



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 3/11/26 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Geoffrey Butler

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

I recommend the Board approve Three Rivers School District to enter into a Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the Josephine County Foundation to provide the food services supporting the Food Pantry for the Life Skills course at Hidden Valley.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The District currently has an agency partner agreement with the Oregon Food Bank for providing food for the Life Skills Food Pantry program supporting the Life Skills course at Hidden Valley. This agreement allowed the district to purchase food for the pantry at a discounted price and has operated as an exception with the Oregon Food Bank, as an agency partner agreement normally requires an agency be a 501(c)3. The growth of the program and course has caused scrutiny over the Agency Partner Agreement exception with the Oregon Food Bank prompting the Oregon Food Bank to request a 501(c)3 Fiscal Sponsor. The District collects donations for the program and will continue to accept donations moving forward. Under the proposed Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement, the fund balance for the Life Skills Food Pantry program will be transferred to the Josephine County Foundation for managing the program with periodic transfers for District accepted donations.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement allows to preserve discounted food purchases through the Oregon Food Bank allowing the focus of funds and resources for the best use of the program. Continues the opportunity to develop both the Life Skills course at Hidden Valley along with feeding and serving students/families of our District.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The District will be relinquishing fiscal management and purchases for the Life Skills Food Pantry to the Josephine County Foundation. Financial reports of funds will be required from the Josephine County Foundation and audits will be additional tasks for assurance and transparency.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Creating a 501(c)3 is alternative and is not recommended due to being cost prohibitive, diminishing savings, additional regulatory reporting, and additional resources for maintaining the entity. Researching additional vendor options is also an alternative evaluated. Some additional vendors are added in this process but are not comprehensive solutions for purchasing. This alternative continues as an option for standard purchasing to augment the agreement with the Oregon

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No