

**THREE RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
April 15, 2026**

Three Rivers School District Board of Directors met for a regular session Wednesday, April 16, 2026, at Southern Oregon Success Academy, 345 Merlin Road, Merlin, Josephine County, Oregon. The regular session was streamed online for the public and is currently available for viewing at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BkaOTRrUHs>

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
Rob Saunders, Director
Jessica Knable, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Jessica Durrant, Director
Stephanie Allen-Hart, Director

Administrators present: Damian Crowson, Mike Herzog, Brian Miller, Lindsey Namanny, Damian Crowson, Matthew Knight, Ron Donoho

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at: 3:31 PM and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to amend the agenda order to move the Student Spotlight to immediately after the agenda approval. Member Camp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

STUDENT GROUP SPOTLIGHT - MANZANITA LEADERSHIP

- Manzanita Elementary Student Leadership group presented to the Board and shared a slideshow:
 - They introduced themselves and shared the selection process to be a part of Leadership. They shared the school events they participate in and help organize. Their goals include helping make the school a better place to learn and grow, making school fun, and being good role models.

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.

Chair Kelly said that the Manzanita Leadership group gave him hope.

Member Camp shared an update on the Lorna Byrne reading goals. They are now up to 200,000 pages read.

Vice-Chair Rosse appreciated the SOSA Students from the Student Panel before the meeting.

Director Saunders gave a shout-out to the print shop. Jennifer and Tracy are doing an amazing job and processing a lot of printing orders with a short turnaround time.

Deputy Superintendent Alderson also shouted out the SOSA Student Panel participants. He appreciated their leadership and the valuable information they provide the Board and Staff.

Superintendent Valenzuela gave a shoutout to Stephen Winters, the Communications and Public Relations Coordinator. He shared a photo of Stephen with his awards, 2 of which were “Best in Oregon” awards he recently received the the State OSPRA Conference.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Valenzuela shared some updates about what is happening in our schools. State testing is happening throughout the district. He provided an update regarding Driver’s Ed from a previous further agenda item. We are working with RCC to try to establish a partnership to offer this in the future in our schools. He let the Board know of an upcoming field trip for 8th graders about the Civil War that will take place at the District Office. Superintendent Valenzuela also addressed some misinformation around Student Based Health Centers that he has heard throughout the community.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

- Deputy Superintendent Valenzuela recognized our food service vendor, Chartwells as the April 2026 Community Partner of the Month. Chartwells partners with the District to not only provide food for students but they assist with many other projects and events throughout the District. We are thankful for their willingness to help out.

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 – April 2026
- Athletic Coaches – April 2026
- Draft Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - March 11, 2026 – Board Regular Session
- Out of State Travel Requests (6)
- Member Camp made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0). Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

REPORTS – NO ACTION

- **Sunny Wolf Charter School Annual Report**
 - Sunny Wolf Charter School Administrator Ron Donoho shared a slide deck presentation and informed the Board about:
 - Demographics, Enrollment, and Classroom Size
 - Events and Learning Enrichment Opportunities
 - Sunny Wolf Staff and Partnerships
 - During the slide deck presentation, there was an interruption in streaming and casting. Ron Donoho answered questions from the board about state testing and academic progress.

- **6 - 12 Grade ELA Adoption Update**
 - Deputy Superintendent Alderson, Director Durrant (virtually) and Teachers Nic Kemper and Kareen Godfrey shared a slide deck with an update and progress about the ELA Adoption for grades 6 - 12. They spoke about how the curriculum relates and meets the state standards, feedback from the pilot teachers and students, and the curriculum sampling process. The curriculum is now available for review until the next meeting with the new curriculum will be up for vote. Member Nelson shared that he was able to review the curriculum and was impressed with the content.

- **Student Data Highlight**
 - Josephine County Outreach Officers and Josephine County Juvenile Justice shared a slide deck and spoke about the Outreach Program, how it started, how it was funded, and the mission of the program. They shared the type of support and prevention programs they offer students. They shared data from the Student Health Survey and how they use that data to help students. Vice-Chair Rossi inquired about the program outcomes, which they responded was down across all areas they measured.

- **Board Policies First Reading**
 - CPA - *Layoff and Recall of Administrators (Recommended)*
 - GBNAB/JHFE - *Suspected Abuse of a Child Reporting Requirements (Required)*
 - IGAC - *Teaching About Religion (DELETE)*
 - IGAC - *Religion and Schools (Replaces IGAC Teaching About Religion)*
 - IGBHE - *Expanded Program Options (Highly Recommended)*
 - IKFB - *Graduation Exercises (Optional - Recommended by Staff)*
 - JGA - *Corporal Punishment (Required)*
 - JFCJ - *Weapons in School (Required)*
 - KGF - *Authorized Use of District Equipment and Materials (Recommended)*
 - Vice-Chair Rossi requested a change to policy IGAC to include parents in the section that states students/staff.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Fourteen community members addressed the board:
 - Derek Hotchkiss from the North Valley Boosters spoke about what he feels students need to be successful and how the Health Center at North Valley ensures students are physically and mentally ready to compete. The Health Center provides a valuable service

to our students and to our coaches. He is supportive of the contract renewal of the Health Centers.

- Amanda Munoz is a coach at North Valley. She shared the benefits her athletes and students receive from the School Based Health Center. They are able to receive treatments with minimal instruction time missed.
- Lisa Lamb spoke and shared she is a mom, grandma, and former educator. She is concerned about having healthcare in schools and radical ideology. She would like to see more mental health support for students in schools.
- Steve Raycraft spoke about how he believes there is an Agenda being pressed on the District from the State of Oregon. He encouraged the Board to resist the state agenda.
- Marjorie Wilkie has grandchildren in our district and they have used the Health Centers and the clinics can do good, but she believes the state is bullying the schools with new regulations.
- Patrick Runey stated he believes the state is forcing their agenda to make students have birth control and gender affirming care. He spoke against the contract renewal.
- Terry Millard spoke about the proposed contract with Siskiyou and Three Rivers. She spoke about the differences between FERPA and HIPAA and the confidentiality associated with each.
- Oliva Herrera spoke and reminded the Board the questions that the Outreach Officers answered were from the Student Health survey. She spoke about the new requirements of the School Based Health Centers and read from the Oregon Health Authority requirements.
- Eric VanHouten the CEO of Siskiyou Health spoke about the mission and reason for School Based Health Centers. He shared the laws that they adhere to for their licensure.
- Judy Ahrens spoke about the job of an elected official and the funding that follows the School Based Health Centers.
- Neil Deforrest is an English Teacher and Football Coach at North Valley, he spoke about how he has been working with students and athletes for 25 years. He shared how much better it is for students to have access to health care quickly. He spoke about how many barriers the Health Centers remove for students.
- Arron Williams is the Athletic Secretary at North Valley. She spoke about the Health Center and all the work they have put into the concussion protocols for students and all the checkups they are able to do.
- Kathy Millard spoke and shared she believes the Health Clinics need to be shut down at the schools.
- Kirsten Gaskin, a parent at North Valley shared the barriers that the Health Center has removed, she had 3 students and they all have used these centers. She stated it is collaborative care and there is no hidden agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

● Planned Course Statements

- Deputy Superintendent Casey Alderson recommended the new course statement for Sports Statistics for Board approval. He gave an overview of the class and its relation to state standards. There were questions and discussion from the Board about the course.
- Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the planned course statement. Member Camp seconded the motion. There was further discussion among the Board; the motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly No, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Board Resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week May 4 - 8, 2026**
 - Vice-Chair Rossi read a Board Resolution proclaiming May 4 - 8, 2026 as Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Member Camp made a motion to approve the resolution. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Siskiyou Health - School Based Health Center Contract Approval**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela presented the contract between Three Rivers and Siskiyou Health for renewal to support the School Based Health Centers for approval. Chair Kelly made a motion to table the vote until the next Board meeting. Member Nelson stated that he believes tabling the vote will just create the same issues. He spoke about the state requirements. He shared his personal values and stated he would vote against the clinic based on his catholic/christian values. There was more discussion among the board members about wanting more information and time to hear from the community.
 - The Board voted on the motion to table the contract renewal until the next meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson no.

- **Resolution 25/26 (#06) - Approve Exception for Sole-Source Procurement**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela requested the board approve Resolution 25/26 06 requesting the Board approve exemptions for sole-source procurement of Schneider Electric Controllers for HVAC systems district wide.
 - Member Camp made a motion to approve resolution #04. Member Reese seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **North Valley Bleacher Project**
 - Superintendent Valenzuela requested the board approve the contract award to Vitus Construction for the North Valley High School Press Box and Bleachers construction project.
 - Member Reese made a motion to award the contract. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.

- **Board Policies – Second Reading:**
 - AC - *Nondiscrimination*
 - GBNAA/JHFF - *Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements*
 - GCAA - *Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators*
 - GCPC/GDPC - *Retirement of Staff*
 - GCQB - *Research*
 - JEA - *Compulsory Attendance*
 - JHFF/GBNAA - *Suspected Sexual Conduct with Students and Reporting Requirements*

- Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve all the policies as presented, but to pull GCAA for a separate vote and discussion. Member Nelson seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece yes, Member Nelson yes.
 - Vice-Chair Rossi presented suggested changes to policy GCAA, she wanted to replace the words citizenship and equitable. There was discussion among the board members about the use and meaning of these words as it relates to policy and that this verbiage is taken directly from the law for teachers licensure. Member Reese made a motion to approve the policy with Vice-Chair Rossi's suggested changes, there was no second the motion did not carry. There was further discussion among the members and then Vice-Chair Rossi made a motion to approve the policy as originally presented. Member Camp seconded the motion; the motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Votes by Board Members as follows; Chair Kelly yes, Vice-Chair Rossi yes, Member Camp yes, Member Reece abstains, Member Nelson yes.
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items:**
 - Vice Chair Rossi requested a report item added to every monthly agenda where the Superintendent addresses and discusses the items that were requested in the future agenda items from the previous meeting, whether or not they were resolved.
 - **Future Meeting Dates & Events:**
 - Wednesday, May 13, 2026 5:00pm Regular Session - District Office
 - Budget Committee Meeting 4:00pm
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2026 4:00pm Budget Committee Second Meeting (*If needed*)

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.