



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: December 17, 2025 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Tim Sam

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Long-time community member, North Valley graduate (1989), former coach, and supporter Byron Robertson submitted a letter after former coach and teacher Jeff Richard's passing earlier this year. The letter details the significance of Jeff Richard's teaching and coaching career at North Valley HS. After lots of conversations with past and current staff, coaches and community members, including a meeting of several long-time North Valley stake-holders, we believe it is appropriate for coach's legacy to be honored with the naming of the field. The nominal cost would be covered by volunteers, donations, stakeholders and/or North Valley athletics.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Please see attached letter provided by Byron Robertson.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Honoring a career of teaching, coaching, and impacting students as well as adults at NVHS

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

N/A

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐

Three Rivers School District

Request for Naming or Renaming of Facilities

Requested by: NVHS Richard Field Committee Date: 11/20/25
(Name of individual or group)

Name of contact person: Tim Sam Phone Number: 541 479-3388
ext. 3905

Address: 6741 Monument Drive Grants Pass OR 97526

Facility or portion of facility involved (please be specific; i.e. library at Hidden Valley High School):
Football Field at North Valley H.S.

Proposed Name: JEFF RICHARD FIELD

Detailed reason for request: See attached letter.

Advisory Committee Action

Proposed committee members:

Tim Sam
Byron Robertson
Todd Willamson
Casey Alderson

(Chairperson (district administrator))

Diana Miller
Jeff Conard
Neil DeFor

Meeting Date: 11/19/25

Date/Method of publicizing information to the community: Social Media,
Parent Square

Nomination of additional names (if applicable): _____

Recommendation to the Board: _____

Reason(s) for recommendation: _____

Associated costs: Nominal, for sign, possibly donated.

Board Action

Action taken:

☐ Approve ☐ Not approve

Date: _____

August 2, 2025

Three Rivers School District
Casey Alderson, Asst Superintendent
8550 New Hope Rd.
Grants Pass, OR 97527

RE: Jeff Richard Field

Mr. Alderson,

We, the North Valley High School family and Three Rivers School District recently lost a longtime, cherished, well respected, and impactful teacher and coach to thousands that attended North Valley High School. Jeff Richard was the cornerstone of many successes on the athletic fields and in the weight room or classroom over his 30 years at NVHS. Jeff's Impact on students' lives cannot be summed up in a brief letter, nor should it be attempted. His dedication to our school's students and athletes is unmatched in the school's history, as evident in the fact that he never missed one day of teaching in the first 28 years of his career, and only missed time in the last few years, because he earned the right to use up his personal days or lose them. His straightforward approach to coaching and teaching is something not found today, with a no excuses attitude and "just find a way to get it done" mantra, that many will lay testament as to why so many look back now and respect how he was helping to lay the foundation for his students to succeed in whatever path they chose. An icon who many of us have had the pleasure of playing for, been a student, coached with him, or played a round of golf with him respect and appreciate his competitive fire and desire to be the best at whatever you set out to achieve.

- Jeff taught at NVHS for 30 years
- Jeff coached Football, Track, Wrestling, Baseball, and ran a successful weight program and physical education curriculum.
- Jeff was a Head Coach and Assistant for most of his years at NVHS
- Jeff came to NVHS shortly after it opened and helped steer the early years as the school was gaining traction
- Jeff had a direct impact on the athletic success that thousands of athletes have achieved
- Jeff more importantly, impacted thousands of students who didn't play sports, but pushed them to be athletes in their own endeavors, or just at least get out and move to get exercise.
- Jeff was a Coach of the Year
- Jeff was a coach on the staff of the football team the year NVHS won the Triple Crown and had impact on that group of athletes in all three sports that year.
- Jeff coached State Champion Track athletes
- Jeff never complained, well maybe a whine here and there, but just put his head down and went to work to make kids better.

This list is a small sample of his accomplishments, but the biggest one of all is how many kids he positively impacted at North Valley for the 30 years he was in the building. His devotion to his kids at North Valley is only second to his devotion to his Wife Belinda, Son Brian, Daughter Kathi, and later his grandkids.

We as a Family at North Valley respectfully are asking the school District to consider naming the football field at The North Valley stadium, "Jeff Richard Field".. And make what is long-due, a gesture of thanks for his years of dedication to the North Valley Kingdom of students, athletes, and families.

Respectfully,

Byron Robetson
Class of '89