

THREE RIVERS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 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 6:00 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
Katie St. Martin, Teacher
Katie Warner, Intervention Aide and Secretary to the Board

OTHER Community Members
Sarah Campe
John Elliott
David Karplus
Peter Mestaz
Jonny Nesmith
Anne Pfaff

List filed with Minutes.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 3, 2018 - Regular Board Meeting

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Kulick to approve the October 3, 2018, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously with Trustee Frick abstaining.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Trustee Frick

B. August 16, 2018 - Special Board Meeting

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Frick to approve the August 16, 2018, Special Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Motion to Approve Reports for Student Body Accounts

The wreath sale fundraiser and Taco Night, sponsored by River View Restaurant, were discussed.

1. Motion to Approve Accounts Reported for Period Ending October 31, 2018

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Frick to approve the Reports for Student Body Accounts, for the period ending October 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. Review Minutes

There were no minutes to review

2. Motion to Approve Financial Report for Period Ending October 31, 2018

Motion

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

3. Update on Current Activities

The last meeting was Monday night and Becky Griswold from Woodlake Parks and Recreation spoke regarding the Woodlake program and the possibility of playing Three Rivers recreational teams. Three Rivers has been invited to join the Woodlake league; however, Woodlake teams are unwilling at this time to travel to Three Rivers for events. Joining the team would mean that all practices and games would be in Woodlake. The Recreation Committee will have further conversations with Woodlake to explore possibilities for basketball.

The TRUS Recreation Committee will conduct a parent survey to Three Rivers families regarding their preferences for future teams: uniforms, travelling out of the area, formality / competitiveness, ages of children to be included.

Trustee Sherwood questioned why families chose the independent / Woodlake soccer league instead of the rec league. Community member Sarah Campe suggested the draw was for a slightly more formal and competitive league. Trustee Sherwood suggested there wasn't enough commitment at this time from parents for a more organized rec league.

Community member Peter Mestaz suggested the Rec Committee seek donors to help support the teams. Some discussion followed. The Board expressed their concern that school organizations not over tax our local businesses when it comes to donations.

Rec Committee member Jonny Nesmith suggested a program modification for next fall, and staying the course for the rest of this school year. Mr. Nesmith and Trustee Frick will work together for the rec basketball season.

C. Report on Eagle Booster Club / Halloween Carnival Report

Superintendent Sherwood reported EBC collected about \$15,000.00 at the Halloween Carnival; this does not include a few bills still to be paid. The haunted house was successful and there were mixed reviews on the new layout of the carnival.

D. Report on TRUS Foundation

Superintendent Sherwood reported there is a meeting next week to discuss how to spend the money raised at the Foundation Dinner. The dinner raised about \$25,000.00.

E. Update on Enrollment

1. Report CBEDS Numbers

Superintendent Sherwood reported the enrollment number for October 1, 2018, was 131 students.

2. Review Current Classroom Numbers

Upper grades currently have larger class sizes, which is not good for future enrollment numbers. Superintendent Sherwood reported home school and independent study options are being explored.

Community member David Karplus volunteered to research information on outreach for independent study / home school options for Three Rivers children who are currently being homeschooled through other programs.

F. Technology

1. Review Tech Coach Hours to Date

Hours were not available for review.

2. Update on Work in Progress / Work Completed

Superintendent Sherwood reported Ms. Thorn is putting a 20-device Chromebook cart together for teachers in grades K-3 to share. There is an

in-service scheduled for next week focusing on Google Classroom. Ms. Thorn has also scheduled maintenance for the poor Internet connection. Trustee Hawes asked about the hourly fee for the work to be done by the contracted worker for the Internet.

3. Report on TRUS Website

Ms. Harrelson has been updating the website and has included Agendas and Minutes from last year's Board Meetings. Other items will be added as time permits.

G. Stipends for Extra Duties

1. Discussion Regarding Information Handed Out at Last Meeting
Comparing Stipends from Other Schools

Superintendent Sherwood reported TRUS pays \$400.00 per sport coached and other schools pay between \$200.00 and \$300.00, or no pay at all. Trustee Sherwood questioned whether there was a difference in pay for hourly employees who coach during work hours versus certificated employees.

2. Possible Motion Regarding Stipends for the Following Positions:

a. Teacher of a Combination

President Winters does not support a stipend for teachers of a combination class because she does not want to set a precedent. Currently, the combination class size is under 25 students and the teacher has a part-time aide to support instruction and grading. There was a consensus to not initiate a stipend for the teacher of a combination class.

b. Coach

There was a consensus not to increase the stipend for coaching.

c. Student Council

Superintendent Sherwood reported the stipend for Student Council Advisor is currently \$1,500.00 per year. Comparative schools range from no stipend to \$800.00 per year.

There was a consensus to keep the Student Council stipend the same.

d. Yearbook Advisor

Superintendent Sherwood reported the stipend for Yearbook Advisor is currently \$400.00 per year. This includes about six to

eight weeks of development with students, plus year-long photography of activities. Comparative schools range in stipends from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00.

There was a consensus to keep the Yearbook Advisor stipend the same.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion to Set Date for December Organizational Meeting

Information:

The regular meeting date is December 5, 2018. The Organizational Meeting must be held in the 15-day period beginning on the first Friday in December. December 7, 2018, is the first Friday in December, so according to the legal timeframe, the December meeting date must be changed to December 12, 2018.

There was a consensus to move the December Organizational Meeting to December 12, 2018.

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Frick and seconded by Trustee Hawes to set the December Organizational Meeting for December 12, 2018, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

B. Facilities

1. Discussion of Election Results

Superintendent Sherwood reported Measure E passed, but the results have not been certified yet.

2. Report of Meeting with Mangini and School Works

A meeting took place on October 24, 2018, with the Office of Public Schools Construction (OPSC). \$1,033,000.00 of the approved \$2 million is available now for the original approved modernization project; \$220,000.00 has already been spent on the roof repair. At this point, \$800,000.00 will not be distributed to the school based on the District's change in financial hardship status and the passing of the bond. One option is to accept the \$1,033,000.00 and drop the originally submitted appeal. Then the district could move forward with the project in

spring of 2019, with construction potentially beginning this summer. Another option is to continue with the appeal process, which will take longer and winning the appeal is not guaranteed.

Another item to consider is whether or not to consider lease/leaseback or a hard bid for construction projects

A Special Board Meeting will be held on November 27, 2018, if necessary, to report on the proposed conference call with OPSC and School Works. The tone of the call should indicate the likely decision for the appeal. The board will come to a decision on the future of the appeal.

3. Update on Discussion from Previous Meeting Regarding Payment from Soccer League for Use of Lights and Field

a. Review / Discuss Current Facilities Policy - Included in Packet

Currently, there is no charge for use of the field. Rec sports charges \$10.00 per student for facility use fees. The light fees for rec sports were recently reduced from \$500.00 per quarter to \$250.00 per quarter.

Trustee Sherwood reported his findings of 17 lights running at approximately \$0.25 per hour, per bulb, or about \$4.00 to \$5.00 per hour total.

Trustee Sherwood suggested putting a policy in place for future use of the fields by organizations and activities.

b. Possible Motion Regarding Field Light Usage and/or Motion for Revision of Facility Use Policy

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Sherwood and seconded by Trustee Kulick to not retroactively charge for field and light usage, but establish a fee schedule for the future, as discussed. Motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

- C. Information Regarding Tulare County School Boards Conference at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia / Wednesday, November 14, 5:00-8:30 p.m. See Flyer in Packet. Members Attending will be Trustees Winters and Hawes, Superintendent Sherwood, and Guest Peter Mestaz.

Trustee Hawes reported he will be unable to attend due to previously scheduled trainings.

D. Budget Items

1. Motion to Approve Claims for Payment

Motion

A Motion was made by Trustee Hawes and seconded by Trustee Sherwood to approve the Claims for Payment, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

2. Motion to Approve Budget Revisions

No Budget Revisions.

E. Report on Local Priority Indicators / LCAP

The Local Priority Indicators for the LCAP are as follows: 1) Basic Conditions of the School, 2) Implementation of State Academic Standards, 3) Parent Engagement, 4) School Climate, and 5) Access to Broad Course of Study. All indicators are currently being met.

F. Miscellaneous Dates

1. 11/8, 11/9, and 11/13 Sue Gone / Jami in Charge
2. Nov. 1 - Nov. 30 / Classroom Box Tops Contest / The Class with the Highest Percentage of Box Tops per Student Wins a Pizza Party
3. **Nov. 12 / Veterans Day / No School**
4. **Nov. 14 / Fall Institute for Board Members / Wyndham Hotel / Visalia**
5. Nov. 14 / Auditors Here All Day
6. Nov. 16 / Grades 6-8 to TCOE Production of Aladdin Jr. at the L.J. Williams Theater in Visalia (Not Yet Confirmed)
7. **Nov. 19-23 / Thanksgiving Holiday Break / No School**
8. Nov. 26 / TRUS Site Council / 3:45
9. Nov. 26 - Dec. 14 / Student Council-Sponsored Canned Food Drive

10. Dec. 12 / TRUS Board Meeting / 6:00 / TRUS Library (Change of Date to Meet December Organizational Meeting Requirements / To Be Confirmed at This Meeting)

11. Dec. 19 - Jan. 4, 2019 / Winter Break / Return to School on Monday, January 7, 2019

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.

Members of the public expressed appreciation that the Minutes and Agendas were being posted on the website. There was also discussion regarding ways that the public could be more involved in the Board meetings. It was suggested that paperwork and packets be made available to the public at the meeting and online as well as other options. Members of the public were reminded that they can come in the school office anytime to view the board minutes, agendas and packet contents as appropriate.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held in the TRUS School Library, and will be held on December 12, 2018, to meet the timeline required for the Annual Organization Meeting. President Winters adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Susan P. Sherwood, Superintendent

Jason Hawes, Clerk

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