr. Kelly seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Discuss and Approve Superintendent Qualifications (ACTION)**
 - The board reviewed the draft qualifications prepared by Ms. Quick and Mr. York asked if there was any additional input. Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the qualifications as presented. Ms. Dwyer seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Adopt Salary Range for Superintendent Position (ACTION)**
 - Ms. Quick explained that she prepared a survey of the salary ranges to provide the Board with an idea of comparable superintendent contracts in our area. There was some discussion by the board.
 - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to adopt the salary range of \$125,000-\$130,000. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Dwyer – Mobile Food Bank; possibly in conjunction with JCF. Possibly more of an information item. Refer to David Holmes.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- May 3, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Budget Committee Meeting*
- May 3, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Special Session (Superintendent Search)*
- May 17, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session*

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Danny York
Chairperson of the Board

David Holmes
Superintendent-Clerk

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