

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
December 20, 2023**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at North Valley High School, 6741 Monument Drive, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. The meeting was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8s0AuMLzFP4>

PRESENT:

Rich Halsted, Board Chair
Jennifer Johnstun, Board Member
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent

Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Rob Saunders, Director
Shelly Quick, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Pat Kelly, Board Member

Administrators present: Erik Lathen, Mike Herzog, Damian Crowson, Jessica Falkenhagen, Renee Hulst, Steven Fuller, Kellie Lovell and Brian Miller.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Halsted called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Three board members were present. (*Member Kelly was absent and the Zone 1 position is vacant.*)

AGENDA APPROVAL

Member Johnstun made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously (3-0).

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Board members, the District Leadership Team, and Superintendent shared an outstanding school or district highlight of an event, activity, and/or kudos to TRSD staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Valenzuela provided the Board with information on the following items:

- Reported on the City Parks meeting he attended regarding the issues the district is facing in the area of Fruitdale elementary school due to the large encampment of homeless at Fruitdale Park.
- Bond preview – In the coming months he will present the district's Long Range Facility Plan that was developed in November by Soderstrom Architects. This plan is a report on the status of all of our buildings and facilities in Three Rivers School District which includes the condition of the buildings and cost to repair the buildings. He will be recommending to the Board that they go out for bond in May just for roofing and a small amount of safety and security, which would be just

under \$40 million.

- Academic Update – Following up on the Student Panel, students are very interested in instruction and how it's delivered. He provided an outline of what a typical day of an elementary student looks like in response to comments about not enough teaching of reading and math. He then provided an overview of the PLC process and progress in TRSD. Understanding the standards vs. curriculum.

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 – December 2023
- Athletic Coaches – December 2023
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - November 15, 2023 – Regular
- Grant Requests (3)
- Out of State Travel Requests (2)
- Board Policies – Second Reading
 - GBC - Staff Ethics
 - GCDA/GDDA - Criminal Records Checks and Fingerprinting
 - GCPC/GDPC - Retirement of Staff
 - GCBDF/GDBDF - Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance
 - GCBDA/GDBDA - Family Medical Leave
- Member Johnstun made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Reese seconded the motion; Board Chair Halsted called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Three community members addressed the board: Rick Nelson, Hannah Beehee and Oliva Herrera.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Community Partner of the Month Recognition**
 - North Valley High School Principal Erik Lathen recognized Dutch Bros. Dutch Bros has been an instrumental force behind the success of North Valley High School's Thanksgiving food box program. Thanks to their incredible support, 55 deserving families within our community enjoyed a bountiful Thanksgiving feast, filling their homes with warmth and gratitude. Levi Ayriss, Dutch Bros. VP of Operations was at the meeting to accept the award.
 - Illinois Valley High School Assistant Principal Erica Butler recognized the Josephine County Prevention Team. The School Outreach Officers from the Josephine County Prevention Team are true champions for our students. They address vital issues such as school attendance, substance use and abuse, and criminal behavior. Shawn Martinez, Robin Hausen, Ayden Snow, Josh Cox and Craig Owen were present at the meeting to accept the award.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Board Member Resignation – Zone I, Jenn Searle**
 - Board Chair Halsted announced Jenn Searle moved out of the district and had to resign from the board.
 - Member Reese made a motion to accept the resignation of Zone I Board Member Jenn Searle. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Election of Board Vice-Chair**
 - Board Chair Halsted stated that due to the departure of Board Vice-Chair Jenn Searle, a new vice-chair needs to be elected.
 - Member Reese nominated Member Johnstun for the Vice-Chair position. Board Chair Halsted seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Student Investment Account (SIA) Grant Agreement**
 - Director Durrant presented a slideshow on the Student Investment Account (SIA) grant which outlined:
 - The purpose of the Student Investment Account;
 - How the funds can be spent;
 - How Three Rivers allocated SIA funds ;
 - The longitudinal performance growth targets; and
 - Common and customized monitoring and evaluation framework.
 - Member Reese made a motion to approve the Student Investment Account grant agreement, accept the \$4.25 million and the targets developed by the District Leadership Team. Member Johnstun seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Early Literacy Grant Application**
 - Director Durrant stated that the purpose of the new Early Literacy Grant is to establish early literacy, which was identified as a top priority in 2023 by the Oregon Legislature. Director Durrant then reviewed the following in a slideshow presentation:
 - The four goals identified in the Early Literacy Success Initiative;
 - Funding for the 2023-2025 biennium
 - 2023-2024 = \$311,835.51
 - 2024-2025 = \$324,563.49
 - Categories the money can be used for;
 - Allocation of Three Rivers Early Literacy Funds
 - Member Johnstun made a motion to accept the Early Literacy grant application and submit to the Oregon Department of Education. Member Reese seconded the motion; There was some discussion. Board Chair Halsted called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Suggested Future Agenda Items:

- There were none.

Board Chair Halsted reviewed the timeline for the board member replacement. The information will be in the local newspapers and on the district website.

FUTURE MEETING DATES.

- Board Regular Session – Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the TRSD District Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Halsted adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.