

Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a regular session, Monday, April 15, 2013 at the District Administrative Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ron Lengwin, Chairperson of the Board, Zone V
Bob Litak, Member of the Board, Zone I PRESENT
Leslie Meier, Member of the Board, Zone III
Ron Crume, Member of the Board, Zone IV
Dan Huber-Kantola, Superintendent-Clerk
Stephanie Allen, Director of Student Services
Debbie Breckner, Director of Human Resources
Doug Ely, Director of High School Education, Maintenance and
Athletics
Dave Valenzuela, Director of K-8 Education, Technology and
Transportation

Also Present: Danny York, Nellie Wildey, Carol Olson, Marie Sellke, Lisa
Cross/District Accountant, Jewel Shane, Jim Kriz, Kellie Lovell, ALSO PRESENT
Amy Silva, Jessica Tocher, Justin Tocher, Rachael Huish/Lorna
Byrne MS Principal, David Regal/Evergreen Elementary
Principal, Wayne Stewart, Trudi Bignotti, Rhonda Pugsley,
Patricia Krauss, Linda McClanahan/North Valley HS Assistant
Principal, Colleen Hoffman, Matthew Duncan, Cindy & Kenny
Bennefield, Kate Dwyer, Sally Clements, Kathie Hill/Ft. Vannoy
Elementary Principal, Claudia Dow, DJ Edmonds, Stu Burgess,
Penelope DiGennaw, Lise VanBrunt/Madrona and Jerome
Prairie Principal, Cindy Drought/OSEA Field Rep, Kari O'Brien,
Terri Zeutzius, Nancy Hurley, Robert Guzman, Chris Pendleton,
Amy Meyer, Suzanne Wallace, Michael Delay, Cassie
Banuelos, Renee Hults/Williams and Applegate Principal,
Mandy York, Alicia beachy, Deelia Warner, Graham & Kathleen
Baker, Casey Alderson/Illinois Valley HS Principal, Steve
Jones, Debbie Yerby, Linda Kappan, Kim DeForest, Debbie
Sauro, Kimberly Flow, Julie Rauch, Lori Sanders, Jan Castillo,
Jennifer Bailey, Cecelia McKee, Dave Marks/TREA President,
PJ Macklin, Rob Harrington, Julia Richardson, Jessica Durrant/
Manzanita Elementary Principal, Jael Hanson, James Downing,
Jim Bunge/Aramark Custodial Manager, Jessica Skinner, Janell
Kittleson, Michael Morris/Sodexo Food Service Manager and
Shelly Quick/Recording Secretary.

Board Chair Ron Lengwin called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Chair Lengwin explained that the order of the agenda will be changed around a bit to try to accommodate those in attendance. CALL TO ORDER

James Downing, pastor of Jerome Prairie Bible Church affirmed the hard work of the teachers and staff of Jerome Prairie and enjoyed the teamwork relationship that they have had with the school. He also affirmed the diligence that the board has used in approaching this decision, recognizing it's a hard thing. As a part of that community COMMUNITY COMMENTS

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they would like to see the school stay open. There is a unique community; the school is unique and strong. Regardless of the decision, he wanted to thank the board for the work they have done as well as the hard work of the superintendent and service to their community.

Jessica Skinner graduated from Jerome Prairie and her kids now attend there and are in the 3/4 blend, 5th grade and kindergarten. They purposely moved to the Jerome Prairie area to give her children that experience. She has been supporting the efforts to keep the school open as much as she could. She recognized how hard the decision is; she works in business and understands the financial situation. She asked if there was any way to postpone it to look at it deeper and see if there are any other options. All the people that have gone through the school feel connected in a unique way to that environment and would be crushed if the school was closed. She thanked the board for educating her and her children and expressed her full support and to keep the unique tradition of family and caring and knowing everybody's first name wherever the kids go if they have to transition somewhere else.

Kate Dwyer introduced herself as a candidate running for the school board, the seat Bob Litak has held for six years and will be stepping down, which is zone I. She stated that if anyone had any questions or want to talk to her can call 592-2214. She is willing to serve and do the incredibly hard job that the board members do.

JEROME PRAIRIE
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

Director Debbie Breckner stated that this was a difficult recommendation to present to the Board. Director Valenzuela and she have worked with the committee for more than two months. The public comments and emotion that is tied to Jerome Prairie cannot be understated. The committee felt it was important that the recommendation letter be presented in public so that everyone could hear what the committee recommendation was. Director Breckner then read the letter from by the committee which stated that when the committee last met on Tuesday, April 2nd all members of the committee voted, with the exception of Principal Lise VanBrunt who abstained due to her involvement with both schools. The committee unanimously requested that the Board delay the decision to close Jerome Prairie Elementary School by one year. They felt that a few months time was not enough for a decision of this magnitude with many legislative unknowns present. They also believed that a decision this serious should be made with a full board that has a representative from their area. In addition, they requested the board to seriously explore a 4-day school week and establish a process to take another look at pursuing an operating bond with the community. They also requested to keep their committee active to help pursue information and solutions related to their requests, not only for their school, but all of the schools in the District. They closed by stating that they recognize that this is a difficult decision for all involved and that they deeply appreciate thoughtful consideration to their recommendation.

JEROME PRAIRIE
CLOSURE/CONSOLIDATION
DECISION

Superintendent Huber-Kantola affirmed that Jerome Prairie has done a great job of serving the kids; the community has done a great job of supporting Jerome Prairie Elementary School. He had to do this once before with Wolf Creek and it doesn't seem to get any easier. He then recommended to the Board that we close Jerome Prairie Elementary School. He recognized that there is a huge disadvantage to that; the biggest disadvantage is that, like stated earlier, schools become a central part of any community and when a school closes it feels like there is a significant loss to that community. In reflecting back on the words that Mr. Litak spoke when we were at the Jerome Prairie community meeting and said that our challenge is how do we best educate all of our students with the funds that we have available? There are some advantages educationally for consolidating Jerome Prairie into Madrona Elementary School. One of the huge ones is that there would be fewer blended classes, likely only one blended classroom. It is increasingly more difficult with the common core to teach

two grade levels at the same time. This would alleviate that problem, with the exception of one blended class. There wouldn't be the split positions, which would be a better thing for all students. A special education teacher would be at a school all day, every day as opposed to every other day. The principal would be at the school all day, every day. This has some huge advantages in terms of discipline. It is completely un-age appropriate to have a kindergarten, first grader or second grader do something that may require discipline and not get back to that student for a day or two. Madrona has an enormous multi-handicapped population and the principal is not there to deal with those issues on a regular basis. The financial reasons have been covered in-depth. There are finances that would help the district if the school were to close. A couple of things to consider: if we hadn't closed Selma or Merlin Elementary School ten years ago, which were also extremely difficult and painful situations too, we would be faced with between \$400-500,000 of additional cuts that we would have to make today because those schools were still open. Five years from now we will have saved approximately \$1 million by consolidating the schools, which is not a small amount. He recognized that to the community, it is always a concern what happens to the facility. Our history has been that those buildings don't stay vacant long. Selma has become a community center, Wolf Creek became a charter school and Merlin became a headquarters for the Young Marines as well as our alternative school. If you look back far enough in our history, Murphy Elementary School is now the District Office. He believes the facility will become a charter school, church, or possibly used for other district use. It doesn't make the recommendation less painful, but it is his recommendation that the board move forward and close Jerome Prairie Elementary School.

JEROME PRAIRIE
CLOSURE/
CONSOLIDATION
DECISION
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Bob Litak moved to close Jerome Prairie and consolidate the students with Madrona. Leslie Meier seconded the motion and stated that this is the hardest decision that she has ever had to make on the school board. She is a passionate believer in community schools and small schools. But, our district has declined by a significant number of students and at some point we need to match our delivery system. It's not just about 'X' number of dollars, it's about serving the number of students we have. It's a real challenge in our district because of the geography; we don't have the option of having one central high school. We have got to bring our costs down and be able to sustain and it doesn't look like we have a thousand kids coming into our district in the next couple of years. She also told the Jerome Prairie community at the April 1st meeting that she is not just concerned about the education of all the kids in the district, but concerned about their students too. If she was convinced that they were really going to hurt the education, recognizing it is an adjustment; the change isn't going to be easy—but if she really believed they were hurting the education of the students of Jerome Prairie She would not be able to vote for that. It saddens her that they are to this point, but wanted to provide an explanation of why she is seconding the motion.

Member Crume reiterated what he said at the Jerome Prairie meeting— he has had relatives go to that school and has a nephew that is supposed to be going there next year and it's a tough spot to be in. He does know our budget and we are having a tough time and have to think about educating all the students of our district and he was sorry.

Member Meier added that she thought long and hard about the request to postpone for a year and if she believed that there was a chance that they could come up with something that would change the population of the district and how we need to serve them she wouldn't hesitate to vote for it. She can't put this decision on the next board; she can't give hope to people that there is going to be some magic answer. Even if they came up with \$100,000 or \$150,000 they still have to use the resources to educate the number of kids in our population, which has declined in this rural area. She stated she was sorry and feels for the community.

Member Litak stated that Superintendent Huber-Kantola has laid out the pros and cons

JEROME PRAIRIE CLOSURE/
CONSOLIDATION DECISION
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pretty well and it is not something anyone looks forward to doing. Since this started he keeps hoping that something would come out of left field that would make him want to feel strongly that they need to keep the school open. The idea to kick it forward for a year is appealing, but thinks it is just "kicking the can down the road" for somebody else's problem, and the problems are not going to be any different in a year. The only thing is we will be further in the hole financially and the adjustment would not be any easier. He expressed his concern for all of the kids and thinks there are good educational reasons. If they do vote to close the school he hopes they move forthwith to get the facility in use as a positive place for the community and not just left sitting.

Member Meier complimented everybody involved, as well as the staff, for addressing the issues as they come up and it's obvious by her comment that she is going to vote for the closure but would also ask our staff to consider addressing issues for the current students at Jerome Prairie as they come up because they want to make this be workable for everybody. Her expectation is that we do the best by all the kids in the district and especially help the children of Jerome Prairie with the transition.

MOTION PASSED

Board Chair Lengwin called for a vote to close Jerome Prairie school and consolidate with Madrona. Motion passed 4-0.

BREAK

Board Chair Lengwin called for a five minute break at 7:40
The meeting resumed at 7:50

N. APPLGATE ROAD
BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Director Valenzuela stated that the proposed North Applegate Road boundary adjustment was an informational item only at this time. It is independent of the Jerome Prairie decision. He showed a Google Earth presentation showing the effected bus routes. The proposed change could potentially eliminate one bus route and can save up to \$50,000 a year. It has the potential to balance out class sizes between Applegate School and Madrona. In one scenario where he used straight roll up numbers it would eliminate all blends at Madrona. He asked that the Board consider this and if they wish him to investigate it further he will do so over the next month and can bring it forth as an action item in May. He has sent a letter, which was included in the board packet, to every family potentially affected by this move and has called every family after the letter was sent. Out of the 25 calls made, there were three negative reactions, that they didn't feel like it was a good idea to impact students that way. The proposal would include a grandfather clause for students that were attached to their home school and wanted to stay they would be able to do so. The purpose of this proposed change would be to save money on bussing so the district would not be able to provide full service for students living on North Applegate Road. We would be able to provide a bus stop at the junction of Highway 238 and N. Applegate Road and pick up any students that wanted to be transported to that location (Madrona). The middle school students that would be affected would have transportation because there is a high school route that cannot be eliminated. Any Lincoln Savage students that wish to stay there could catch that bus and use the grandfather clause to finish out at Lincoln Savage.

Member Meier asked how many kids that are currently in that area are actually attending Applegate? Director Valenzuela said he would look into it and get back to her with the answer. Member Meier asked if it would eventually eliminate any blends at Applegate? Director Valenzuela responded that it would not, there are not enough kids to make that happen. Member Meier expressed her appreciation for the outreach efforts and asked for feedback from the people that would be affected by this. It is important that we are including the grandfather clause into it. Director Valenzuela responded that the feedback has been interesting. The seven people that were 'indifferent' to the change transport their own kids anyway and would choose to stay at Madrona or Lincoln Savage.

Member Litak stated that it was worth looking into more and asked that there be more communication with the folks that are directly involved. He would also like to get a better picture for the times and distances involved. Director Valenzuela responded that he will have First Student actually run the route and provide feedback.

N. APPLGATE ROAD
BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT
(CONTINUED)

Member Crume made a motion to hire Patricia Adams as the district interim superintendent for the period of one year. Member Meier seconded the motion.

SUPERINTENDENT SELECTION
RECOMMENDATION

Member Litak stated that he thinks Patricia will be terrific for interim superintendent and he is very excited that we were able to get somebody of her caliber to come here and believes she is excited about coming here to lead our district next year also.

Member Crume added that there were some great candidates, and this was a unanimous board decision.

Member Meier stated that she will also be helping the district in hiring a permanent superintendent. They were all really very impressed with her and hoping to get her out here soon to meet with the staff and community members.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported that Patricia Adams is a retired superintendent from the St. Helens School District, where she was the superintendent for six years. She had outstanding recommendations from people that worked with her, including her board chair and the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). She has a lot of experience in working with school boards—and we know that there will be transition on our school board because as there will be at least three people that will change.

Member Meier added that she also has experience with districts that are facing tough times; they apparently went through a lot of superintendents up there before they hired Patty. There were a lot of challenges in the district in terms of morale, a new board and some issues that are similar to ours with declining enrollment and poverty levels. We had some outstanding applicants but she really seemed to have just the right mix of experience and believes she will do a great job.

MOTION PASSED

Board Chair Lengwin called for a vote and the motion to hire Patricia Adams as interim superintendent passed 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Superintendent Huber-Kantola reported that the District Spelling Bee was held and announced the winners. The first places winners for each division were:

- Primary (Grades 1-3) Troy Johnson/3rd grade at Madrona
- Division I (Grades 4-5) Courtney Tudor/5th grade at Manzanita
- Division II (Grades 6-8) Chad Countiss/8th grade at Lincoln Savage MS
- Division III (Grades 9-12) Liam Dwyer/10th grade at Illinois Valley HS

The Senior Superstars were also held last Friday, April 12th. There was a huge turnout, the kids had fun and most importantly the kids from Hidden Valley and North Valley high schools got to know each other as well as raising money for their all night drug and alcohol free graduation party. The ticket presales were \$5,000.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola then reported on how we look at the enrollment figures. Showing how a loss of 15 students for the district in actuality is 96 students leaving and then 81 new or re-enrolled. For district totals so far we have had 1030 kids either move in or move out of the district since the beginning of the year. There is a bigger transient population than he believes they are aware of. On a positive note, if you look at the ADMw in quarter 2 of last year and compare that to our ADMw in quarter 2 of this year we are actually slightly ahead in ADMw for this year than we were for last year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

District Accountant Lisa Cross reported the Cash Report we are holding steady with the taxes, we are still receiving a little bit over 2% for our taxes. The district will have one more large payment in June. For the Estimated Ending Fund Balance we are still a little over \$900,000. That will change next month because we get our May 15th payment which reconciles the previous year with this year plus there are some changes possibly coming down with our state school fund estimate for this year—but not quite sure how much it's going to be.

CUSTODIAL REPORT

Aramark custodial manager Jim Bunge reported that they have developed a new custodial supply order form which is more in-depth. This will start showing up in board reports—you will start seeing the custodial expenses by school. It will also help them with their annual bids by knowing how much product is actually used and needed.

Mr. Bunge then reviewed the Spring Break projects. There was a lot of work done both inside and outside. The custodial staff did a fantastic job. There was also training over Spring Break on hard floor care.

FOOD SERVICE REPORT

Sodexo Food Service Manager stated that in addition to his written report, on behalf of Sodexo he presented a check for their annual scholarship for the district's high schools and in addition, Josephine County Educational Fund. Board Chair Lengwin thanked Mr. Morris for their donation.

ELEMENTARY REPORT

Evergreen Elementary principal David Regal reported that during his first year as principal he has been working to build relationships with the teachers, staff, kids and the community, which has been going very well—but there is still a lot of things for him to do. He showed a picture of one of their PBIS assemblies at Evergreen with the kids performing "YMCA".

Mr. Regal shared that K, 1, 2 keeps doing a great job. He explained the reading program they currently use. In grades 3, 4, 5 they have done the first round of OAKS testing in late January. After the first round they met with each grade level team to what adjustments needed to be made based on the testing. The start the second round of testing next week.

Mr. Regal stated PBIS is going really well this year. The numbers from the first and second trimesters indicate they have gown down 30% in their trackers, which is their 'informal' (not office) referrals.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Lorna Byrne Principal Rachael Huish reported the following:

- National Honor Society has started up again. Parent Sue Fiske has stepped up to volunteer to oversee the program.
- They recently test-piloted the Smarter Balance assessment, which is going to replace OAKS during the 2014-15 school year. It is an incredibly difficult test. There will need to be some discussion at the middle school level in terms of how to prepare for it.
- A common writing assessment was done by the seventh grade. The state stopped doing it two years ago, but the three middle schools felt it was important to continue. Last year 22% of the 7th graders passed it and this year, with a strong focus on writing, the scores went to 55%.
- They held a lockdown practice last week with law enforcement.
- The Siskiyou Health Center dental van is coming. A great service for the kids which will tie them in to long term care.
- Recently held the Jamie Scott Memorial Gym dedication. It was a beautiful ceremony; Peter Maluk spoke and the family presented the school with a

check for \$500 for girls basketball uniforms.

- They have started a garden project by the Lifeskills area. They are creating some raised beds. Rough and Ready has donated \$350 worth of lumber, soil has been donated and they are looking for donations throughout the community. It is spear-headed by the multi-handicapped classroom.
- There are a handful of students that go to Evergreen to be SMART readers in the SMART reading program.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT
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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Illinois Valley High School principal Casey Alderson reported the following:

- Illinois Valley high school has also created a school-wide garden. They are working with the gardeners club out there and have volunteers coming to the school once a week. There is also a student doing his senior project on composting and trying to start green energy. This is to take the place of their greenhouse, which was destroyed over the winter due to heavy snow.
- Some positive things: Liam Dwyer—District Champion in the Spelling Bee; Academic Masters will be May 1st at North Valley high school—five students were selected to participate in language arts, math, science, music and social studies; IVHS Chamber Singers attended Southern Oregon University's choir competition and received some of the highest scores in southern Oregon; Cougar Battle of the Books team competed at the state competition in Salem.
- Now at the end of the second trimester and have determined their Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the 2012-13 school year. Daniel Vega is their Salutatorian with a 4.17 GPA and competing in the music area of the Academic Masters and Natalie Wellen is the Valedictorian with a 4.23 GPA also competing in the science area of the Academic Masters.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Meier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Crume seconded and the motion passed 3-0, member Litak abstaining as he had not had a chance to review the minutes.

MOTION PASSED

Sunny Wolf Charter School administrator Sara McNamara presented the annual update to the board which included a presentation that included details on the following:

SUNNY WOLF CHARTER
SCHOOL ANNUAL
REPORT

- Curriculum—their approach and the programs in use.
- Project based learning programs, which include becoming a 'green' school.
- Service based learning, which includes working with the senior center every Tuesday.
- PBIS program—what they are doing.
- Community connections—such as fire department, Lions Club and many more.
- Personnel—provided a description of the positions and those who fill them. They now have an administrator and two new teachers. All teachers are licensed and highly qualified. They have also added a kitchen manager/cook and custodian.
- Current student population:
 - ◊ K-1 24
 - ◊ 2-3 17
 - ◊ 4-5 14
- Attendance at 95%.
- Standardized testing—the scores are up from last year (provided statistics)
- Outlined facility improvements and needs.
- Fiscal health is good. They were awarded the second year of the implementation grant—\$180,000.

Member Litak stated that he was really impressed. He was getting a bit concerned about Sunny Wolf. It looks like there are some real strides being made. The rural finding appears to be a big help to get some of the new staff in.

SUNNY WOLF CHARTER
SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT
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Superintendent Huber-Kantola added that he also had some reservations after last year about whether or not he could recommend to the Board that we continue the charter agreement and when he and Mr. Valenzuela went out and met the staff and walked around the school—then saw the latest test scores it is much improved over where it was a year ago. He does not have the same reservations about recommending that the school continue the charter agreement.

TREA PRESENTATION ON
SUSTAINABILITY

TREA President Dave Marks stated that they are looking at different ways to sustain the district. We are a rural school district and one of only three school districts that have a huge area that is covered.

The TREA team then gave a presentation: *The Future of Our Business: Enabling our student to create a successful future and embrace our "RURALNESS"*. The presentation included:

- Challenges to meet
- Reality = Cut days
- Transportation cost for our district 11% (vs. Grants Pass D7 = 3%)
- Presented the idea of a four day school week
 - ◊ Reasons
 - ◊ Benefits
 - ◊ "Innovation Fridays"
 - ◊ Alternatives

{Due to the large amount of content presented a copy of the presentation is included at the end of the minutes}

Member Litak requested a copy of the research and documentation to back up their presentation.

Member Crume asked about the budgetary numbers presented, and a copy of how they got to \$1 million savings by moving to a four day week. Mr. Marks responded that it was a simple calculation by instead of running five days—run four days, which is a 20% reduction. There are some tweaks of things such as conference days which may adjust it a bit—but it is a significant number of dollars not running transportation for the fifth day.

Member Litak stated that he appreciates the spirit of this idea. The four-day week has been kicked around in sustainability. The sustainability committee did look at it in some detail. It might be helpful to go back and review the notes and reports that we got from that committee and see some of the pros and cons that they were able to identify.

Member Meier complimented the team on the "Celebrating us for who we are". We have nothing to be ashamed of in this district and we are unique. We have a fantastic school district and a lot to be proud of here.

Superintendent Huber-Kantola clarified that our total unreimbursed transportation in the district is approximately \$1.3 million. The rest of it is reimbursed by the state at 70%. He questioned how it would save \$1 million in our unreimbursed expenditures. He is hesitant to believe that is possible, but certainly worth looking into.

SB 290 UPDATE

Director Breckner reported that there were changes coming from Senate Bill 290 that impact both the licensed and administrative evaluations. Next month she hopes to bring forward recommendations to adopt in advance of the July 1st deadline. They have formed an evaluation committee and the committee met on March 20, 2013. They have identified what needed to be done, which include identifying any gaps in our system with

what is expected with the state. We also needed to take a look at our goal setting process. The student learning and growth is going to be a measurable part of the evaluation and determining what that's going to look like and how that's going to be measured is the biggest piece of the revision that needs to be done. We also need to revise how we will score that and how that is going to be measured. We need to develop language for specialists which includes our instructional TOSA's, our ELL people, speech therapists, and occupational therapist. We also need to do a cross walk with the state documents to show that we do meet in task standards and figure out how to train everybody on what's coming and how to get it done. We have given pieces of all the work to different people on the committee and will meet again next Thursday to pull it all together. She then reviewed the various tasks assigned to the committee members. Ms. Breckner stated that in our normal process we would be setting goals with staff this month for next year. Given the fact that most of the state assessment data isn't in, which is what staff have to use to set goals and given the fact we are still trying to decide how it is going to be scored she suspended goal setting for this April and it will now be done in September. They are talking about what percentage to weight the evaluation. The administrators have made a recommendation of 30% of the evaluation should be weighted on student learning and growth, knowing that the window ODE gave us is between 10-50% and knowing that it could possibly be changed by the US Department of Education in June.

SB 290 UPDATE
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Director Valenzuela, along with Dehlia Warner from United Way, reported that the district will be utilizing a program at the three schools in the Illinois Valley. Ms. Warner stated that the Big Idea Program is a partnership with United Way of Jackson County and 549C School District and the schools in Illinois Valley. As parents they recognize that whatever they have been trying to do for the past many years hasn't been working. Our graduation rates, even though Illinois Valley has the best one in the school district, is still only 71%. They are looking for ways to make families and kids more successful. They will start with the 5th graders, to give them a spark and the Big Idea is that they will take all of the 5th graders from IV and to join them with the 5th graders at 549C school district and have a huge celebration. They will take pictures of all the kids in caps and gowns now. United Way will supply the bussing for the kids. The future activities of the program will be driven by the needs of the kids and parents. Their goal is to find out what they can do as a community to work with the schools to make it better for all of the kids. She thanked Mr. Valenzuela and the principals for their support. Director Valenzuela added that they are really excited about the partnership with the United Way and what they are going to bring to the valley, and we are very fortunate to have it.

BIG IDEA PROGRAM

Illinois Valley High School Principal Casey Alderson stated that Illinois Valley HS and Lorna Byrne MS are trying to bring in some money by way of the FourWay Foundation. It's a grant they have received in the past. They are looking to bring in about \$7,000 for some new equipment—new euphoniums, saxophones and tubas. It's a cost they don't want to fall on the shoulders of their students. The grant would allow them to bring in these instruments that are instrumental in band. He showed some of the equipment that the students are having to use right now that is in very poor shape. Principal Huish added that under band teacher Sean McKee the numbers within the band at the high school and the middle school have increase significantly and shared her support for the grant to meet the needs of the students. Mr. McKee worked with the support of Jann Taylor on preparing the grant. They are also seeking out other grant sources

FOURWAY COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION GRANT
REQUEST

Member Litak made a motion to approve the FourWay Foundation grant request. Member Meier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent Huber-Kantola stated that there is money allotted in the budget so that when students go to national competitions we allow them to access these funds, at \$300 per kid. Ft. Vannoy had six kids qualify for national competition so this allows us to transfer \$1,800

RESOLUTION TO
TRANSFER CONTINGEN-
CY FUNDS

- RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CONTINGENCY FUNDS
MOTION PASSED
- from that fund to be used to pay for the national competition, which is Global Destination Imagination.
- Member Meier made a motion to approve Resolution #06 to transfer contingency funds in the amount of \$1,800. Member Litak seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- REQUEST FOR NAMING OF NV BASEBALL FIELD
- Director Ely brought forth the proposal to name the North Valley baseball field after James Aaron Daywitt who was killed in a bicycle accident on September 20, 2012. Aaron Daywitt was one of the first students that went all four years at North Valley High School and was an avid baseball player. Following board policy, they have formed a committee which include the following members: Byron Robertson- Community Member and Former NVHS Baseball Player, Eric Werner- NVHS Head Baseball Coach, Karen Cole- Community Member, Lisa Kissel- Community Member, Kevin Olmstead- NVHS Student and Current Baseball Player, Dustin Purnell- NVHS Athletic Director, Dennis Misner- NVHS Principal, Doug Ely- TRSD Athletic Director and Chairperson. The committee will meet this month and bring their recommendation back to the board in May.
- MOTION PASSED
- Member Meier moved to approve the committee. Member Crume seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- ADJOURN
- Adjourn at 9:45 PM

Ron Lengwin
Chairperson of the Board

Dan Huber-Kantola
Superintendent-Clerk