

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL SESSION
March 19, 2020**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met online for an emergency special session, Wednesday, March 19, 2020.

PRESENT

Rich Halsted, Board Chair
Danny York, Board Member
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Vice Chair
Kate Dwyer, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order in at 9:05 a.m. p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **Superintendent's Report on COVID-19**

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared the most recent developments. In addressing the closure through the 28th of April, with the target return date of Wednesday, April 29th. Some executive orders from the Governor that came to us yesterday are that we are to continue delivering supplemental education learning supports to the extent that it is practical for our district to do so. We are also required to provide meals to our families. We may also be called upon to provide supplemental childcare services for essential employees (medical professionals, EMT's fire and police). We sent our capacity to do that to the state and the state has that information in a clearinghouse and are calling on people as it is becoming necessary. We have not been called upon to do that yet. The state is keeping our state school fund whole for now and they don't anticipate any of our payments going down.
- So far this week we have served 665 meals at our distribution sites. We've collapsed those sites down to five currently because of limited distribution. On Monday, March 30th we will begin our meal delivery program. In partnership with First Student and our Food Service program we have developed a great plan to get meals to parent utilizing the busses. They will be delivering a lunch and a breakfast for the next day to the bus stops that a student would normally be picked up at. We have 500 people signed up for that already. The information is going out via InTouch and can also be found on our district website.
- Director Durrant organized an event through a partnership with Allicare, where we distributed ten-pound bags of food to families at designated schools.
- The state is also requiring that we provide supplemental education. We are referring to that supplemental education as 'Learn from home opportunities'. We are sending out a resource today that Portland Public Schools shared. It is a very robust resource and we are revamping a Three Rivers version of that.
- On March 30th all of our employees are coming back to work to develop learn from home resources that are specific to students in those classes. We plan to distribute any printed material at either our meal distribution sites from the schools themselves or through the meal delivery program utilizing the busses. We are working hard to keep our students on track with the learning they have already gained throughout the year.
- We are developing a special task force that is going to look at high school students and in particular, our seniors. We want to make sure that we keep our high school students on track to acquire the credits they have begun working on. For seniors, we are looking to graduation and that they are on track to graduate this Spring. The state is also working on a waiver with the federal government to suspend statewide assessments.
- Having staff back to work will also provide us with a robust opportunity to start working on a four-day week.

- Mr. Valenzuela responded to various questions from board members.
- **Resolution (#11) Formal request from the Board to Suspend Statewide Assessments for the 2019-2020 School Year (ACTION)**
 - Board Chair Halsted feels it is important that we look at contact time between teachers and students and when they do come back, they will be faced with statewide testing. He believes we need to come out with a unified voice to the Governor's office recognizing it will hinder educational opportunities if we don't suspend statewide testing for the year.
 - Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the resolution to formally request to suspend statewide assessments. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- **Four Way Foundation Grant Approval (ACTION)**
 - The board determined that at this time there is no need to make extra work and just asked that the board be kept aware of any grant opportunities.

Superintendent Valenzuela informed the board of district communications that will be going out soon.

Board Chair Halsted also commented that the Budget schedule may be pushed back.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Rich Halsted
Chairperson of the Board

Dave Valenzuela
Superintendent-Clerk