

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 16, 2016**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Fort Vannoy Elementary School, 5250 Upper River Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

**PRESENT**

Danny York, Board Chair  
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair  
Paul Kelly, Board Member  
Ron Lengwin, Board Member  
David Holmes, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Director  
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director  
Debbie Simons, Director  
Dave Valenzuela, Director  
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT**

Kara Olmo, Board Member

Administrators: Renee Hulst/Manzanita Elementary Principal, Lise Van Brunt/Fleming Middle School Assistant Principal, Dennis Misner/North Valley High School Principal and Kirk Baumann/Ft. Vannoy Elementary Principal.

**CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) *Litigation*, ORS 192.660(2)(d) *Collective Bargaining* and ORS 192.660(2)(i) *Superintendent Evaluation*.

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:10 PM and Mr. York led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Lengwin made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (Ms. Olmo absent).

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Mr. Kelly attended the North Valley vs. Hidden Valley girls' basketball game and commented on the positive atmosphere at Hidden Valley. Mr. Lengwin shared that new coaches Nicole Kersten and Terry Guthrie are great assets for North Valley. He also had a positive meeting with Hidden Valley administrators Daye Stone and Brian Miller and was very impressed. Ms. Dwyer congratulated the Illinois Valley girls' basketball team going to post season for the first time in ten years – coached by previous star Serena Barry. They beat St. Mary's and the sportsmanship was wonderful to see. She also mentioned the incredible work being done to the staff at Illinois Valley HS keeping the seniors on track for scholarships and college applications. Mr. Holmes pointed out Directors Dave Valenzuela and Casey Alderson are organizing learning walks at the schools on a regular basis. Tiffany Beta, first year teacher at Lincoln Savage, is an example of the best teaching he has ever seen. Mr. Alderson attended the Illinois Valley girls basketball game against St. Mary's and it was great to see how they have grown as a team to wrap up the league title. He also met with the Career Advocates, along with Grants Pass High

School, and is working with them to unify the approach to internships. It was a very productive meeting and a great opportunity for our new career advocates. Ms. Simons was at Fruitdale observing kindergarten. She watched teacher Mandy Graves with a group of about 23 students – some of the most masterful literacy instruction she has ever had the pleasure of watching. She also watched teacher Evgenia Zamorskaia teach math and did seven different activities with kids in 37 minutes and was very successful. Ms. Simons also shared that the district received notice and we will be dropping down a rating tier in workers comp which should result in a savings of about \$27,000. Also, we changed our software system for volunteers – previously we had assumed around 200 volunteers and we actually currently have 643. Mr. Valenzuela recognized Kellie Lovell and Rob Saunders. They, along with Josh Standley, will be showing some cool tech things being used around the district. Rob and Kellie go above and beyond every day to make sure we are providing the best instructional program that we can. Ms. Allen-Hart shared that as a parent of a senior, she is super-impressed with all that is going on to help them make decisions and the additional support at that level for our students whether they are thinking college or looking at being job-ready. Mr. York shared that he really enjoyed going through the school newsletters in the packet. It's great to see all of the different activities going on throughout the district.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Holmes reported on wastewater at the North Valley rest area. They were able to get to the bottom of a 40 year old problem of extra 'stuff' coming into the tank. There is a plan to rectify the problem and renegotiate the contract.
- The staffing for next year looks positive. There is little to no indication right now that we will be looking for any new administrators or any significant number of staff in any buildings.
- The district begins work on next year's budget in March. The district is making good progress so far in turning around a projected deficit for next year. This is a tribute to everyone that works in this district. In the next three months we begin negotiations for next year – he appreciates their perspective and thanked union team members for working together.
- We have two different groups that have submitted applications for preschool programs. There is an effort to try to put a preschool program at Jerome Prairie and another preschool program at Lorna Byrne. They were able to get the support of Southern Oregon ESD Early Childhood Development consortium to submit the applications for our district.
- Ft. Vannoy and Fleming principals are working on mascot changes due to a change in legislation on Native American mascots.

### **NORTH VALLEY AREA REPORT**

- Manzanita Principal Renee Hults shared that they are bursting at the seams with about 420 students, and attributes most of the growth to kindergarteners. She has been reviewing reading data and they have grown from a 31% mid-year average over the past three years to 54% this year. They did a PBIS mid-year review to give students a reminder after the winter break. They are taking advantage of the Options program available to address student needs. Ms. Hults then shared about Manzanita's after school programs and activities and acknowledged the great work being done by the PTA.
- Ft. Vannoy principal Kirk Baumann reported that with the new all-day kindergarten he is seeing a lot of the similar statistics as Manzanita and recognized his hard-working staff. Today they start their after school study hall program to give students some extra help. Mr. Baumann talked about the technology improvements with the addition of Chrome Books and iPads this year. They are also working with parents on the mascot change for Ft. Vannoy along with Fleming. They hope to have the process finalized by the end of the year. He pointed out the student artwork and Science Fair exhibits on display in the gym for the board meeting.
- Fleming Assistant Principal Lise Van Brunt reported on the mascot change process at Fleming. There have been really good discussions around the pros and the cons. The kids are also excited. Last week they held a "Kindness Week" working on the skill of thinking of others before we think of ourselves. There was also spirit dress up days every day with a different theme. Ms. Van Brunt shared that Fleming has been given the opportunity to host the conference wrestling meet – which is a big deal. It's about 500 students wrestling in one place representing all of Southern Oregon.
- North Valley Principal Dennis Misner shared that first semester grades were released. About 60-

70% of his students have earned A's or B's. The freshman class is the strongest overall and thanked Fleming for sending up the best class her has seen in his four years of working there. There are 55 kids with three failures or more. He has met with every one of them. He shared student highlights/activities: 3 one-act plays, 30 freshman and sophomores participating in the RCC STEM academy, North Valley hosted the FBLA Skills Regional (200 kids), and reported that his FBLA team is now larger than Hidden Valley. One wrestler and one bowler will be competing at the state level. The Christmas Bazaar was held, which raises money for the senior party at the end of the year. That event raised \$12,000 in one day. They are beginning a job shadowing program. He shared the two wish list projects: the stage curtain and to re-do the median in the middle of the driveway. North Valley is almost a completely wireless facility. Mr. Misner nominated teacher Kelly Turner who has done an incredibly effective job of the mid-year goal review and gave kudos to new Athletic Director Erik Lathen – he has been an excellent addition to the school.

### **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 – February 16, 2016
- Coaches – February 16, 2016
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
  - Board Work Session – February 2, 2016

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. York called for a vote on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Kevin Marr talked about kid's safety and expressed his support for the proposed safety levy for security in the schools. He urged the Board to approve the proposal.

### **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

#### **A. Sunny Wolf Charter School Annual Update**

- Penelope DiGennaro addressed the Board for the Sunny Wolf Charter School (SWCS) annual report. She provided the Board, superintendent and directors with a booklet that contained her statement which addressed enrollment, expansion plans, test results along with recent and planned building improvements. The booklet contained test scores, audit summary, profit and loss statement, certificate of liability insurance and a letter to Superintendent Holmes addressing ADM flow through dollars.
- Ms. DiGennaro formally requested a reduction in the amount of ADM flow through dollars that go to the district be reduced from 20% to 10%. They would also like to change from a three to a five year charter renewal.

#### **B. “An Hour of Code”**

- Kellie Lovell and Rob Saunders played a video clip to the Board to give an overview of a program presented this year to interested schools in our district called “An Hour of Code.”
- They then provided the board, superintendent and directors with iPads and teacher Josh Standley instructed them in the same coding activity that was presented to students.

#### **C. Student Vue/Parent Vue Usage Data**

- Director Dave Valenzuela explained that Parent Vue and Student Vue give parents and students the opportunity to check on assignments and grades.
- Mr. Valenzuela shared Parent Vue login statistics that showed 44,223 parent logins to date and Student Vue login statistics that shows which schools are utilizing it the most-and least.
- Ms. Dwyer requested more information/data as she would like to see outreach to those that are not utilizing it. Mr. Valenzuela and Mr. Alderson will strategize more ways to get

to parents and students.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. 2015-17 Association of Three Rivers Administrators (ATRA) Contract**

- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the 2015-17 Association of Three Rivers Administrators Contract. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **B. SOESD Local Service Plan**

- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Southern Oregon ESD Local Service Plan. Mr. Lengwin seconded the motion. Mr. Holmes voiced his support; there was no further discussion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **C. School Safety Levy**

- Superintendent Holmes read the resolution for the proposed local option levy and provided an overview of the proposal. There is a FAQ sheet on the district home page.
- The \$200,000 per year cost equates to .05c per \$1,000. The proposal is for a three year levy.
- Sheriff Daniel and Deputy Snyder were present to support the proposed levy.
- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve resolution (#05) for a local option levy. Mr. Lengwin seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **D. Board Policies – Second Reading**

1. BBFA – Board Member Ethics and Conflict of Interest
  2. BBFB – Board Member Ethics and Nepotism
  3. LBE – Public Charter Schools
  4. LBE-AR – Public Charter Schools
  5. LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance
- Mr. Lengwin made a motion to approve policies:
    - LBE – Public Charter Schools
    - LBE-AR – Public Charter Schools
    - LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance
  - Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
  - Mr. Lengwin made a motion to table policies until the April board meeting:
    - BBFA – Board Member Ethics and Conflict of Interest
    - BBFB – Board Member Ethics and Nepotism
  - Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Food Service Update – requested by Mr. York.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- Board Work Session – *No work session scheduled for March.*
- Board Regular Session – Tuesday, March 8, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office

Board Chair York recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. York reconvened Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

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Danny York  
Chairperson of the Board

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David Holmes  
Superintendent-Clerk

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