Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session
Monday, February 2, 2026

~~Approved Minutes~~

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

Present:	Amanda Allen, Linda Baker, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Elizabeth Ogreen, Melissa Patch
Absent:	Julia Awe
Administration Present:	Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Carrie Balk, George Siedis, David Soderquist
Pledge of Allegiance:	President Nowak led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of the Agenda:	Motion by Member Daniels, with support from Member Patch, to approve the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Awe
Public Comment:	Public Comment was offered.

Discussions/ Presentations:

Hoppin Elementary Out of State Field Trip Request

David Soderquist, Principal of Hoppin Elementary, provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Hoppin Elementary Kindergarten out of state trip to Bendix Woods County Park which is up for approval this evening.

Food Services Department Update

George Seidis, Child Nutrition Director, provided the Board with an update on the Food Services Department, including grants received for the purchase of new equipment, departmental highlights and goals for the future. Board comments and questions were received.

Facilities & Operations Department Update

Brian Leonard, Director of Facilities & Operations, provided the Board with an update on his department; this included Bond work, transportation and the usage of the FMX system to track facilities and maintenance requests throughout the District. Board comments and questions were received.

Technology Department Update

John Londono, Director of Technology, provided the Board with an update of his department which included the primary focus of the department which are to empower students with opportunities to explore, innovate, and lead through Technology, and building a robust, secure, and scalable technology infrastructure that ensures data integrity, fosters seamless learning, and prioritizes the safety of all stakeholders in K-12 education. Board comments and questions were received.

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Curriculum Committee

Carrie Balk, TRHS Principal, provided the Board with an overview of the proposed change to Three Rivers High School Diploma Options. The proposed change involves transitioning from a credit-based diploma type to a GPA-based honors recognition

system, effective with the Class of 2030. Since this is an internal change to the District's Administrative Guideline, no approval is necessary.

The proposed system replaces credit-based distinction with GPA-based honors recognition: All students will receive a diploma provided they have met the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements or the credit plan specified in their signed and documented Personal Curriculum, which is submitted to the State of Michigan. Honors designations will be awarded based on Grade Point Average (GPA) standing at the conclusion of Semester 1 of senior year.

This approach measures academic excellence through consistent performance across all coursework, providing a more accurate reflection of student effort and achievement regardless of how their curriculum was structured. Board comments and questions were received.

Hoppin Elementary Out of State Field Trip:	Motion by Member Baker, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Hoppin Kindergarten trip to Bendix Woods County Park, New Carlisle, IN as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Awe
Board Calendar:	President Nowak reviewed upcoming events with the Board.
Board Comment:	Board comment was offered and received.
Adjournment:	Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Daniels, to adjourn the meeting. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Awe The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary