

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 2017**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Three Rivers District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

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

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Debbie Simons, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. York made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Ms. Dwyer raved about the RiverStars performances at Lorna Byrne Middle School. She applauded the kids that participated along with that partnership and that program. Mr. York commented on the graduation coaches at Hidden Valley, along with the college and career people and he is really impressed with how hands-on they are and working with the kids to get them out in to the workforce. We are putting out a good product that is nice to see. Ms. Johnstun shared a positive story that occurred at the Fleming Winter Dance where a dance off occurred between a student and a teacher. Mr. Halsted said hats off to the negotiations on the new teaching contract. He appreciated the ability to work together and communicate. Mr. Kelly complimented North Valley's Christmas Bazaar. It was a great turn out and a lot of fun! Director Alderson gave kudos to the English/Language Arts department. They met as a collaborative group today and there were a lot of conversations on how to meet the needs of kids. Director Simons shared there are many students and families that struggle-especially this time of year. A principal shared a story with her of a student living in a tent and the mom is dying of cancer. Some teachers knitted hats and there were other donations by staff. She then reintroduced Aramark Custodial Manager Jim Bunge. She complimented Mr. Bunge on the change we are already seeing in the cleanliness of our buildings. Ms. Simons then gave kudos again to Food Service Manager Ben Guyton. They met with the students at Hidden Valley for a taste-testing. The kids loved it and some changes will take place in January. Director Allen-Hart thanked the entire district for the progress in Trauma Informed Care and ACE's training. She is so impressed by the work done by Ms. Durrant to bring the program forward. As a result there are positive changes taking place by all of the staff in our district. Director Durrant shared that Williams was awarded \$39,000 in grants last week. Cow Creek awarded \$4,000 for an after school program and \$35,000 was awarded by the Early Learning Hub for a modified type preschool. Kudos to the Williams Viability committee! Teacher Kim DeForest commented that the Language Arts work done today was very positive. She also shared that she had a (paper) snowball fight in her classroom the other day and the kids really enjoyed it! Superintendent Valenzuela recognized our support staff along with Ben Guyton and Jim Bunge. The turn in seasons has a huge impact on our

schools. The custodians are working much harder. He thanked Ben Guyton for all of the Holiday meals. They are a huge hit in the schools. The change in the weather has the most significant impact on our maintenance department. Things get cold and things break. He then thanked the other five people at the podiums for their support. It has been a wild couple of weeks! Ms. Quick keeps them on track and then the four directors handle things with skill and grace that really make parents feel supported and valued by the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Board Recognition – Next month is Board Recognition Month and they have been asked by Hidden Valley's Foods class if they could cook a meal for the Board? The Board was thrilled and will be notified what time.
- Construction Excise Tax – The IGA is now signed by all parties and Grants Pass is now collecting on the new rate.
- Manzanita Rest Area – The treatment facility has been put into place and has been online for several months now. The lagoons at North Valley are healing and aerating clear. A magmeter accurately measures what is coming from the rest area. Mr. Valenzuela will be going to Salem to meet with Tim Pickett/OTE to negotiate a new contract. We will hold off dredging at this time. They will possibly put the money in a contingency fund in case the need to dredge comes up.
- Josephine County Foundation (JCF) – Due to a grant they received they are looking to run an anti-tobacco campaign. They have developed a student survey as part of this process. He recently learned it is a 105 question survey which involves tobacco use, alcohol, mental health and drugs. He requested JCF pare the survey down and present it to the board for approval in January. He wants to support the campaign, but the survey highly resembles the Wellness Survey and Oregon Healthy Teens survey. He does not want to duplicate the survey with our students and muddy our results.
- Woodland Charter Renewal – The current charter runs through June 2018. He met with Phil Centers from Woodland and discussed a number of things. He anticipates the board will be asking for significant changes to the charter. He would like to get a final charter in front of the school board by April so they can get it approved by their board. He asked the board for their feedback.
- OSBA Bonds Conference – The TRSD bond ends June 2021. It's time to start thinking about a future bond. He talked about the process and asked if there were any board members interested in attending the February 9 conference to contact Shelly.
- Drug dogs – All three high school principals have approached him and Mr. Alderson about the possible use of drug dogs. Board policy JFG & JFG-AR allows us to use them. He talked more about the process and the board gave their full support. Ms. Halsted asked about the possibility of an assembly for students to show the effectiveness of the dogs.

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 – December, 2017
 - Coaches – December, 2017
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Regular Session – October 18, 2017

Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- There were none.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- Legislative and PERS Updates

- District Accountant Lisa Cross gave an update on what has been happening at the state level concerning legislative and PERS topics.
- **Board Policies – First Reading**
 - **JECBD & JECBD-AR – *Homeless Students***
 - Director Durrant provided the board with a handout showing the homeless percentage by district. TRSD is 9.85%, the third highest in Southern Oregon. In 2016-17 474 students have been identified as McKinney-Vento in the district and this year will be higher. We are doing a better job of identifying these students.
 - **EFAA – *District Nutrition and Food Services* & EFAA-AR – *Reimbursable Meals and Milk Program***
 - Director Simons explained the draft of this policy outlines and updates what criteria the district has to meet in order to be reimbursed through the USDA for the Food Service program.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Board Goals**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward the Board goals that they have been working on since August for final adoption by the Board:
 - Graduation
 - To increase to 85% graduation rate by 2023 (6 years)
 - ACES and Trauma Informed Care
 - High Quality 3D's: Communication, Customer Service and Community Engagement
 - Mr. York made a motion to adopt the Board Goals as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Three Rivers Education Association (TREA) Licensed Contract**
 - Director Simons requested approval on the 2017-2021 licensed contract. It is the first multi-year agreement since 2008. It represents a change in culture in our district in terms of the approach to get to the multi-year contract. It has been ratified by both Southern Oregon Bargaining Council and our Three Rivers local association.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the 2017-2021 TREA licensed contract. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- **OSBA Resolution to Reorganize the Oregon School Boards Association as a Non-Profit Corporation and Adopt the Proposed 2017 Bylaws**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that the OSBA board of directors voted to ask its member boards to approve a formal incorporation under ORS Chapter 65 to main OSBA's tax exempt status. It will have little to no impact on members. Mr. Valenzuela read the resolution aloud.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve the OSBA resolution. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

- Ms. Dwyer asked about the two elementary classes in the district that have over 30 students (Fruitdale 3rd grade and Manzanita 5th grade).
 - Mr. Valenzuela had Director Durrant look into it and gave detailed report from Heather Yount at Fruitdale and Renee Hults at Manzanita indicating the extra assistance put in place to assist with the large number of students in these classrooms. Both teachers feel their students are highly supported, but did express the need for some extra clerical support.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Halsted again mentioned the need to get together with our kindergarten teachers and administrators. He would like to see the data along with District 7.
- Mr. Kelly would like to move to including other parties in the process of evaluating coaches. Mr. Valenzuela responded that he and Director Alderson will develop a proposal for them to review and provide feedback.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, January 10, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session*
- Mr. Valenzuela also reminded the Board that the February 21st meeting will be at North Valley High School, beginning with the student panel 7th period.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk