

THREE RIVERS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2018
MINUTES

TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: 41932 Sierra Drive
Three Rivers, CA 93271

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Winters called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. ESTABLISH QUORUM

BOARD MEMBERS

Present Sue Winters, President
Mark Frick, Trustee
Jason Hawes, Clerk
George Kulick, Trustee
Scott Sherwood, Trustee

STAFF Sue Sherwood, Superintendent
Jami Beck, Teacher
Katie Warner, Intervention Aide and Secretary to the Board
Linda Warner, Teacher

OTHER John Elliott, community member
Tom Warner, community member

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 11, 2018

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Hawes to approve the July 11, 2018, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention.

AYES: Trustees Hawes, Kulick Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Trustee Frick abstained.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Student Body Accounts

1. Motion to Approve Student Body Accounts / July 31, 2018

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Kulick and seconded by Trustee Frick to approve the Student Body Accounts, for the period ending July 31, 2018, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Frick, Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

B. Report on TRUS Community Recreation Program

1. Motion to Approve Financial Report

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Hawes to approve the TRUS Community Recreation Program Financial Report, for the period ending July 31, 2018, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Frick, Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

2. Update on Current Activities

Superintendent Sherwood reported there was no new information to report.

a. Discussion / Possible Motion Regarding Reduction of Quarterly \$500.00 Fee for Electrical Usage

Superintendent Sherwood suggested considering reducing the price charged for electrical usage because no lights on the upper field are being used by the rec committee - only the gym is currently being used. It was suggested that the fee be reduced to \$250.00 quarterly, or \$500.00 three times per year.

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Kulick and seconded by Trustee Hawes to reduce the quarterly fee for electrical usage for the

Recreation Committee from \$500.00 to \$250.00. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Frick, Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

b. Update on Upper Field Renovation

Superintendent Sherwood reported that the TRUS Foundation donated \$20,000.00 to get the upper field renovation started. The basketball and tennis courts were resurfaced and repainted. It had been decided that one tennis court would be kept and one removed. After discussion and reviewing the pros and cons, Superintendent Sherwood, Mr. Pena, and Buddy Jones decided it would be best not to remove the blacktop surface material on the open court side. Instead, they discussed the use of a rubber playground surfacing material instead. The surface material and equipment are currently being researched.

C. Report on TRUS Foundation / September 30 / Fiesta! / Tickets Available Soon

Tickets will be available next week. Posters are up around town and donation letters have been sent out.

D. Report on Eagle Booster Club

There was no information to report.

E. Update on November Bond Process

A bond committee met Monday to assign jobs, discuss strategies, and discuss the need for five signatures for the ballot's "pro" statement. The committee consists of Greg Isom, Rex Despain, Elenor Jeter, Mark Frick, Jason Hawes, Teri Hiltel, Jami Beck, Sue Sherwood, Edmund Pena.

F. Update on Enrollment and Staffing for 2018-2019

Superintendent Sherwood reported enrollment is down. The budget projected 135 students, and there are currently 127 students enrolled. A staffing change is discussed in items V.E.1 and V.E.2.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and Motion to Approve Consolidated Application, Part 1

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Hawes to approve the Consolidated Application, Part 1, as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Trustee Frick abstaining while he stepped out of the room for a professional phone call.

AYES: Trustees Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Trustee Frick.

B. Information Regarding Custodian Position of 16 Hours per Week

Three or four applicants have submitted paperwork and Superintendent Sherwood and Mr. Pena will meet with, and interview, the candidates.

C. Discussion Regarding Hiring of Long-Term Independent Study Teacher / Possible Motion to Approve

Superintendent Sherwood reported that she is exploring hiring a certificated teacher to work approximately two hours per week to facilitate Independent Study Contracts. Mrs. Sherwood will speak with the California Department of Education regarding the possibility of using Independent Study Contracts for two students living in Lodgepole who currently average about three days of school per week due to travel constraints and being able to collect funding for those days.

Superintendent Sherwood will continue to explore options.

D. Information Regarding Requests for Interdistrict Transfers / Possible Motion to Approve

1. Kindergarten - Emalyn Fankhauser - Requesting to Attend FJ White Learning Center in Woodlake

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Hawes and seconded by Trustee Kulick to approve the interdistrict transfer of kindergarten student Emalyn Fankhauser, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Frick, Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

2. Sixth Grade - Mason Diaz - Requesting to Attend Exeter - Parent is Employed by TCOE at Exeter School District - Renewal Request Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Frick and seconded by Trustee Sherwood to approve the interdistrict transfer of sixth grader Mason Diaz, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Frick, Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

E. Personnel

1. Review and Possible Motion to Accept a Letter of Resignation from Isaac Warner, Certificated Teacher

Mr. Warner submitted a letter of resignation to the Board. The letter of resignation was distributed by President Winters and read silently by all board members.

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Frick to accept the letter of resignation from Isaac Warner, Certificated Teacher, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Trustees Frick, Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

2. Discussion / Possible Motion Regarding Changes in Teaching Assignments in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

Superintendent Sherwood presented two options to fill the new teaching vacancy. The first option was to start the year with a substitute and look for a full-time teacher. This idea was briefly discussed and President Winters reported it is difficult to find teachers right now.

The second option presented was to combine fourth and fifth grade into one class with Ms. Himm and move Ms. Thorn to sixth grade.

Superintendent Sherwood reported she had not spoken with Ms. Himm or Ms. Thorn yet. Trustee Frick reported he had already received several phone calls from parents not in favor of the combo class. All board members spoke of having single-grade classrooms as their continued priority, however, the fourth had 11 students and the fifth had 10, making

a combination of 21 students. Both Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Beck said that they felt that these two classes would combine nicely as there are many friendships between the two. After considerable discussion, a motion was made.

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Kulick and seconded by Trustee Sherwood to approve the combination class of fourth and fifth grade for the 2018-2019 school year with a focus on prioritizing single-grade classrooms going forward. There was a consensus to hire a part-time aide for Ms. Himm's class. Motion passed with one nay vote.

AYES: Trustees Hawes, Kulick, Sherwood, and Winters.

NAYS: Trustee Frick.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

3. Discussion / Possible Motion Regarding Technology Coach Position

Superintendent Sherwood reported that Mr. Warner was the only staff member interested when the Technology Coach position was originally discussed among the staff. Superintendent Sherwood also reported that Mr. Warner volunteered to stay on and help with the transition at an hourly rate. Mrs. Sherwood told the board that in the meantime, teachers Liz Harrelson and Megan Thorn came to her to volunteer to share the position and get things going for the new year. Trustee Sherwood suggested that hiring a tech company for start-of-the-year technology tasks could also be considered.

F. Share Certificate of Compliance for Multi-Use Building Project

DSA sent a certificate stating the construction and alterations on the multi-use building were completed in accordance with the design documents and in compliance with California State Regulations not including electrical, mechanical, or plumbing regulations.

G. Discuss Schedule of Screening and Interviewing Superintendent Candidates

President Winters asked if the screening could be bumped from next Monday to this Friday. There was a consensus to have the list of candidates completed by Friday. Following the completion of the paper screening, a list of potential candidates would be established and the consultants would call candidates to set up interviews. It was agreed that interviews should be after school hours so

Trustees agreed to save August 16, 17, and potentially 18, if necessary, for interviews.

H. Miscellaneous Dates

1. August 14 / TRUS Staff Returns
2. August 16 / TRUS Students Return
3. August 23 / 8th Grade to Sequoia National Park
4. August 29 / Back to School Night / Meet at 6:30 in McDowall Auditorium / Classroom Presentations are 7:00-7:30 and 7:30-8:00
5. September 3 / Labor Day Holiday / No School

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the board on any item, or other item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board during the public comment period. The public may also address agenda items at the time they are taken up by the board. The board is not able to discuss or take action on any item not appearing on the agenda. A reasonable time limit can be imposed on public input for individuals issues as deemed necessary.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT / Next Board Meeting to be Held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Three Rivers School Library Located at 41932 Sierra Drive, Three Rivers, CA

President Winters adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.