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BOARD MEETING SPECIAL SESSION/BOARD WORKSHOP

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Three Rivers School Board of Directors met for a special session, Wednesday, January 23, 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 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: Richard Siler, Jim Hicks, Simon Hare/County Commissioner,

Andrew Olsen, Deputy Cory Krauss, Lisa Crume, Cherryl Walker/County Commissioner, Brian Sorenson, Linda McClanahan/North Valley HS Assistant Principal, Jessica Durrant/Manzanita Elementary Principal, John George/Fleming MS Principal, Rachael Huish/Lorna Byrne MS Principal, Linsay

MS Principal, Rachael Huish/Lorna Byrne MS Principal, Linsay Cathay/Daily Courier, Bob Lieberman/Kairos CEO, Mandy York, Danny York, Colleen Hoffman, Kevin Marr, Don Prose, Dave Strahan, Levi Strickland, Shane Prose, Kirk Baumann/Lincoln Savage MS Assistant Principal, Jamie Ongman/Hidden Valley HS Assistant Principal, Dustin Purnell/North Valley HS Assistant Principal, Damian Crowson/Lincoln Savage MS Principal, David Regal/Evergreen Elementary Principal, Casey

Alderson/Illinois Valley HS Principal, Carl LaFlamme, Kim Henderson, Kali Henderson, Jeff Stevens, Kevin Keller, Jerrine Henson, Elizabeth DePoy, Steve Jones, Kathie Hill/Fort Vannoy Elementary Principal Patty Dickens-Turk/Hidden Valley HS Assistant Principal, Brenda Session, Al Garcia, Bernard

Falkowski, Lise VanBrunt/Madrona & Jerome Prairie Principal, Renee Hults/Williams and Applegate Principal, Daye Stone/ Hidden Valley HS Principal, Dennis Misner/North Valley HS Principal, Heather Yount/Fruitdale Elementary Principal, Cody Prose, Larry Noble, Sharon Noble, Mark Higgins/Fleming Assistant Principal, KDRV-Channel 12, and Shelly Quick/

Recording Secretary.

Board Chair Ron Lengwin called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Huber-Kantola outlined the district framework for the safety review:

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SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY BOARD WORKSHOP • What can be done to make a cultural change? An example of only having one entrance to the school and keeping the rest of the doors locked—over time it has disappeared. The change to keep safety in the forefront.

- What are some challenges and low-hanging fruit? Meaning what can the
 district do that is easy and fairly cost-effective but will make a difference in
 increased security.
- Re-visit our partnerships and strengthen where appropriate. Discuss partnerships such as the one with Kairos (Bob Lieberman) and our County Sheriff (Gil Gilbertson).
- What else do we need to look at?

Individual safety reviews/updates were presented by each of the building principals:

- Newbridge/Kairos—Brent Workley
- Hidden Valley High School—Daye Stone
- Lincoln Savage Middle School—Damian Crowson
- Applegate School—Renee Hults
- Williams Elementary—Renee Hults
- Madrona Elementary—Lise Van Brunt
- Jerome Prairie Elementary—Lise Van Brunt
- Fruitdale Elementary—Heather Yount
- Illinois Valley High School—Casey Alderson
- Lorna Byrne Middle School—Rachael Huish
- Evergreen Elementary—David regal
- North Valley High School—Dennis Misner
- Manzanita Elementary/Fleming Middle School—Jessica Durrant and John George
- Ft. Vannoy Elementary—Kathie Hill

CEO Bob Lieberman provided an overview of Kairos (formerly know as SOASTC), which is a children's mental health organization. They have a relationship with Three Rivers School District (TRSD) dating back to 1977. Beginning in 2005 they began a more pro-active approach focusing on prevention, which includes promoting mental wellness. Mr. Lieberman shared the program has had outstanding results including a reduction in disciplinary referrals and student improvement.

Break at 8:45 Resume at 9:00

Superintendent Huber-Kantola added that the School Community team approaches mental health in a different way than the traditional model. They are now doing proactive mental health work with the kids and teaching our staff how to identify people that have mental health issues.

Josephine County Sheriff Gil Gilbertson assured the Board that the Sheriff's Office is committed to supporting the district and the safety of the kids in our community. Deputy Krauss will be assisting Ernie Fields with the visitation to each of the schools. Sheriff Gilbertson also commended the district and each of the schools on their safety presentations and stated the district has "a smooth running machine" and was very impressed with what he heard. He suggested the district consider a remote camera system. There has also been a change of philosophy when an incident occurs in that the first deputy/officer that shows up at the scene goes to the sound of the gun. These things happen very quickly. He also acknowledged the work being done to identify people that are the potential problems.

Sheriff Gilbertson stated that the USDA has \$323 million that they are going to send to 41 states to help support the school resource officer program. For the state of Oregon it

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equates to a little over \$63 million. He will be pursuing the grant as soon as it is available. He then passed out a copy of the 'Active Shooter Program' which was developed by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in cooperation with Homeland Security. A copy will be distributed to all of the administrators.

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Board Chair Lengwin stated it was now the time for the Community Comment portion of the meeting. Due to the large quantity of requests to address the Board, each speaker will be limited to two minutes.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

The following people shared their comments regarding school safety and mental health issues with the Board:

- Carl LaFlamme—Parent
- Danny York—Parent
- Kevin Marr—Patron
- Jeff Stevens—Parent
- Dave Strahan—Patron
- Dan Loraditch—Parent
- Patty Dickens-Turk—Hidden Valley HS Assistant Principal
- Bernard Falkowski—Retired Army National Guard
- Richard Siler
- Brandon Henson—Parent
- Kali Henderson—Student
- Roger Henderson—Parent
- Dale Matthews

Josephine County Commissioner Cheryl Walker stated she was pleased to see what the schools are doing in the district in regards to safety for the students. She supported the efforts being made regarding the mental health programs. She then relayed a message on behalf of Josephine County Commissioner Chair Simon Hare who could not be in attendance. They have been working on a proposal that would provide for resource officers encompassing the regions around the four high schools. This proposal is in the beginning stages and has not yet been discussed with Sheriff Gilbertson or in a public meeting. Ms. Walker encouraged the public to come testify and send in ideas. They want to hear from everyone. Everyone is strapped for money, but it is important we have the basics in our community such as infrastructure and law enforcement. The will also be pursuing multiple grant opportunities.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Board and the Superintendent that a task force be formed that includes the board, staff and community to further address safety in our schools and issues and suggestions that were brought forward at the workshop.

Adjourn	at 9:	55 PM
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Ron Lengwin	Dan Huber-Kantola	_
Chairperson of the Board	Superintendent-Clerk	