Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026

Approved Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Erin Nowak at 6:01 PM.

Present:	Amanda Allen, Linda Baker, Erin Nowak, Elizabeth Ogreen, Melissa Patch
Absent:	Julia Awe, Ross Daniels
Administration Present:	Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock, Lisa Laskarides, Greg Rutten, Julie Vaughn, Anthony Wolbert
Pledge of Allegiance:	President Nowak led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of the Agenda:	Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Allen, to approve the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Awe, Daniels
Public Comment:	Public Comment was offered.
Discussions/ Presentations:	**TRMS Band Out of State Field Trip** Cheryl Thomas, Director of Bands, provided the Board with an overview of the TRMS 7th & 8th Grade Band out of state field trip request to the Conn-Selmer Factory in Elkhart, Indiana to see how band instruments are manufactured. Board comments and questions were received. **2025-2026 Budget Amendment** Mandi Zaborowski, Director of Finance & Business, provided the Board with a review of the 2025-2026 Budget Amendment. Board comments and questions were received. **2026 MASB Board of Directors Election** Nikki Nash, Superintendent, reviewed the Region 6 candidates for the 2026 MASB Board of Directors. The Board must select one (1) candidate from Region 6 to represent our District for a three (3) year term. After discussion the Board will vote on their candidate of choice and the Board's Recording Secretary will cast the vote on behalf of the Board electronically.
TRMS Band Out of State Field Trip:	Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Allen, to approve the TRMS Band Out of State Field Trip as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Awe, Daniels
2025-2026 Budget Amendment:	Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Allen, to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Amendment as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Awe, Daniels
2026 MASB Board of Directors Election:	Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Allen, to approve the selection of Elizabeth O'Dell as the candidate of choice for Three Rivers Community Schools in the 2026 MASB Board of Directors Election. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak

declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

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

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. Approval of the January 19, 2026 Organizational Meeting Minutes and February 2, 2026 Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for January 2026.
3. Approval of the January 1 - January 31, 2026 Accounts Payable Check Register totaling $2,043,051.17.
4. Approval of the Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling $1,040,418.22.
5. Leave Requests: It is recommended that the Board approve the three (3) non-FMLA leaves as requested by staff.

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 Allen, to adjourn the meeting. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary