

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2019**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, September 18, 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
Danny York, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Lisa Cross, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair & Paul Kelly, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING TO REVIEW PROPOSED FINDINGS SUPPORTING EXEMPTION FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Accounting Manager Lisa Cross requested that the Board approve the exemption for competitive bidding for the Illinois Valley and Hidden Valley High Schools seismic projects. The reason we would like to go out to bid for a design/build method of procurement is because it helps the district with the restrictive timelines the district has because of the grant, the limited funds and allows us to put a maximum price on the project. We had success in previous years with the Applegate seismic project, which was on a design/build method. It came in under budget, on time and to our satisfaction.

- **Community Comments**
 - There were none.
- **Resolution (#03) to Approve Exemptions for Competitive Bidding for the Illinois Valley and Hidden Valley High School Seismic Rehabilitation Projects (ACTION)**
 - There was some discussion by the board regarding the timeline for the projects and the grants.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve the resolution to approve exemptions for competitive bidding for the Illinois Valley and Hidden Valley High School seismic rehabilitation projects. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. York made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (Members Kelly and Johnstun absent).

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Ms. Dwyer commended our incredible classified staff. She has been in a number of buildings and witnessed their passion and enthusiasm for taking care of our kids and being great teaching partners for our staff. Mr.

York gave a shout out to Terry Larson for his 'Coach of the Decade' honor. He is an awesome guy and all about the kids. Mr. Halsted commented that he attended the Josephine County Fair and it was just awesome to go into the pens and see the kids working so hard getting their animals ready for show. He also shared that Applegate School had some vandalism over the summer. The vandals got into the glitter and spilled it all over the playground. The kids, on the first day of school, not knowing that there was any kind of vandalism thought that there was some sort of fairy that was sprinkling glitter around the playground. They decided to use acorns to build traps to capture the fairies. The teachers then took it a next step and did some other things the next day. This is the beauty of education and watching the staff and kids engage together. They took a negative event and turned it into a positive. Mr. Valenzuela recognized Jim Bunge, our partners with Aramark and the custodial and grounds crew. He has gotten numerous compliments from buildings about the change and perception about how we are presenting our facilities when the students come back to school. It's due to his coordinating, planning, a lot of hard work and follow through. He also recognized our maintenance crew, in particular Don Hiler, making sure our schools are up and running. He went beyond the extra mile to get Madrona up and ready. He then recognized Manzanita Principal Renee Hults. She embodies the compassion and leadership that we want to see in our administrators. She wants to do whatever is required to make sure kids are safe, happy and well taken care of. Ms. Cross added a thank you to Jim Bunge. He did the landscaping in the front as well as cleaned up the back-patio area and built us a picnic table for our lunch. The place looks great! Director Alderson gave a huge shout out to the HR staff for their efforts in getting this school year started. We have a lot of new teachers coming in. He then shared how well Hidden Valley and North Valley have been doing in athletics and battling between number one and number two in the state. Director Allen-Hart acknowledged all of our elementary staff and administrators. It was a wild start this year – in a lot of our buildings there were a lot of students that weren't on the radar show up, which is awesome! Our staff and administrators came up with great plans for supporting those students through special education. She also shared how the special education numbers are growing all over the place. Director Durrant recognized the group of Title I coordinators: Renee Esemene at Applegate/Williams, Vicki Destefano at Manzanita, Kaye Paulson at Fruitdale, Tawnya Campbell at Evergreen and Jennifer Glasscock who shares between Madrona and Ft. Vannoy. Those five spent hours this summer being trained and developing trainings for reading and math and delivered it to over 160 people in August and September – that's in addition to their other work! She then acknowledged our ELL staff. We had a whole bunch of kids come in that had never been in the country and do not speak any English. Our ELL staff wrapped their arms around them and said "we can do this"! The numbers are up about 70% higher than last year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *Community Engagement Strategies* – Part of our Student Success Application requires us to engage with the community in a number of different ways.
 - The first one is our Long-Range Facility Community Feedback Forums. We will have three community feedback sessions:
 - Tuesday, October 15 at Illinois Valley High School at 5:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 16 at North Valley High School at 5:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, October 16 at Hidden Valley High School at 5:30 pm.
 - After feedback from the survey and what the community tells us in person we will be able to develop our Long Range Facility Plan.
 - Next will be surrounding the four-day school week conversation that we have been having. It will be talked about more later on in the agenda.
 - Matt Coleman with Inflexion to help with identifying traits of what a student in Three Rivers looks like when we say they are life-ready. Information will be gathered from our staff and our school-based community.
- *Enrollment* – Our enrollment has a positive twist to it this year. Our warm body counts are about 97 students higher than last year at this time, which is huge for us. Our alt ed program is starting out the year with 103 students, pulling in kids that were electing for the online academy or ORVA or Logos. This is also adding to our increasing enrollment.
- *School Based Health Center Grant* – We are pursuing another school-based health center grant that would cover Hidden Valley and North Valley high schools. It would be identical, in a lot of ways, to the Illinois Valley High School, school-based health center. We have been working with Siskiyou Community Health Center. They have taken on the bulk of writing the grant but it will be

submitted by Three Rivers School District. He asked that we add the school-based health center grant to the consent agenda for approval. The grant is about \$30,000 per site for the planning phase.

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 – September 2019
- Athletic Coaches – September 2019
- Out of State Travel Requests (9)
- Grants Requests (4)
- Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the revised Consent Agenda with the addition of the school-based health center grant. Mr. York seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Board Chair Halsted called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Judy Ahrens – Asked the board and superintendent if they were doing anything special for September 17th national day of recognition – Constitution Day.
- John Chambers – talked about drug prevention. He provided the board with a couple of handouts: *Truth About Drugs*, and *Scared Straight*. He also shared information about the *Truth About Drugs* campaign.
- Kenny Houck (IVCDO) – Recognition and award for TRSD as a partner to the Illinois Valley community and the Illinois Valley 20/20 community strategic plan.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

• Four Day School Week Report

- Superintendent Valenzuela reported that this summer the board decided the four-day school week is something they want to look at further. He stressed that we are not moving to a four-day school week, however, we are investigating the four day school week to flush out the specific impacts that we can predict how it might impact Three Rivers.

Steps from here:

- Representatives from a larger committee of staff to do research and some investigation and some outreach. We will be looking for some parent representatives. Both labor unions will also be included in the process.
- A short four-day survey has been developed to springboard the town hall meetings that we are going to have.
- Town Hall Forum meetings – we will have at least four. He would like to leverage our November 20th school board meeting, which is taking place at Applegate at 6:00, and conduct an open forum from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. to reach out to that community. Beyond that, one meeting in each of the other three attendance areas. November 6th is an option for one of the dates.
- The next report for the board should include pros and cons of the four-day week. Also, a calendar representing what a four-day school week would look like for next year.

• Board Policies – First Reading

- JEA – *Compulsory Attendance*
- JEC – *Admissions*
- JECA – *Admission of Resident Students*
- JED – *Student Absences and Excuses*
- JFC – *Student Conduct*
- JG – *Student Discipline*
- JHFDA – *Suspension of Driving Privileges* – TO BE DELETED

Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward six policies for the first reading and one to be deleted

due to the change in a statute that no longer allows a school district to suspend a student's driving privileges due to grades or attendance. He then ran through the changes in the revised policies.

There was some discussion by the board due to the change in the 'Student Absences' policy which allows for mental health absences and being able to support the challenges these students may be facing. The directors shared ways the district plans to support these students.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Revised 2019-2020 Student Calendar**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela explained that that this calendar now represents a full school year. We are realizing some savings due to the changes in the health care options and it has been applied to restoring those days.
 - Member York made a motion to approve the revised calendar. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution (#02) to Approve Additional Depository**
 - Accounting Manager Lisa Cross explained that with the change in insurance carriers we have a new bank that we will be doing business with for our FSA's and HSA's.
 - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve resolution #02 to approve additional depository. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Supplemental Budget Resolution (#04) to Recognize and Appropriate Additional Funds**
 - Ms. Cross explained we have finished the closing of the year and we have increase of \$680,000. The bulk of the revenue increases were due to some federal forest fees; the prior year taxes was a good surprise. The other half of that savings was savings from expenditures. Classified subs saved \$50,000 from what they had been allocated for the year. There were many other little things.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve resolution #04 to recognize and appropriate additional funding. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution (#05) to Transfer Appropriations from Contingency**
 - Ms. Cross and Director Allen-Hart explained the Madrona Lifeskills program has increased by 14 kids and there are additional supports needed.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve resolution #05 to transfer appropriations from contingency. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resolution (#06) to Transfer Appropriations from Contingency**
 - Ms. Cross asked that the board approve a transfer of \$79,000 from contingency to supplement the prior year food service program.
 - Mr. York asked if this was due to a shortfall again? Ms. Cross explained this was largely due to the number of meals served to support the program. There was also questions about the free and reduced meals program.
 - Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve resolution 306 to transfer appropriations from contingency. Mr. York seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming OSBA Events

- Mr. Halsted will be attending the OSBA Fall Regional dinner and the OSBA Annual Convention.

SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- None

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Wednesday, October 2, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. – District Office – *School Board Work Session*

- Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – 4:00 p.m. – North Valley High School – *School Board Regular Session*
 - North Valley High School Student Panel at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Rich Halsted
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk

APPROVED 7/18/19