

Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session
Monday, May 5, 2025

Approved Minutes

The Work Session of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Erin Nowak at 6:00 PM.

Present: Amanda Allen, Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Erin Nowak, Melissa Patch

Absent: Nichole Cover, Ross Daniels

Administration Present: Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Jen Graber, Justin Holbrook, Brian Leonard, Mandi Zaborowski

Pledge of Allegiance: President Nowak led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Nowak, Patch
Absent: Cover, Daniels

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

Discussions/
Presentations:

Middle School Roof Replacement Bid Recommendation

Chris Mankowski of Plante Moran Realpoint, presented the Board with an overview of the RFP process for the Middle School Roof Replacement bid as well as their award recommendation. Board comments and questions were received.

Series III Bond Sale

Superintendent Nash provided the Board with an overview of the recent sale of Series III Bonds provided by Baker Tilly. The District received an A rating and the 2025 Bonds also received a bond rating of AA for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program which aided the District in a successful sale. Board comments and questions were received.

Link Learning - TRCS/Berrien Springs Partnership Update

Superintendent Nash updated the Board on the District's ongoing Link Learning partnership with Berrien Springs. The program has been successful in providing students with an alternative means to receive their education versus the traditional classroom setting. Board comments and questions were received.

ISD Center Based Program

Superintendent Nash reported on the potential to partner with the ISD on an upcoming program which will be run by the ISD, but housed by TRCS. More information will be provided at a later date once more discussion has been had.

2025 - 2026 Handbooks (First Read)

Superintendent Nash provided a brief overview of changes to the 2025-2026 PK-12 Student Handbook, Three Rivers Partnership Handbook and Athletics Handbook for the Board's first reading. All of the new handbooks used the annual legal template by Neola and are more aligned to Board Policy. Board questions and comments followed.

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Bid Approval - Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the
Middle School Roof recommendation of the responsive bid as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0,
Replacement:: President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Nowak, Patch
Absent: Cover, Daniels

Board Calendar: President Nowak reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

Board Comment: Board comment was offered and received.

Adjournment: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Allen, to adjourn the meeting.
After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved
unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Nowak, Patch
Absent: Cover, Daniels

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cover, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary