

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2018**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Illinois Valley High School, 625 E. River Street, Cave Junction, 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
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

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

Administrators: Scott Polen/Lorna Byrne Middle School Principal, David Regal/Evergreen Elementary School Principal, Tanner Smith/Illinois Valley High School Principal and Erik Lathen/North Valley High School Principal.

ABSENT:

Paul Kelly, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Superintendent Valenzuela shared that he had one of the students from the panel today, Micah Jiles, when he was principal at Evergreen Elementary school. Back then he could hardly talk – and to hear him ask some really cool questions and give us some solid insight was impressive. He loved his ideas about what he wants his school to look like and what he wants out of school – it was awesome to hear him speak that way! Mr. York was also pleased with the round table discussion with the students. It was a good conversation about what life looks like for them now and in the future. Ms. Dwyer shared that she had a terrific opportunity yesterday. They had state legislators and local stakeholders come and listen to Gene Merrill talk about the internship program. It's getting quite a bit traction as a model statewide. They then all went out to the airport and looked at the light industrial potential and future programs for Illinois Valley High School students. Ms. Johnstun attended a game last Friday at North Valley High School and was excited that the marching band has started back up after 15 years. The band program has also substantially increased in size this year. Mr. Halsted shared that yesterday was the first day of SMART. It was refreshing to see how enthusiastic the kids are about school. It's a really rewarding experience and he encouraged others to volunteer for this program. Director Alderson shared that he had a great conversation today with Travis Osborne who is working to attract home school students that are in our boundaries back enrolled with us. We have over 15 kids that have traditionally been homeschooled back in to our system that we can now work with and support. Director Allen-Hart gave kudos to the students that participated in the student panel. She really admires their persistence on a couple of topics that were brought up again. She

also gave a shout out to Scott Polen and Mr. Gerten who are doing amazing work at Lorna Byrne with inclusion. Director Richards recently visited Manzanita – if you have not been in a kindergarten class you have got to go! The teachers do an amazing job. Lisa Cross gave a big thank you to Jim Bunge and his wife for the work they did on their own time to beautify the planters at the District Office. Mr. Lathen let the board know that Deputy Sturges was at their building on Wednesday and did a great job of introducing himself and law enforcement to all of their freshmen.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- *Resident Deputy Program* – What was just shared by Mr. Lathen is a great example of how are resident deputies are trying to integrate themselves into the schools. They are not just there when we call them – they are there before we need them. He shared other examples of the deputies interacting with the schools, such as the Ft. Vannoy Jogathon and having lunch with students at Manzanita. We have also hired an amazing person from Primary Health to serve as an outreach officer who will be connecting the dots between administration, law enforcement, treatment and prevention in addition to assisting us with attendance. Hats off to the Josephine County Sheriff's office for the support that we are getting!
- *North Valley Industrial Park* – He spoke to Lily Morgan regarding the wastewater agreement at the North Valley Industrial Park. Commissioner Morgan was recently appointed our liaison for this project. She is excited to meet with Members York and Dwyer and come up with viable solutions to fix what's going on.
- *Fight the New Drug Presentation* – Local medical providers with support from law enforcement have put together a presentation that gives students and staff tools to help our youth in dealing with the open access to online pornography. Some of the things we are dealing with in the schools are staggering. We do a lot of work in anti-drug messaging and personal safety and we have not done a lot of work in this area. There are two public community events scheduled (Grants Pass and Cave Junction) as well as student presentations at all of the Josephine County high schools and middle schools. This is in partnership with Grants Pass School District and all being funded by private donations. Ms. Dwyer expressed concern about the lack of communication to stakeholders to get the word out.
- *Legislative Issues* – He is working on arranging a meeting to talk about legislative priorities for our district. Representatives from all of our bargaining groups, along with two board members, have been invited to participate. Some of things being looked at include: the poverty calculation, transportation reimbursement, small school and rural school funding mechanisms at the state level and rural school inequities. Mr. Halsted elaborated on the funding issues and the need for people to educate our legislators.
- *Veteran's Day Celebration* – at Hidden Valley High School on Thursday, November 8th at 11:00 a.m. Board member Rich Halsted will be the keynote speaker for the event. Any veteran that works on staff is invited to attend and work with their supervisor to take the time off to attend the celebration. It's a good opportunity to recognize those that serve.

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 – October 2018
- Athletic Coaches – October 2018
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)
- Grant Request (1)

Mr. Halsted made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. York seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Ms. Dwyer called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Marina Mudry, Food Service Supervisor - Shared that all the menus are now online under 'Food Services' on the Three Rivers School District website. She made some changes to the high school menu so that it is easier to identify the vegetarian options.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

• Illinois Valley Area Administrator Reports

- Illinois Valley High School principal Tanner Smith reported they were “*All in for Every Kid*” last year and this year it’s “*Championship Effort*”. He worked with the people at Josten’s and have a championship ring. Students can be recognized for citizenship, cougar award, academic, most improved and attendance. The five winners are voted on by the staff and get to wear the ring during the day. They are also working on split schedules to accommodate kids who need to catch up. He is also working on an app that kids can use on phones and computers. TRSD tech Bob Giordano is building the student ‘check-in’ app which will use emoji’s to share how they are feeling (hungry, tired, SOS). He plans on getting it patented, but will vet it in our district first.
- Lorna Byrne Middle School principal Scott Polen talked about Lifeskills program that have grades 5 through 12. Last year he hired Mr. Gerten who pitched a program to include all the kids into the classrooms. The kids are blossoming the parents are happy and the staff are supportive. He then introduced Mr. Gerten who shared that the program is exciting, not going without some hiccups, but his philosophy has always been that these are kids that are part of our community, our lives, our family and really needing to be supported with their peers. They are doing group work in the classrooms and getting the presentation materials. He modifies all of the work so that the teachers do not have to create anything differently than what they are presenting. The kids are thriving and the rest of the student body are completely accepting.
- Evergreen Elementary principal Dave Regal thanked his colleagues, teachers, staff and students. He’s in his seventh year at Evergreen and loves it! He had “J” Marshall do some murals and Kelso’s Choice on the playground. Dibels testing went really well and he is utilizing the assistants where needed. They currently have the 21st Century grant at Evergreen and Lorna Byrne up and running. Their current programs include partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club, Everstars, Twinklestars and Options as well as offering art extravaganza and fun with Lego’s. As a school they are still working on PBIS and Friday’s they have a cultural care time for twenty minutes. They also have student ambassadors – another way of kids greeting kids. Their Options program is going great!

• State Seal of Biliteracy for High School Graduates

- Director Alderson explained that the state seal of biliteracy is something that the state of Oregon is offering. It’s another way to recognize kids and give them an opportunity to get recognized for the work that they do around foreign language. He introduced teacher Jaimie Szijarto to explain what she sees it looking like in her classes and the district. Ms. Szijarto found out about the state seal of biliteracy at another schools graduation and researched it further. She identified the qualifications and benefits and stated that we are already doing many of the things required.
- Ms. Johnstun asked a question about pairing the dual language students to improve their fluency. Ms. Szijarto responded that it happens, but not formally.
- Superintendent Valenzuela stated that if the board likes the concept, he will move forward to bring back a formal proposal to the board to take action on. Mr. Alderson explained that a formal action is not necessary – they are just looking for a blessing to move forward.
- Ms. Johnstun made a motion to move forward with the certificate of biliteracy for high school graduates. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

• Board Policies – First Reading

- BDDH & BDDH-AR Public Comment at Board Meetings
- JHFE-AR(1) Reporting of Suspected Abuse of a Child
- JHFE-AR(2) Abuse of a Child Investigations Conducted on District Premises
- KN Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- KN-AR(1) Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- KN-AR(2) Investigations Conducted on District Premises

- Superintendent Valenzuela stated that pointed out the difference in board policies versus Administrative Rules (AR’s). Board policies are things that the board votes on to put into place and AR’s are how the district carries those things out. He elaborated on the AR around how we deal with DHS workers. The form identified by JHFE-AR(2) creates a

- universal form so when they come to a school to talk to a student all of the forms throughout the state are the same.
- The new board policy KN, Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies, says that we are going to work with our law enforcement agencies essential for the protection of staff and students. The other policy for a first reading is BDDH, Public Comment at Board Meetings. It is an update that OSBA recommended.
 - Ms. Dwyer shared a concern that we are not permitted to notify a parent about those investigations, but unfortunately that is the law. Mr. Valenzuela agreed that it is a sensitive issue.
 - The AR's will go into effect immediately and the two policies on the agenda for a first reading will be on the next agenda for the second reading and formal adoption (KN and BDDH).

ACTION ITEMS

- **2018-19 Student Calendar - REVISED**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela brought forward a revised calendar that reflects the restored instructional day on December 21st. May 24th will still be designated as a furlough day. The calendar has been put before the union leadership and has been put out to all staff for feedback. There were 25 responses and they were fairly positive – although no one wants a cut day.
 - Mr. York made a motion to approve the revised calendar. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Valenzuela stated that an InTouch message will be sent out to all parents and staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Halsted suggested that somewhere in the future we need to put the working group back together prior to budget discussions to:
 - Look at the effects of what next year's budget looks like, the increased PERS bill and other funding issues.
 - Try to figure out what other options are;
 - Talk about school report cards and testing and doing a round robin with the directors to talk about where we're going at each school.
- Superintendent Valenzuela stated that another item the board will need to talk about is Woodland Charter School (WCS). He has a meeting with the charter leadership on the 25th at Woodland Charter to go over what does time allocation from the district look like and how we are going to record that? Since the work session was cancelled, we still continue to work with WCS on a variety of issues that are time consuming, especially special education. Sunny Wolf Charter School is self-sufficient and pro-active.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- November 14, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office – *Board Regular Session*

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk