

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2015**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session, Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the Lincoln Savage Middle School, 8551 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon. A full recording of the meeting is available on the District web page.

PRESENT

Danny York, Board Chair
Kate Dwyer, Board Vice Chair
Kara Olmo, Board Member
Paul Kelly, Board Member

David Holmes, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Director
Dave Valenzuela, Director
Lisa Cross, Recording Secretary

Administrators: Jamie Ongman/Illinois Valley High School Principal, Dennis Misner/North Valley High School Principal, David Regal/Evergreen Elementary School Principal, Scott Polen/Lorna Byrne Middle School Principal.

ABSENT

Ron Lengwin, Board Member
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Debbie Breckner, Director

CALL TO ORDER / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair York called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) "*Collective Bargaining.*"

Mr. York recessed Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:10 PM and Mr. York led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item 9.B.2-grant request. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE

Mr. Kelly volunteered at the Ft. Vannoy Jogathon and commended all that were involved. It was a great day with the addition of a unicycle, obstacle course and Halloween themed music. Ms. Olmo attended a couple of different Harvest Festivals at our schools and was impressed with the amount of effort put forth by teachers, administrators and volunteers as well as the large amount community donations. Ms. Dwyer was asked to speak at Illinois Valley Rotary, but was beat to it by Dave. It was a great opportunity to communicate with the community. Mr. York attended the College Dreams program at Hidden Valley. It was well attended and he appreciates the time and programs. It gets better every year. Director Valenzuela tipped his hat to Scott Polen and Lorna Byrne Middle School. They visited classrooms and saw really cool learning experiences for kids. Director Alderson congratulated Mr. Stone on the Veteran's Day assembly. It was a great way to connect with the community. Also, on the athletics side, Three Rivers School District is very well represented across the state.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Recognized Anne Urban, the new district librarian. She is getting into every school library and revitalizing for more modern libraries and easy access. A grant request was added on the Consent Agenda from Anne Urban asking for permission to write a grant to the Laura Bush Foundation which provides library materials to schools that have a greater than 85% free and reduced lunch rate.
- With a third of the year under our belt the Ending Fund Balance is up by \$30,000.
- The maintenance Department is down to the last 2-1/2 items on the top ten list of the facilities upgrade program that was approved by the Board last year. On track to be completed by the end of this calendar year.
- Chalk Board grant participants are at a conference right now. The teachers and administrators have met twice. The group is utilizing a \$30,000 grant to work to put together a collaboration grant that could potentially be worth \$1.4 million dollars over three years. Beginning in December there will be a representative from the committee updating the Board.
- Visited Sunny Wolf Charter School and was incredibly impressed. They are doing a phenomenal job in every class. The building was clean and it was a very pleasing experience.

ILLINOIS VALLEY AREA REPORT

- Evergreen Elementary principal David Regal reported on class size, the Lifeskills program, SMART program update which will target kinders, the SMILE program and Dibels. Mr. Regal also gave an update on the partnership with OSU for pre-kinder readiness.
- Lorna Byrne Middle School principal Scott Polen had a visual presentation and shared some pictures and gave an update on: *Homework Help House*, the art program, their music programs, the fifth grade move, GEAR-UP and other programs.
- Illinois Valley High School principal Jamie Ongman had a visual presentation and shared information about his building goals and how they are doing. This is an accreditation year for his school and he talked about the process. Mr. Ongman also reported on his plans for professional development for the rest of the year, a potential Pathways CTE grant, and various other activities.

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 – November 17, 2015
- Coaches – November 17, 2015
- Grant Requests
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings:
 - Board Work Session – November 3, 2015

Ms. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- John Chambers – shared information on a training he attended put on by the Oregon Health Authority working to change the culture with the *MORE* drug prevention program. A toolkit for schools will be coming out soon.
- Matthew Wilson, Woodland Charter School (WCS) parent – supports the Waldorf teaching methods but feels WCS has strayed from the course. Areas of concern: looping teachers, the religious nature of curriculum, and the regulating of parental involvement and the ways in which parental concerns are addressed (being the biggest concern).
- Robin Terranova, WCS Parent – followed up again regarding his concerns about religious teachings in the classroom and the way his concerns are being addressed.
- Robin Sue Terranova, WCS Parent – echoed concerns and issues expressed by her husband. Talked about tolerance and how the unresolved issues at WCS are affecting her family.
- Corbin Brashear, WCS Parent/volunteer – Has been thrilled to see how well the school is doing and feels her son is blossoming. She has concerns with some of the curriculum that has been

stated and wants to see that people's grievances do have a place to be addressed as she supports and loves the school.

- Wensdae Davis, Woodland Charter Council/Board President – She understands that there are parent concerns and advised how their board is addressing concerns that have been brought to them. She explained that due to the fact that they are a new school some of their systems and processes just aren't figured out yet. As board president, she is working to fix that. Ms. Davis explained the adjustments being made to the curriculum to address the concerns about religion.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Budget Calendar**
 - District Accountant Lisa Cross shared the budget process and proposed Budget Calendar. The process would start in April at a scheduled board work session and the second meeting to take place at the May work session. The board agreed to the meeting structure.
- **Update from Career and Guidance Counselors**
 - Superintendent Holmes introduced Career and Guidance Advocates Jessica Frerk from North Valley, Penny Wellbaum from Hidden Valley and Bruce Reece from Illinois Valley to provide the Board with an update to how things are going with the new positions created with the goal of increasing graduating rates at our high schools. They shared how they have been working with students to keep them successful and on track to graduate.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Preschool at Hidden Valley High School (ACTION)**
 - Superintendent Holmes requested the Board approve the development of a birth to age three child care facility within Hidden Valley High School. The facility will be operated by Michelle Gallagas with grant funds provided by the Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC).
 - There were some questions from the Board for the Executive Director and other members of OCDC that were present.
 - Ms. Olmo made a motion to approve the preschool program at Hidden Valley High School with OCDC. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- **'J' Policies (First Reading)**
 - A. JAA – Student Policy Objectives
 - B. JE – Attendance
 - C. JEA – Compulsory Attendance
 - D. JECC – Assignment of Students
 - E. JHCCA – Students-HIV, HBV and AIDS
 - F. JHCCB – Students-HIV, AIDS
 - G. JHCCF – Pediculosis (Head Lice)
 - Superintendent Holmes clarified that for policy JAA in the explanatory notes it references 'string schools' and he has no idea what is meant by 'string school.' He fully supports and believes in all eleven of the objectives.
 - Under policy JECC, in the last paragraph there is a sentence that reads "*Students transferring schools pursuant to the provisions of NCLBA will be provided with district transportation.*" That statement should be scratched as we are no longer being held accountable under NCLB standards.
 - Mr. Kelly mad a motion to approve policies: JAA, JE, JEA, JECC (as revised), JHCCA, JHCCB and JHCCF. Ms. Dwyer seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Olmo asked for discussion on what to be done at this point regarding Woodland Charter School, to make sure that the Board is working to follow up with the Woodland Charter Council. Mr. Holmes suggested it be put on the January calendar with a presentation by Dave Valenzuela and/or Wensdae Davis.
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FUTURE MEETING DATES

- December 1, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. *CANCELLED* – *Board Work Session*
- December 15, 2015 – 6:00 p.m. District Office – *Board Regular Session.*

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair York adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Danny York
Chairperson of the Board

David Holmes
Superintendent-Clerk