

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.

Presentation/  
Discussion: **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**

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:	<p>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.</p> <p>Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen Absent: Allen, Patch</p>
Bid Approval - TRHS Chiller	<p>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.</p> <p>Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen Absent: Allen, Patch</p>
August 2026 TRMS 6th Grade Chicago Trip:	<p>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.</p> <p>Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen Absent: Allen, Patch</p>
Spring 2027 TRMS 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip:	<p>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.</p> <p>Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen Absent: Allen, Patch</p>
Bus Purchase Recommendation:	<p>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.</p> <p>Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Ogreen Absent: Allen, Patch</p>

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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,

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Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

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Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary

**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 Tessin  
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