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

~~Approved Minutes~~

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

Present:	Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Elizabeth Ogreen, Melissa Patch
Absent:	Amanda Allen
Administration Present:	Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Katherine Garfield, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Kerrie Bass, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock, Greg Rutten, David Soderquist, Matt Stofer, Julie Vaughn, Anthony Wolbert
Pledge of Allegiance:	President Nowak led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of the Agenda:	President Nowak requested that the Agenda be amended to include a storm update as Discussion Item G. Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the agenda as amended. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Allen
Public Comment:	Public Comment was offered.

Discussions/ Presentations:

Winter Sports Recognition

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments during the Winter Sports Season - **SEE LAST PAGE FOR NAMES**

March Budget Update

Mandi Zaborowski, Director of Finance & Business, provided the Board with a review of the budget as of March 2026. Board comments and questions were received..

Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update

Nikki Nash, Superintendent, and members of the Administrative Team, provided the Board with an update of the progress of the Strategic Plan Focus Areas for each of the plan's six strategic priorities which were identified after the Administrative Team took a deeper dive into the plan in 2023. Board comments and questions were received.

Barrows Sale Recap

Superintendent Nash and the Board reviewed the pros and cons of the options for the sale of the Henry P. Barrows building which were presented to the Board at the March 2, 2026 meeting. The District is no longer using the Henry P. Barrows Building due to considerable deterioration caused by age as well as costs for upkeep and maintenance. The Board will vote this evening on which option they wish to move forward with for the sale.

Norton Elementary Plan for 2026-2027

Superintendent Nash presented the Board with the transition plan for our current Norton Elementary 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-grade sections to Park Elementary School for the 2026-2027 academic year. This shift is being made to continue District financial stability due to declining enrollment being seen locally, county-wide and at state-level. Board comments and questions were received.

27l Educator Compensation

Superintendent Nash provided the Board with an overview of the State funding available under State School Aid Act Section 27l, MCL 388.1627l ("section 27l") which allocates one-time funding to districts to increase educator compensation. This allocation will be distributed as a one-time payment to qualifying employees and Bargaining Unit members. Board comments and questions were received.

Storm Update

Superintendent Nash provided the Board with an update on the damage and plans for repair on the District's buildings which received damage by the tornado that impacted Three Rivers on Friday, March 6, 2025. Board comments and questions were received.

Barrows Sale: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the sale of the Henry P. Barrows building through a Real Estate Broker as discussed. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Norton Elementary Plan: Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Norton Elementary Plan for 2026-2027 as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

27l Educator Compensation: Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Ogreen, to approve the 27l Letter of Recommendation with bargaining groups as presented. After a roll call vote, 4-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch
Absent: Allen
Abstained: Awe, Daniels (Spouses are educators at TRCS)

Consent Agenda: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. Approval of the February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 2, 2026 Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for February 2026.
3. Approval of the February 1 - February 28, 2026 Accounts Payable Check Register totaling $1,277,161.17.
4. Approval of the Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling $295,070.31.

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

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Board Comment:	Board comment was offered and received.
Adjournment:	Motion by Member Awe, 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: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Allen The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary

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WINTER SPORTS RECOGNITION

<u>VARSITY GIRLS BOWLING:</u> Wolverine Conference Champions, MHSAA D-2 Regional Champions, MHSAA D-2 Team State Qualifier

Stefi Alexander	Brynn Copenhaver	Maddi Fleckenstein
Lillie Kerr Individual State Qualifier	Jayna Larson Individual Regional Champion, Individual State Qualifier, Individual State Runner-up	Lexie Page

<u>VARSITY BOYS BOWLING:</u> Wolverine Conference Champions, MHSAA D-2 Regional Champions, MHSAA D-2 Quarterfinalist

Nick Allen	Lennox Cunningham	Malachi Graves	Ashton Lahman
Trevor Sanders	JT Wilds	Tyce Wilds	Mason Wolfe

<u>VARSITY WRESTLING:</u> Wolverine Conference Champions, MHSAA D-2 District Champions, MHSAA D-2 Regional Champions, MHSAA D-2 State Semifinalist

Joe Anglemeyer	Breckon Morrill
Gaven Babcock	Brody Morrill (Individual State Qualifier)
Collin Balk	Brayden Niemi
Bianca Beltran	Jackson Palmer
Connor Bleything	Mason Santos
Lincoln Burkey	Jaxon Smith (Individual State Qualifier, D-2 All-State)
Elijah Castillo	Louis Smith (Individual State Qualifier, D-2 All-State, Individual State Champion)
Josiah Dear	Kyler Snellenbarger (Individual State Qualifier)
Stella Eachen (Individual State Qualifier)	Dontrel Taylor
Braylon Faile (Individual State Qualifier, D-2 All-State)	Jocelyn Vergauwen
Evan Harper	Drew Webster
Carter Hensley (Individual State Qualifier)	Mackenna Webster (Individual State Qualifier, D-2 All-State, Individual State Champion)
Anthony Hilton	Caiden Westcomb
Landon Hoffmaster	Jonathan Wilds
Noah Howes	Brandon Wright
Xander Kenyon	Lily Zonyk
Jak Monroe (Individual State Qualifier, D-2 All-State)	
Ethan Moreland (Individual State Qualifier, D-2 All-State)	
Owen Moreland (Individual State Qualifier)	