

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION
November 6, 2019**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a special session, Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the District Administration Office, 8550 New Hope Rd., Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon.

PRESENT

Rich Halsted, Board Chair
Danny York, Board Member
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair
Kate Dwyer, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Jessica Durrant, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Paul Kelly, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Four Day Week Town Hall and Student Success Act (SSA) Feedback

Superintendent Valenzuela explained that this meeting is an opportunity for the Board to have a conversation with the stakeholders about their feelings around the Student Success Act and four-day week.

- *Student Success Act* - The total bill that was passed in legislation this year that encompasses quite a few things such as early learning and the improvement of the bureaucracy at ODE.
- *Student Investment Account* – Close to \$500 million per year in non-competitive grant money for all Oregon school districts and eligible charter schools. There are four areas of investment:
 - Class size
 - Well-rounded education (art, music, CTE, AG, etc.)
 - Instructional time – flexibility to extend the school day (before and after school programming, summer school)
 - Health & safety – A huge emphasis around mental health. Also includes: structural safety of buildings, increased presence of campus monitors, cooperation of local law enforcement, etc.
 - He then shared the web address where people can go to participate in the TRSD Student Investment Account survey to provide their feedback as to where they would like to see the dollars go.
- *4-Day Week*
 - Presented the results of the survey emailed out to all students, staff and parents. As of this date we have received 1,446 responses. About 40% of the responses were from parents.
 - 85.9% were in support of a 4-day week.
 - 72% chose Friday as the preferred day to not have classes.
 - When asked what to do with the 5th day, we received the following responses:
 - 46.5% - Intervention, tutoring and credit recovery
 - 41.9% - School is closed
 - 39.3% - Enrichment opportunities
 - 33.7% - Internship opportunities

- 18.1% - Professional development for educators
- 17.2% - Child care
- He reviewed various concerns that were expressed. The number one concern that needs to be addressed was *is this good for students?*
- He presented a mockup of what a potential school calendar could look like running on a 4-day week with Friday as the fifth day.

Board Chair Halsted stated that if there is anyone that would like to make a public comment to please fill out a *Community Comment Card*.

There were then questions and discussion by board members.

Community Comments

- Judy Ahrens – Devil’s advocate. Coming from a parent’s perspective you would be giving working parents an extra challenge.
- Gregory – The school system now was designed during a different time when there were different needs. Poor students would benefit the most from year-round school.

Superintendent Valenzuela shared that parents and people in the community are talking to him a lot about the four-day week proposal. A lot of them expressed that increased time with family would be really valuable and are very excited about the possibility. He also acknowledged that it could create a potential issue and hardship for parents that work and have younger children.

There were some additional comments from audience members that supported the potential for additional family time.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- November 7, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – Illinois Valley High School – *Four Day Week & Student Success Act (SSA) Town Hall*
- November 20, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. - Applegate School – *Four Day Week & Student Success Act (SSA) Town Hall*
- November 20, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – Applegate School - *Board Regular Session*

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Rich Halsted
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk