Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session
Monday, June 1, 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, Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Erin Nowak, Elizabeth Ogreen, Melissa Patch
Absent:	Ross Daniels
Administration Present:	Nikki Nash, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Carrie Balk, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock, Lisa Laskarides, Greg Rutten, David Soderquist, Julie Vaughn, Anthony Wolbert
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, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Daniels
Public Comment:	Public Comment was offered.
Discussion/ Presentation:	**School Improvement Goals and Building Highlights** Carrie Balk - Principal and Julie Vaughn - Assistant Principal,, TRHS, Jason Bingaman - Principal, TRMS, Greg Rutten - Principal, Andrews Elementary, Dave Soderquist - Principal, Hoppin Elementary, Lisa Laskarides - Interim Principal, Norton Elementary and Amanda Fahnestock - Principal, Park Elementary provided the Board with building level updates on school improvement goals as well as building highlights for each of their respective buildings. Board comments and questions were received and answered. **2026 - 2027 Handbooks (Second Read)** Superintendent Nash informed the Board that no changes to the 2026-2027 PK-12 Student Handbook, Three Rivers Partnership Handbook and Athletics Handbook needed to be made since the Board's first reading. All of the new handbooks used the annual legal template by Neola and are aligned with Board Policy. **Superintendent Report: Link Learning Update** Superintendent Nash updated the Board on the renewed partnership with Link Learning to provide alternative education options for students who would benefit outside of the traditional school setting. The program is still being drafted and more information should be available in the fall. Board comments and questions were received.
Student Handbooks:	Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the 2026-27 PK - 12 Student Handbook, TR Partnership Handbook and Athletics Handbook as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Daniels

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SEIU Local 517M Paraprofessional Bargaining Agreement:	Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the Three Rivers Community Schools & SEIU Local 517M Paraprofessional Bargaining Agreement as provided. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: 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 Patch, to adjourn the meeting. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Nowak, Ogreen, Patch Absent: Daniels The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary