

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
October 16, 2024**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at North Valley High School, 6741 Monument Drive, 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=6BY1J4VWxgs>

PRESENT

Rich Halsted, Board Chair
Pat Kelly, Board Vice-Chair
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent

Administrators present: Jessica Falkenhagen, Damian Crowson, Renee Hults, Heather Yount, Erik Lathen, Lindsey Namanny, Mandi DelVaglio, Travis Osborne, Brian Miller and Mike Herzog

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Board Chair Halsted adjusted the agenda to move item 11-D, the update of the health lesson opt-out, to immediately follow the Superintendent's Report. Member Camp made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Member Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0, Member Johnstun absent).

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:

- Student Panel – explained the open forum process between the high school students and the Board. The Board conducts a student panel at each of the four high schools annually.
- PLC Process – Reviewed the process and how it aligns with the TRSD mission *to ensure high levels of learning for all students* and creates consistency for teachers and students throughout the district.
- Capital Improvements – Highlighted capital improvement efforts that are not out of the general fund (grants):
 - Seismic improvement grants (Applegate, Illinois Valley HS, Hidden Valley HS, Fleming MS and Evergreen Elementary and currently going through a seismic upgrade grant at Fort Vannoy Elementary.
 - ESSER: added four new portables and two used portables; district-wide restroom renovation and classroom addition at Fruitdale Elementary.

- General fund dollars were used to recently re-roof Illinois Valley High School. It was a \$2.7 million expenditure. Half of the money came from contingency and a loan for the other half.
 - There are currently thirteen more roofs across the district that need to be done. There are also a ton of safety and security issues that need to be addressed.
 - Member Reese recently requested to review books in TRSD. He is working with Board Chair Halsted and will conduct a work session soon to go over policies IF, IFD and IIA, which deal with instructional resources.
- **K-12 Health Lesson Opt-out Update**
 - Director Durrant and Travis Osborne shared a presentation outlining the TRSD opt-out process and reviewed the timelines for the communication that will be going out to families. Sample notification letters were also reviewed and shared.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Director Durrant recognized Grants Pass Pregnancy Care Center as our Community Partner of the Month. She introduced Brittany and Stacy and shared that they go to all four of our middle schools and teach a variety of topics (which parents also have the option of opting out of). Mr. Osborne thanked them for their support at the high school level and expressed how much the students like hearing from them.

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 – October 2024
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - September 18, 2024 - Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Requests (3)
- Member Kelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Camp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Four community members addressed the board: Steve Raycraft, Rick Nelson, Oliva Herrera and Judy Ahrens.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Division 22 Standards for Public and Secondary Schools – 2023-2024 Assurances Report to the Community**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela stated that the district is required to annually report this information to the Board and community by November 1st. This report assures that Three Rivers School District adheres to all of the state laws pertaining to providing education in the K-12 environment as per OAR 581-022-2305. He reported that for this year the district is in full compliance with all Division 22 Standards for public elementary and secondary schools. If the district was not compliant with a standard, we would have to report it to the board and ODE and be subject to monitoring by ODE.
- **Board Policies – First Reading**
 - JGAB - *Use of Restraint and Seclusion*
 - JGAB-AR* - *Use of Restraint and Seclusion*
 - IK - *Academic Achievement*
 - DJC - *Bidding Requirements*
 - GCBDC/GDBDC - *Domestic Violence/Harassment/Sexual Assault/Stalking Leave*
 - JB - *Equal Educational Opportunity*
 - IB - *Freedom of Expression*
 - EEBB - *Use of Private Vehicles for District Business*

- ECD - *Traffic and Parking Controls*
- GBEDA - *Drug and Alcohol Testing - Transportation Personnel - (DELETE)*
- GBEDA-AR* - *Drug and Alcohol Testing-Transportation Personnel - (DELETE)*

*AR's (*Administrative Regulations*) are included for information only as they do not require board approval.

- Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward the following policies for a first reading and explained that the updates are as recommended by OSBA and most of these updates are due to legislative changes.

- **School Board Academic Data Report**

- Director Durrant, along with Aly Berg and Fruitdale Principal Heather Yount, presented a comprehensive overview of the elementary math data. They highlighted the students' scores and expressed their excitement about the significant improvements observed in student performance. The presentation underscored the positive trends in academic achievement and emphasized the collaborative efforts contributing to these advancements.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Planned Course Statement – Literatura Hispana**

- Director Durrant requested board approval for the “Literatura Hispana” planned course statement. The course will be offered by teacher Jamie Szijarto at Illinois Valley High School.
- Member Kelly made a motion to approve the ‘Literatura Hispana’ planned course statement. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- **Recommendation to Award Contract for Design Services – Fort Vannoy Seismic Rehabilitation Project**

- Superintendent Valenzuela reported that two design companies did the walk-through and bid on the proposal. ZCS Engineering came out on top and he recommended the Board award them the contract for design services for the Fort Vannoy Seismic rehabilitation project.
- Member Kelly made a motion to award the design services contract to ZCS Engineering & Architecture. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- Member Kelly requested that the district develop better communication with the public and shared some ideas.

Future Meeting Dates & Events:

- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – TRSD Patriotic Music Event at the Giant Flag, 6:00 PM
- Thursday, November 7, 2024 – Hidden Valley HS Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 AM
- Wednesday, November 20, 2024 - Board Regular Session at the District Office, 6:00 PM
 - Work Session at 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - Board Regular Session at Illinois Valley High School, 4:00 PM
 - Student Panel at 2:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM