

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Board Retreat
June 10, 2026**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a board retreat Wednesday, June, 2026, at the District Office, 8550 New Hope Road, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon.

PRESENT

Pat Kelly, Board Chair
Mariah Rossi, Board Vice-Chair
Nancy Reese, Board Member
Cameron Camp, Board Member
Rick Nelson, Board Member

Dave Valenzuela, Superintendent
Casey Alderson, Deputy Superintendent
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director
Jessica Durrant, Director
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Rob Saunders, Director

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kelly called the retreat to order at: 9:25 AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD OPERATING AGREEMENT

Superintendent Valenzuela introduced the Board Operating Agreement that Vice-Chair Rossi and Secretary Knable refined for discussion. If the board wishes to move forward with this in the future it can become an action item. Vice-Chair Rossi believes this agreement could act as a guideline or job description for future new board members. Rick clarified this would not become a policy. There was discussion from the board about variances in state and federal law and adhering to both. The board discussed the chain of command and clarified that concerns brought to the board need to be forwarded to the Superintendent or referred to the complaint process. Chair Kelly would like to bring this agreement to a vote and any discussion during the September Board meeting.

ACADEMIC UPDATE

Director Durrant presented a slide deck and shared updated data to the board about reading goals that were previously presented during winter. She started by sharing beginning, middle, and end of the year Kindergarten reading goals and the percentage of students that met. Vice-Chair Rossi inquired if we do anything to help parents before their student enters Kindergarten. Director Durrant explained the resources parents are given at Kickoff to Kinder and the work Three Rivers does with Head Start to help students prepare for Kindergarten. There was discussion about Oregon standards and testing. Director Durrant encouraged the board to take the totality of the data into consideration when they read headlines about scores. She then shared First and Second grades reading goals and progress. Director Durrant then shared the same reading goals and progress for Middle School.

The Board took a break and reconvened at 10:39am

ASSIST EDUCATION TRAINING KYLE LAIER

Kyle Laier with Assist Education shared a slide presentation with the board. He explained school funding basics, tax levies, debt service, and GO Bonds. He shared information with the Board about school bonds in general, property taxes, assessed value vs market value. He shared the requirements a district needs to meet to put a bond on the ballot. Kyle shared about facilities and long term plan development for building improvement. The board inquired about what benchmarks a district should look for to place a bond on a ballot and how they could obtain good information through polling. He explained matching grants. Kyle shared some data around our engagement on social media and the increase we have seen over the past couple of years. He answered questions from the board about bonds, facilities, planning and community engagement.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:00 - 12:45.

APPLEGATE VALLEY VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Administrator Travis Osborne and Jessica Knable shared a slide presentation with the Board about Applegate Valley Virtual Academy (AVVA). They shared a recap of last school year 2025-2026 including financials, enrollment, academic overview, school structure, partnerships, and provided student and teacher feedback. They then shared goals for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE REPORT

Director Allen-Hart discussed student discipline with the board in general. She provided context around the state laws and policies that govern how students are disciplined. She explained the tiers that students can be identified into and how that can impact the amount of help they need. The board discussed the impact that student discipline can have on employees as well as other students. Director Allen-Hart is working on the state reporting with restraint and seclusion and will provide that data to the board in the future.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT STEPHANIE ALLEN-HART

Superintendent Valenzuela took a moment to thank and highlight Stephenie Allen-Hart. He provided some background on her many roles throughout Three Rivers over the years. She has been a Director in Three Rivers for 12 years and will be transitioning to a new role supporting AVVA. Director Allen-Hart was provided with flowers and the board thanked her for her service to the board and to the school district.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the retreat at 3:37 PM.