

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 16, 2019**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, January 16, 2019 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  
Rich Halsted, Board Member  
Paul Kelly, Board Member  
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair  
Danny York, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent  
Casey Alderson, Director  
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director  
Jessica Durrant, Director  
JP Richards, Director  
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Linda McClanahan/North Valley High School Assistant Principal, Steve Fuller/Applegate & Williams Principal, Rachel Damiano/Hidden Valley High School Assistant Principal, Brian Miller/Hidden Valley High School Principal

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE**

Ms. Dwyer thanked everyone for the amazing board appreciation. It was very kind and the artistry is beautiful! Mr. York expressed appreciation to the Hidden Valley foods class who treated the Board to dinner prepared by them prior to the board meeting. Teacher Keith Haley is doing an amazing job! It was great to see the impact the program has on the kids and how they are gravitating to the program. Ms. Johnstun also expressed her appreciation for the dinner. She also was blown away by the outpouring of gratitude shown by all of the students, staff and teachers in our schools. It is special that there is a culture that actually tries to promote to the students that there is a board. She is grateful for their show of support. Mr. Halsted shared that he can't thank everybody enough and thanked those present for everything they do for our schools and our children. He also shared that he spent some time with Gene Merrill out in the Illinois Valley. He got to watch a surgery on a cat and have his eye scanned and all of the stuff that our interns are doing. He got a good understanding of the internship program and where it is going. What amazing hands-on experience the students are getting right now! Mr. Kelly thanked everybody for all of the swag. He loved the artwork! It's really cool to see all of the stuff the schools put together, you really get to see the character of each school. He then complimented the North Valley Lady Knights basketball team. They were down 12-0 in the first quarter and won the game! As a coach, to keep them engaged at that point of the game is pretty cool stuff! Superintendent Valenzuela recognized our school board. The way our five board members have stayed focused on improving the lives of students in our schools, through a variety of initiatives, has been commendable. It has been a pleasure of his to work with them. The board goals that they have established, maintained, and kept fighting for are really starting to generate some results. He also complimented our administrative team. They have really adopted and wrapped their hearts and souls around the goals that the board created. Director Alderson gave kudos to our Tech department. They have

really been able to grab ahold of our graduation goal and provide data to narrow in on kids and needed areas of support. Director Durrant recognized Sylvia Sapporta and her extreme knowledge of teaching kids to read and how to intervene. She has imparted her wisdom on all of our elementary schools, and we are seeing results, such as a 17% increase in kindergarten achievement from last year to this year. She also gave a huge shout out to Principal Steve Fuller who is flexible with her time and supports her. Director Allen-Hart shared that there is quite a shortage of special education teachers. This year we have been hit really hard with that shortage and it has been quite a challenge. She acknowledged her team in general for stepping up and covering where it is needed. Jason Mooney was in the audience and acknowledged that he is a teacher on special assignment (TOSA) for a second year and has been wearing MANY hats this year and been so flexible and willing to work wherever there is a need. Director Richards gave kudos to our law enforcement and admin staff. Over the last several months they have been working together to go into buildings and to practice lockdown drills and learning the layout of our schools to keep our kids safe.

### **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Valenzuela recited the Governor's Proclamation recognizing school board members and proclaiming January 2019 to be School Board Recognition Month.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- *Legislative* – We are dedicated to an increased legislative presence in this legislative session. January 22, 2019 begins the 160-day journey of the 2019 Oregon legislative session. We are looking to share the specific needs that our rural schools have.
- *New Bridge* – Shared some of the work administrator Lynn Eccleston has been doing since the opening of their new school facility. Things are going great with amazing accomplishments such as the barber shop, woodworking shop, increased graduation rate, debate, Battle of the Books and expanded science projects such as a rocket project. They are doing things we never imagined and it has changed the lives of all of those students in that facility.
- *Food Service* – Food Service Manager Maria Mudryy has been engaging with the district with ways to improve the culinary experience of our students. He talked about the Capture projects taking place at the high schools and how they will focus on the quality and appeal of the food.
- *Selma Center* – It has been occupied by a non-profit called the Selma Community Center. In the past there has been a Farmer's Market and a food pantry that is active there now. There are currently issues with the folks that are trying to keep it afloat and keeping that organization viable. We are working to revitalize it. There is currently no water – the well has failed. There are also some structural integrity issues. The lease is up in June of this year.
- *Hidden Valley Principal Position Timeline* – A community-based survey will take place the first part of February. February 20<sup>th</sup> is the student-led panel at Hidden Valley and the survey which will include a principal section to see what some of the things are that students are looking for in leadership for the building. The position will then be posted the end of February and hope to have it wrapped up and a recommendation by about mid-March.

### **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 2019
- Athletic Coaches – January 2019
- Grant Requests (2)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - November 14, 2018 – Regular Session
  - December 12, 2018 – Regular Session
- Mr. Kelly requested the Personnel section be removed from the Consent Agenda.
- Mr. York made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the correction to the December minutes and the removal of the routine personnel items. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. York seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4-0), Mr. Kelly abstaining (conflict of interest as his wife is listed

as a new hire on the Personnel Report).

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Emily Reyenke stated that since 1986 the board has not put up the transportation contract for bid. They haven't been able to see what other companies can offer. She asked the contract to be put out to bid because she is starting her own company, Mountainside Transport. She will be bidding on the Rogue River contract in a few weeks.

## **REPORTS – NO ACTION**

- **Board Policies – First Reading**
  - *EFA & EFA-AR – Local Wellness Program*
  - *GCDA/GDDA & GCDA/GDDA-AR - Criminal Records Checks and Fingerprinting*
  - Director Richards explained that these are updates to the current policies in place to comply with current ORS's. The changes to the wellness policy, there are revisions to comply with regulations that we have to abide by. With the fingerprinting policy, it is now stating that anyone that works for us or is a volunteer that has access to kids needs to be fingerprinted and truthful on the application process.
- **TRSD Financial Audit**
  - Accounting Manager Lisa Cross presented the TRSD annual audited financial statements as of June 30, 2018. She noted that in the front of the book there is a Management's Discussion and Analysis that provides a summary in a nutshell. She also pointed out that our general obligation bond, which started out at \$24 million, now has a principal of about \$6.7 million left to pay and will be done in 2021. It also identifies about \$1 million in capital assets that were purchased last year. It is an unqualified audit, which means that the auditors find that the financial statements are true and fair according to the auditing reporting standards. The very last two pages of the audit have the explanation of findings, and there were two items of note.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Resolution (#01) to Accept Unbudgeted Revenues Setting Appropriations and Authorizing Expenditures for Specific Purposes**
  - Ms. Cross presented the resolution and explained that this is in regard to the Helberg scholarship and gives authorization to spend those designated funds on scholarships. Their hope for the future is to remove the funds from the district to JCEF.
  - Mr. York made a motion to approve the resolution (#01). Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
2. **Resolution (#02) to Transfer Contingency Funds**
  - Ms. Cross presented the resolution and explained the need to transfer funds to cover legal fees.
  - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution (#02). Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Division 22 Standards 2017-18 Assurances**
  - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that we are reporting to the community regarding compliance to the Division 22 Standards for Public and Secondary schools due to the state by February 1<sup>st</sup>. He explained the he, along with the district leadership team, go through and review all compliance areas. This year we are once again compliant with Division 22 Standards as set forth by the state of Oregon.
  - Mr. York made a motion to approve the Division 22 Standards. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
4. **Planned Course Statements**
  - Violin
  - Graphic Design 1

- Graphic Design 2
- Graphic Design 3 & 4
- Director Alderson brought forward 4 planned course statements for board approval. Violin is a great start in bringing back an opportunity for strings at the middle school level. The next three are graphic design. There has been a planned course statement for that in the past. These are updated versions using current technology, terminology and the programs that are actually being used in that class.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve four planned course statements. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

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

- *KL – Public Complaints*
- *KL-AR – Public Complaint Procedure*
- Superintendent Valenzuela explained the revised policies provide more defined language and process. It provides the district with a lot more clarity with how to proceed when complaints are received.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve policy KL-Public Complaints and KL-AR – Public Complaint Procedure. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Oregon Healthy Teen Survey**

- Superintendent Valenzuela requested approval from the board to administer the Oregon Healthy Teen Survey to our 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders between the months of February and May. We have participated in either the Oregon Healthy Teens survey or the Student Wellness Survey the last several years. He noted the changes made to the survey since it was last administered. He also pointed out how our partner agencies utilize the data, along with the administrators in our district to identify areas of concern.
- Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve that the Oregon Healthy Teen Survey be administered to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in our district. Ms. Johnstun seconded the motion; there was some discussion
- Mr. York expressed concern over the instructional time it takes away from the students and doesn't see the importance of it. He feels a quick survey of the teachers could establish where we are at. Mr. Valenzuela responded that the Oregon Health authority will be making a change to take effect in the year 2020 of combining the surveys and only administering it every other year and will be a shorter version.
- Mr. Halsted added that he thought we agreed last year to only participate every other year and only go with one set of data. He is also concerned because we have already cut a school day along with the large amount of time involved in statewide testing. He would prefer to do one or the other.
- Ms. Johnstun commented that her organization and many other health partner organizations have used the data to perform a massive community health assessment. That helps them figure out where to direct resources in the community. She added that our board goals are focused on improving student resilience and having some sort of marker from students that they can measure over time is important. The surveys in the last couple of years have shown a rapid decline in student mental health and wellness and she is very concerned about that. She feels it's the wrong time to stop looking at student feedback.
- Ms. Dwyer has similar feeling about it. She participates in a lot of community organizations and feels that some of the amazing partnerships that we have been able to build around a picture of student wellness and resilience in the face of some of the challenges our students face are funded by efforts that use these data to demonstrate the need. She sees a direct payback for that student time. She understands the concerns, but for her it is outweighed by the benefit of having our partners help us meet the kid's needs.
- Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed 3-2 (Halsted and York nay).

#### **OTHER**

Ms. Dwyer shared that Senator Wyden will hold a town hall at Hidden Valley High School on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-3:00 p.m.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ms. Dwyer asked that we have a short discussion on the topic of board liaisons to committees. This will be added to the February 6 work session.
- Mr. Halsted asked if there was a prospective date for the legislative group to get together again? He is concerned about the transportation issue.

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- February 6, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – District Office – *Board Work Session*
- February 20, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. – Hidden Valley High School – *Board Regular Session*
  - Hidden Valley High School Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Kate Dwyer  
Chairperson of the Board

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Dave Valenzuela  
Superintendent-Clerk