

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
October 18, 2017**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Wednesday, October 18, 2017 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
Paul Kelly, Board Vice Chair
Rich Halsted, Board Member
Danny York, Board Member
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Debbie Simons, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Miranda Carpenter/Madrona Elementary Principal, Erik Lathen/North Valley High School Principal, Daye Stone/Hidden Valley High School Principal, Heather Yount/Fruitdale Elementary School Principal, Mark Higgins/Lincoln Savage Middle School Principal and Steve Fuller/Applegate & Williams Elementary School Principal.

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Dwyer called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Mr. Halsted thanked Hidden Valley High School for hosting the student panel held prior to the board meeting. It was wonderful to hear the insights of the students. He also gave a shout out to Hidden Valley for the Bully Run. It was a great event. Mr. Kelly thanked Hidden Valley, he enjoyed meeting with the kids and felt it was very insightful. He recognized the Athletic Directors of North Valley and Hidden Valley for combining the soccer games all in one venue. It was a great idea. Mr. York thanked the Hidden Valley staff and students for the student panel. He also recognized Ryan Clark for the work he has done in the foods class there – it looks awesome! It was also great to see the Child Development Programs they toured today. Ms. Dwyer also thanked Hidden Valley for hosting the panel. She looks forward to meeting with the other two schools also. She also congratulated Tanner Smith on the wildly successful series of programs that he has brought to Illinois Valley High School for Homecoming and the bonfire. The community participation was huge! She also thanked the folks at the Jerome Prairie Alternative Site. Ms. Dwyer was the docent at their art gallery in Kerby when they came for a field trip. It was terrific to have the kids come check out the art gallery. Ms. Johnstun shared that she was able to hear one of the most fantastic lectures she has ever heard on adolescent youth development and resilience. She was so grateful that the entire Three Rivers Administration was there along with her. Superintendent Valenzuela echoed Ms. Johnstun's sentiment about the lecture. It was a phenomenal experience to have the entire administrative staff at that talk. It was impactful for him on both a personal and professional level. He also attended two spirit events at IVHS last week and agreed there were great events and a lot of fun. He

thanked Hidden Valley for organizing the students as well. It was very enlightening for him as a superintendent. The Board also did a great job of listening to the students and taking questions. Director Allen-Hart agreed that the students were eloquent, articulate and honest. Great job by the board! Director Durrant shared that November is Trauma Informed Awareness month. Tuesday, November 7th is a great opportunity to talk about how resiliency in children can really help with those kids that have experienced childhood trauma. She also gave shout out to the 32 elementary teachers in our district who will be trained in it by the end of October. Director Simons gave kudos to Jessica Durrant who organizes the ACES training every month for our schools and the administrative team. She also complimented Steven Fuller, new principal at Applegate and Williams. It's really hard to get hired when the teachers are starting. He has rolled with it and is doing a great job! Director Alderson gave a shout out to our graduation coaches. They have really jumped in the first month and they are digging into data that allows the district to make informed decisions that will positively impact the students. He also recognized Rogue Community College. We submitted a CTER grant this weekend in hopes of building an aeronautics program at North Valley and Illinois Valley High Schools, in partnership with the airports there.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Valenzuela discussed the concept of looking at bus routes that feed Madrona elementary school, specifically North Applegate Road, Highway 238 to Williams and Riverbanks Road, possibly routing those students to Fort Vannoy in the future. Applegate would have 41 students influx. From Murphy Creek Road on 238 routed to Williams it would be 18 students. It would be a decrease of 38 students for Madrona. Rerouting the students on Riverbanks road from Madrona to Ft. Vannoy would impact 21 students. A more comprehensive report will come.

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 2017
- Coaches – October 2017
- Grant Request (1)
- Out of State Travel Requests (4)
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Work Session – September 19, 2017

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- John Chambers shared he was recently certified as a Prevention Specialist for the state of Oregon. He commented on the Board's goal setting work session which he attended briefly. He then thanked the board for allowing him to speak at these meetings.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Hidden Valley Area Admin Report**
 - Madrona elementary principal Miranda Carpenter shared that they have really latched on to the PLC training that the district has been providing to all of the schools. It has been a catalyst to bring everything together. She thanked for support in getting an additional teacher for fifth grade. Their Fall Festival is November 2nd from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Williams and Applegate principal Steven Fuller shared that the Color Run Jogathon at Williams was last Thursday and raised \$14,000. Williams PFO (parent organization) is working with the Viability Committee. They now have an after school program four days a week. They had one of their staff members attend the Kaleidoscope training. They are working with Cow Creek for a music program. At Applegate their theme this year is "What's your Superpower?" They had their Jogathon also. The volleyball team is 5-0 in

league play. Eighth grade leadership team is planning a Veteran's Day event on November 17. The Portland Opera is doing a presentation for both schools. The Applegate Harvest Festival is October 27th.

- Fruitdale principal Heather Yount shared that even at the elementary level, their end goal is graduation and her passion as an administrator is reading and math. The RTI process has made the reading program successful. There is a lot of evidence of growth over the last few years. In the last two years over 15 new TAG kids have been identified, which she believes is due to helping kids reach their true potential with being able to provide enrichment for students. In math, their overall scores are above the state average. They adopted the Envision program, but feels there are holes, so there are certain things they are adding to their math teaching. They secured a grant last year for additional professional development for her teachers for things identified that they want to do more with math. After the release of the Oregon State Report Cards Fruitdale was recognized by the Oregonian due to their substantial growth. Open House has been changed a bit to be more informational and include resources available to parents. Their Harvest Festival is next Tuesday.
- Lincoln Savage Middle School Principal Mark Higgins gave credit to the three elementary school principals and the work they are doing around reading and math and sending them prepared students. His staff is also embracing the PLC time. They are wrapping up Fall sports this week. He shared they had a horrible football experience with another school and their coaches and parents berating our kids. The Lincoln Savage athletes modeled the best behavior you could imagine and represented the district very well. They are in their last year of the 21st Century grant, they are funded at 50% this year. The school is busting at the seams with 411 students. Upcoming field trips include: 6th graders to SOU, 8th graders to Oregon Caves and the upcoming PBIS reward is the new Star Wars movie.
- Hidden Valley High School principal Daye Stone talked about the Attention to Attendance initiative. Their theme is "Strive for less than five" which is less than five absences during the course of a semester. He recognized grad coach Dale Fisher and the work he is doing with data and tracking students. They have done their first set of freshman home visits and went to 15 homes. Six years ago they started talking about a possible artificial turf project, 3-1/2 years later they have a turf softball facility, baseball facility and football/soccer facility. They have raised \$625,000 from our community, and now have over a \$2 million facility to be proud of in the Hidden Valley attendance area. He thanked the board for their commitment to the project. Mr. Stone then talked about being raised as a rancher and his involvement in FFA. The Hidden Valley FFA program is the only one in Josephine County. He then introduced the Ag program instructor Tom Ayers.

The Hidden Valley High School FFA officers (DJ DeCasas, Skyler Powers, Katie Odem, Paige Lake and Keely Marchand) gave a presentation to the board sharing their program information and activities.

- **Collaboration Grant Update**

- Teacher and Grant Manager Julia Richardson shared that last year the district was awarded just over \$393,000 for the grant. This year we were awarded \$459,000 for that grant. Early this year there was DeFour training on PLC development. One third of educators have had the opportunity to attend training and develop PLC's. They are also working on the ability to utilize data analysis. November 15th Ms. Richardson and Ms. Simons will go to Portland and meet with other districts around the improvement science model, which has been very effective. The POinT's (peer observers in transition) are now able observe teachers upon request and have conversations. Every school is involved in the program.

- **OSAA Reclassification Update**

- Director Alderson provided the board with an update on the OSAA Classification and Districting Committee. He explained the committee has been in this process for twelve months. They are looking at all 294 high schools and determining classification levels and ADM cut off points. It was decided by the committee to stay with six classifications and then worked out the numbers from there. For Hidden Valley and North Valley the Skyline Conference will stay the same. Illinois Valley high school was granted to petition

to be able to play down and will move from 3A to 2A.

ACTION ITEMS

- **District Per Diem Rates**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross requested that the board raise the per diem rates allowed for overnight travel. She explained the current district per diem rate of \$34 a day has been in effect since at least 2002. The current GSA (General Services Administration) rate is \$46 a day. Last year there was \$18,000 spent on per diem for district staff and \$12,000 of that amount was paid for out of grant funds.
 - Mr. York made a motion to increase the district per diem rate to \$34 a day. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. York asked for an update on Aramark. Ms. Simons responded they are providing the district with three options and we should have them by the November board meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- November 15, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – District Office – *Board Regular Session*.

RECESS

Board Chair Dwyer recessed the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Dwyer reconvened the meeting at 5:45 in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) *Collective Bargaining*.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Dwyer adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Kate Dwyer
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk