

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
May 15, 2024**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The meeting was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_9j-dQ86H-A

PRESENT

Rich Halsted, Board Chair
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice-Chair
Pat Kelly, Board Member
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Jessica Durrant, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators present: Mark Higgins, Steve Fuller, Kellie Lovell, Jessica Falkenhagen and Travis Osborne.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Johnstun made a motion to approve the agendas presented. Member Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0)

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 provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Budget Process & Bond – Explained the budget process and funding needed for re-roofing and how it affects the district's general fund. Reiterated that the district does not receive funding for capital projects – such as roofs. The district relies on bonds and rare grant opportunities for capital projects, such as the seismic rehabilitation grant.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Fort Vannoy Principal Jessica Falkenhagen and Williams Elementary Principal Steven Fuller recognized Mason Smith as our TRSD Community Partner of the Month. Mason is the viral sensation behind '@thedadsocial'. Mason took the initiative to singlehandedly renovate the basketball courts at Applegate, Williams Elementary, Fort Vannoy Elementary and Madrona Elementary.

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 2024
- Athletic Coaches – May 2024
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - April 17, 2024 - Board Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Requests (6)
- Board Policies – Second Reading:
 - EBC - *Emergency Procedures Plan and First Aid*
 - EBCA - *Safety Threats*
 - EBCB - *Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction*
 - EFA - *Local Wellness (Delete and adopt new version)*
 - EH - *Records and Data Management*
 - GBEC - *Drug Free Workplace*
 - IKAB - *Student Progress Reports to Parents*
 - INDB - *Flag Display and Salutes*
 - JECDA - *Transcript Evaluation*
 - JFG - *Student Searches*
- Member Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Nine community members addressed the board: Mariah Rossi, Pam White, Cathy Millard, Oliva Herrera, Neigel Von Hruska, Victoria Marshall, Rachel Adams, Rick Nelson and David Lommel.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Kalmiopsis Community Arts Charter School Annual Report**
 - Kaci Elder, Melissa DeNardo and student Lucy Becker shared a slide presentation with information on how the first year is going for the new charter school.
- **Spanish Curriculum Presentation**
 - Director Jessica Durrant, TOSA John Tunick and teacher Kelly Turner recommend adopting the EntreCulturas curriculum from Wayside Publishing, costing \$96,560, to enhance Spanish instruction for grades 9-12. Following the 2019 ODE World Language standards update, and a review process led by district teachers, the curriculum was selected for its ability to support essential standards with engaging, differentiated resources. It also prepares students for post-high school opportunities and aligns with PLC collaborative planning. While the cost is significant, ESSER III funds will cover it, with a spending deadline of September 30, 2024. Materials will be available for public preview before the final board vote on June 25, 2024.
- *Board Chair Halsted called for a recess at 7:30 p.m.*
- *Board Chair Halsted reconvened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

ACTION ITEMS

- **K-12th Grade Math Curriculum Adoption**
 - Three Rivers School District proposes adopting new math curricula: STEMscopes Math for K-5 (\$324,800), EdGems for grades 6-8 (\$235,862), and Reveal Math for grades 9-12 (\$245,275), totaling \$805,937. This update follows the 2021 ODE adoption of new mathematics standards, addressing the district's last update in 2012. Led by Jessica Durrant, Casey Alderson, Alyson Berg, and John Tunick, the adoption committee included teachers from all grade levels. After reviewing and piloting potential resources, the chosen curricula aim to support essential standards, enhance instructional planning,

and meet diverse student needs. Funded by ESSER III grants, the materials will be publicly displayed for one month before the board's final vote on May 15, 2024.

- Member Johnstun made a motion to approve math curriculum as recommended. Member Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Halsted called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0, Member Reese abstaining.

- **9th-12th Grade Health Curriculum Adoption**

- Director Durrant and team recommend adopting G-W Publishing's Comprehensive Health Skills for High School as the primary instructional material for grades 9-12 to support health education. This adoption aligns with the updated 2016 Oregon health education standards and aims to provide resources that meet national standards and Oregon's specific health benchmarks. The need for updated materials is crucial, given it has been 18 years since the last adoption. The adoption committee, led by Travis Osborne and composed of three high school health teachers, reviewed and piloted multiple options, ultimately selecting Comprehensive Health Skills for its alignment with standards and teacher needs. The cost is \$9,363 per year for online and classroom sets, totaling approximately \$74,900 for 8 years, funded by ESSER III dollars. Materials will be on display for a month before the board's final vote on May 15, 2024, with parent notifications sent on April 18, 2024.
- Member Reese made a motion to not adopt the curriculum. There was no second. Superintendent Valenzuela again explained standards versus curriculum. There was a lengthy discussion. Member Johnstun requested that Director Durrant review the opt-out process. Travis Osborne provided an in-depth overview of the opt-out process and shared that this curriculum provides the opt-out materials along with alternative activities.
- Member Kelly made a motion to table the vote for the 9th-12th health curriculum adoption to the June board meeting. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0). Superintendent Valenzuela noted that due to the delay teachers will most likely not have the new curriculum in August when the school year starts.

- **Interdistrict Transfer Slots 2024-2025**

- Director Allen-Hart explained that the district opens up slots annually for inter-district transfers. She explained how they get numbers from each of the buildings to determine how many potential slots are available based on student roll up and staffing. She proposed to open 150 new transfer slots (90 high school, 30 middle school and 30 elementary) for the 2024-25 school year. Last year we opened 116 and received 90 incoming transfers from outside the district.
- Member Kelly made a motion to approve the 150 interdistrict transfer slots. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Superintendent Evaluation**

- Board Chair Halsted read the proposed superintendent evaluation summary aloud. The evaluation was conducted by the board in April 2024.
- Member Kelly made a motion to approve the superintendent evaluation summary. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Superintendent Valenzuela requested that the Board undergo an evaluation training prior to his next evaluation. Board Chair Halsted replied that they would try to get that to take place at the Board Retreat.

- **ESSER III Additional Projects**

- Director Durrant stated we are requesting authorization to utilize ESSER III funds for capital expenditures in two areas: the addition of a private office/meeting room at SOSA West for counseling and community resources, and the purchase of a van to transport students from the Jerome Prairie Transition Center, back and forth to job sites.
- Member Reese made a motion to approve the ESSER III funds for the two capital expenditures stated. Member Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Illinois Valley HS Athletic Building Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross would like the Board to authorize Superintendent Valenzuela to approve a future contract GMP award to Vitus Construction Company for the Illinois Valley HS athletic building, not to exceed \$510,000.
 - Member Johnstun made a motion to authorize Superintendent Valenzuela to approve the guaranteed maximum price for the Illinois Valley HS athletic building. Member Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- Superintendent evaluation (Board Retreat)
- Health curriculum/opt-out – June 26th board agenda
- Board goals (Board Retreat)
- Revisit school board member for Illinois Valley area (Board Retreat)

FUTURE MEETING/EVENT DATES

- Tuesday, May 21, 2024 - Second Budget Committee Meeting (If needed) - District Office, 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024 - District Retirement Celebration - District Office, 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - North Valley HS Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 29, 2024 - Hidden Valley HS Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 30, 2024 - Illinois Valley HS Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - SOSA Graduation, 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 26, 2024 - Board Regular Session - District Office (Time TBD)
 - Board Retreat (Time TBD)

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.