

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2018**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, January 10, 2018 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	Casey Alderson, Director
Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair	Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Rich Halsted, Board Member	Debbie Simons, Director
Danny York, Board Member	Jessica Durrant, Director
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member	Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent	

Administrators: Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal, Daye Stone/Hidden Valley High School Principal, Renee Hulst/Manzanita Elementary Principal and Linda McClanahan/North Valley High School Assistant Principal.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Director Durrant shared that they were successful in getting a grant from ODE to provide outdoor school for all of our sixth graders in the district. Two great partners will include Pacifica and Siskiyou Field Institute. Director Allen-Hart acknowledged three principals in attendance, Daye Stone, Renee Hulst and Miranda Carpenter who have Lifeskills programs in their buildings. The program has experienced incredible growth and requires many supports and needs. It is a lot of additional time and they do a fantastic job. Director Simons shared that she has been attending board meeting since 1995, and she thanked the five current board members for serving. She said this is the most positive and involved board that she has experienced. Their work is appreciated. Director Alderson met with our graduation coaches yesterday. He can't wait to get them in front the board next month to share the successes they are having with students in our high schools. Mr. Kelly complimented the Hidden Valley girls' basketball team. They have been so much fun to watch this season. He also commented on the great after school classes taking place at Fleming. There is a lot of cool stuff going on there! Mr. Halsted shared that he had a great meeting with Principal Steve Fuller and acknowledged the great efforts by Mindi Gallegos and Amber Guient with Sugarloaf Association in getting the pre-K program started. It will be up and running in February. Also, the Provolt Store donated a \$500 check for each Applegate and Williams. It's an amazing community! Ms. Dwyer thanked the Board. It's a whole new day and she is so pleased by what each individual board member brings to the community. The level of earned trust is very strong. She also thanked the Three Rivers community for the amazing outpouring of appreciation and the wonderful dinner they were just served by Hidden Valley students. Mr. York just had an opportunity with Ric Ross and Director Durrant over at Lincoln Savage to look at the new welding shop they are putting together with the plasma table and different things. There is a lot of thought going into it and he appreciates it – it is a great opportunity for the kids! Ms. Johnstun commented that she is just blown away! She did not

expect this much gratitude for being on the school board. She is so impressed, especially by the kids! She also commented that she is really impressed by the electronic communication she has seen from the teachers and school this year and appreciates less papers coming home. She feels like she knows a lot more about what is going on. Superintendent Valenzuela also recognized the Board and the relationship they have with the directors, him, and the work that they do. The work they do is very visible, very transparent and very up front. It provides a different climate, culture and atmosphere for this district and he appreciates it! He also complimented Sheriff Dave Daniel. He has provided a link and a connection to our schools with support from law enforcement that he has not seen in his time as an educator.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Superintendent Valenzuela read the Proclamation from Governor Kate Brown recognizing the work of school board members and proclaiming January 2018 to be *School Board Recognition Month*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- He reminded the board that Tuesday, January 16th the TRSD administrative team will be touring Jerome Prairie at 9:30 a.m. The point is to showcase the various activities taking place there and make the administrators aware. They will tour the *Imagine That* preschool program run by Michelle Gallas, the Transition Center the GED and online programs.
- Southern Oregon ESD (SOESD) will be presenting the Local Service Plan to the board next month. He shared the recent history of changes and the decision towards the new way they will offer services to the district.
- He explained an issue with the Small Area Income Poverty Estimate (SAIPE). It is what the state is now using to determine poverty levels in the state of Oregon. His name will be representing TRSD on a joint letter from local area superintendents to the State, Oregon Department of Education, Michael Wiltfong, talking about the inequities caused by the new methods they are using to determine poverty in our school district. Last year TRSD poverty level was 31% and 1958 students. This year with the new formula they have determined we have 1396 or 22% of our students in poverty. That's a decrease of 562 students. He knows what our students are dealing with and is sure that 562 of our students in poverty from last year did not exit poverty this year. He explained the new method they are using by random survey.

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 – January 2018
- Coaches – January 2018
- Grant Request (1)
- Out of State Travel Request (1)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Regular Session – November 15, 2017
 - Board Regular Session – December 13, 2017

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- John Chambers – Chair of the Josephine County Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee (LADPC). Superintendent Valenzuela also serves on that committee. He explained *The Rat Park Study* to the Board. The study concludes it is not the drugs that cause addiction; it is trauma and unstable environments.
- Julia Richardson – Representative for the Three Rivers Education Association. She thanked the Board; they are excited to have settled a nice three year contract. They are especially appreciative of Mr. Halsted and Ms. Johnstun for attending some of the bargaining sessions. It has been a pleasure working with this board and they are looking forward to the next three years.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Oregon Healthy Teen Survey Results - 2017**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela provided board members with the link to view the survey results. He reported that the results from the Oregon Healthy Teen Survey are used by the district to determine what kind of education we need to provide around certain areas (tobacco cessation, alcohol and drug education, emotional support and well-being etc.).
 - The surveys also provide our partners with vital information which they use to determine where they should be applying their resources.
 - Some issues that stood out:
 - In eighth grade 12% of our students responded there was not a caring adult at the school. We want to find out how to identify them and reach out to them and make sure that doesn't happen.
 - Suicide – 20% of our eighth graders and eleventh graders responded that they have considered suicide in the last twelve months. Also, 11.7% of our eighth graders responded that they have actually attempted to commit suicide in the last twelve months and 9.1% of our eleventh graders.
 - Substance abuse by our teens is higher than the state average.
- **TRSD Financial Audit**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross presented the district audit as of June 30, 2017. She explained pages B1 through B7 summarize all of the pages of the audit. She then explained the audit process.
 - The auditors found two areas where we need improvement. The first one is that we are required to budget by function and we over budgeted in one and under budgeted in another. It was due to our change in insurance which went from composite to tier. She has taken steps to correct the issue.
 - The second area was Curriculum had some inconsistencies with reporting the documentation for how their federal employees were charging in payroll. They have to present a corrective action plan and submit it to the state, which they did. A copy was provided to board members.
 - She then explained the Statement of Net Assets on page one and the significance in the change from last year. The decrease is solely due to the implementation of GASB 73 and 75.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Josephine County Foundation (JCF) Survey**
 - JCF board member Joan Jones joined the meeting via speakerphone.
 - Mr. Valenzuela explained how JCF approached the district about an anti-tobacco campaign. Part of the plan included a survey. The JCF survey was put together by Pride Surveys, the same company that administers the Oregon Healthy Teen Survey and Wellness Survey, and was a comprehensive survey with 109 questions that covers things other than tobacco such as mental health and alcohol use. He had a concern that the proposed JCF survey looked very similar to the Student Wellness survey, and was concerned about surveying our students twice (the eleventh graders). It takes time as well as the possibility of a loss of validity to the answers we might get if we were to double-survey these students.
 - Mr. Valenzuela fully supports the idea to have an anti-tobacco campaign. A compromise they came up with was to administer the JCF survey in conjunction with the Student Wellness Survey. Eleventh graders will be excluded from the JCF survey, only taking the Wellness survey. All high school students will be surveyed at the exact same time. JCF would also be provided with the results of the Oregon Healthy Teen Survey and the Student Wellness Survey to cross reference their data.
 - There was some discussion.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to administer the JCF survey to 9th, 10th and 12th graders in conjunction with administering the Oregon Student Wellness survey to 11th graders. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Oregon Student Wellness Survey (Grades 6, 8 and 11)**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela explained the Oregon Student Wellness Survey began in 2010 by the Oregon Health Authority. It provides us with a lot of information to provide appropriate resources. Mr. Valenzuela recommended that the district administer the survey.
 - Mr. Halsted made a motion to administer the Oregon Student Wellness Survey to our 6th, 8th and 11th grade students. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion. There was some discussion.
 - Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed 4-1 (Member York opposing).

- **Resolution (#03) to accept unbudgeted revenues setting appropriations and authorizing expenditures for specific purposes.**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross explained that Illinois Valley High School is the recipient of the Hilgert Trust Scholarship. It's a four year scholarship with the maximum of \$4,000 a year. The way the trust worked, they needed to take \$28,000 and turn it over to us and hold it until it could be awarded. This is allowed, but the funds need to be appropriated accordingly.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Kelly seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Board Policies – SECOND READING**
 - JECBD & JECBD-AR – *Homeless Students*
 - Director Durrant brought forward the policies for the second reading with no changes.
 - Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve JECBD & JECBD-AR – Homeless Students. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
 - EFAA – *District Nutrition and Food Services & EFAA-AR – Reimbursable Meals and Milk Program*
 - Director Simons brought forward the policies for the second reading with no changes.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve EFAA – District Nutrition and Food Services & EFAA-AR – Reimbursable Meals and Milk Program. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Alternative Education – Inn Sight Program Approval**
 - Director Alderson explained that as part of our Division 22 Standards we are looking for approval to continue to use Inn Sight as one of our possible placements for alternative education. It is a private charter school. The checklist is provided by the Oregon Department of Education. He shared that the district's relationship with Inn Sight has been excellent. They take some of our hardest students and provide a setting where they can be successful.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve the use of the Inn Sight program. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Division 22 Standards 2017-18 Assurances**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela reported that Three Rivers School District is in compliance with Division 22 Standards set forth by the state. This year we have no areas on non-compliance.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the submission of the district's Division 22 Report to the state. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Planned Course Statement – ROTC Military Science**
 - Director Alderson explained that he is asking for the board's approval tonight on a Planned Course Statement to approve a Military Science course at Hidden Valley High School. This course is also being offered in other high schools in our region. He introduced Staff Sergeant Tyler Gordon to talk about the program.
 - Staff Sergeant Tyler Gordon gave a presentation on the Military Science program that outlined education modalities, goals and the course syllabus.

- There were some questions and discussion by board members.
- Ms. Johnstun made a motion to approve the Military Science Planned Course Statement. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Dwyer shared that on the 16th she will be attending a meeting of regional board chairs and unable to attend the Jerome Prairie tour.
- Mr. York asked about the superintendent evaluation in February? Ms. Dwyer suggested that take place at the February work session. Superintendent Valenzuela suggested setting his goals for February 2018 to February 2019 as well as establishing a superintendent evaluation tool, and possibly an executive session to do this past year evaluation. He has reached out to Phil Long to facilitate that process.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- February 7, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Work Session*
- February 21, 2018 – North Valley High School – *Board Regular Session*. The Board is to meet at North Valley High School at 2:00 for the student panel prior to the regular board meeting at 4:00.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk