

Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session & Regular Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2025

Approved Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by President Nowak at 6:00 PM.

Present: Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Elizabeth Ogreen

Absent: Amanda Allen, Melissa Patch

Administration Present: Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Justin Holbrook, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Carrie Balk, Kerrie Bass, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock, Lisa Laskarides, Greg Rutten, Dave Soderquist, Matt Stofer, 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 Daniels, to approve the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen

Absent: Allen, Patch

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

Tenure Recognition

Superintendent Nash recognized Monica Wilds for completing her tenure with TRCS on behalf of the District and Board.

Fall Sports Recognition

Matt Stofer, Athletics Director, and the Coaches recognized the following students for their accomplishments during the 2025 Fall Sports Season:

VARSITY BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY: Charlie Brauer, Trey Hall, Eli Harris, Reece Howes, David Kore, Max Wolgast, Jonah Zietlow (MHSAA Division II State Qualifiers (4th time in 5 years); 11th place at State Finals (out of 27 schools), Regional Runner-up, 2nd place Wolverine Conference)

VARSITY GIRLS GOLF: Elizabeth Oestrike Division III State Qualifier

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Miley Southland Division II 2nd Team All-State

Marching Band Recognition

Cheryl Thomas, Director of Bands, recognized members of the Wildcat Marching Band for their accomplishments during the 2025 Fall Season. (Student Names on the last page)

Bond Update

Chris Mankowski of Plante Moran Realpoint, provided the Board with Bond Series II financials and project updates, as well as a look ahead to Series III projects and proposed timing. Board comments and questions were received.

RFP Recommendations - TRHS Media Center & TRHS Chiller

Chris Mankowski of Plante Moran Realpoint, provided the Board with an overview of the RFP process and the recommended bids for the new High School Media Center and Chiller which are up for approval this evening. Board questions and comments followed.

TRMS Out of State Field Trips

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Jason Bingaman, Principal of Three Rivers Middle School, provided the Board with an overview of the proposed August 2026 6th grade field trip to Chicago, IL and the Spring 2027 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C. through World Strides. World Strides provides an all-inclusive experience, including chaperones, and affords parents different financial options such as scholarships and payment plans so no student is left out. Both trips are up for approval this evening so that planning can begin. Board questions and comments followed.

December Budget Report

Mandi Zaborowski, Director of Finance & Business, provided the Board with a review of the budget as of December 2025. Board comments and questions were received.

Section 31aa Update

Superintendent Nash provided the Board with the latest update on the status of the 31aa Legislation which is still weaving its way through the court system. Board comments and questions were received.

Bus Purchase Recommendation

Superintendent Nash provided the Board with an overview of the proposed cost to purchase two (2) used buses to replace current end of life vehicles. Board comments and questions were received.

Bid Approval -
TRHS Media
Center:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the recommendation of the responsive bid as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Bid Approval -
TRHS Chiller

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the recommendation of the responsive bid as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

August 2026
TRMS 6th Grade
Chicago Trip:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the August 2026 TRMS 6th Grade Chicago trip as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Spring 2027
TRMS 8th Grade
Washington D.C.
Trip:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Spring 2027 TRMS 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Bus Purchase
Recommendation:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the purchase of two (2) used buses as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

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

Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen

Absent: Allen, Patch

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. Approval of the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the November 24, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for November 2025.
3. Approval of the November 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025 Accounts Payable Check Register totaling \$1,723,699.00.
4. Approval of the Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling \$147,365.70.

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

Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen

Absent: Allen, Patch

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary

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2025-2026 Three Rivers Wildcat Marching Band

Drum Major

Seth Meudt
Annika Carter

Flute

Emma Kane
Natalie Moore
Abbygail Schrock
Alyssa Jimenez
Nora Talukder
Zee Evans
Fiona Smallcombe
Amari Leake
Maddisen Fleckenstein
Riley Kerr

Clarinet

Makenzie Rennie
Sammy Modaff
Sophia Phillips
Helen Talbot
Elijah Hale
Kalee Burdick

Alto Saxophone

Leo Talbot
Jacob Davidhizar
Chaz Tessim
Sonya Panter
Kennedy Ross

Horn

Paiton Kirlin
Seryph Holdsworth
Emma Sealy

Trumpet

Elizabeth Cabrera-Lopez
Addison Ludwig
McKenna Rydman-Sparkin
KC Little
Carson Palmer
Luke Dean
Brody Wilson

Trombone

Ashton Baker
Henry Bobell
Maelyn Grosskunze
Liam Hayes
Daniel Brennan
Olivia Kerr
Brady Stratton
Davin Caceres-Smith
Braxton Garcia

Tenor Saxophone

Dani Edwards
Sophia Hussey
Saniya Pigue-Davis

Bari Saxophone

Theodore Barrone

Baritone

Angeleena Ham
Saniece Pigue-Davis

Tuba

Nathan Loach
Mason Carter

Percussion

Mia Thomas
Eve Treat
Nick Karabetsos
Miles Montcalm
Lundyn Driskel
Gabby Kilbourn
Caylee Walton
Lily Blakley
Alexander Anderson
Matthew Ballard
Harper James
Hezekiah Rego
Aida Shreve
Lucia Mellado
Megan Kilbourn
Dylan Shirk
Lizzy Kangas

Color Guard

Aaron Fletcher-Capt.
Madison Mullin
Daisey Jors
Shaley Schnepf
Aaliyah Schoetzow
Regan McGowan
Ciel Rennie
Sarah Austin
Chloe Walton
Lily Austin
Amelia Holtz
Gracelynn Maurer