Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session
Monday, October 5, 2026

Proposed Minutes

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

Present:	Amanda Allen (in at 6:05 pm), Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Melissa Patch
Absent:	Elizabeth Ogreen
Administration Present:	Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Justin Holbrook, Carrie Balk, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock, Amy Lockwood, Lauren McDonald, 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:	Vice President Baker proposed an amendment to the Agenda to include a review of the MASB Amendments to Resolutions for the 2026 Delegate Assembly as ITEM 6.f. Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the amended agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously. Yea: Awe, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Patch Absent: Allen, Ogreen
Public Comment:	Public Comment was offered.
Discussion/ Presentation:	**ML Student Recognition** Lauren McDonald, ML Coordinator & Amy Lockwood, ML Specialist, recognized the following students for achieving English language proficiency on the WIDA ACCESS assessment and successfully exiting Multilingual Learner services: Mariangeli Crespo Muñiz, Tajwinder Singh, Danna Zavala Discua, Bibhor Samadi and Christian Duarte Gonzalez. **National Principal's Month** Superintendent Nikki Nash and Board President Erin Nowak recognized the District's Principals and Assistant Principals for National Principals Month and presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the full Board. Principals present were: Greg Rutten, Principal - Andrews Elementary; David Soderquist, Principal - Hoppin Elementary; Amanda Fahnestock, Principal - Park Elementary; Jason Bingaman, Principal - TRMS; Anthony Wolbert, Assistant Principal - TRMS; Carrie Balk, Principal - TRHS; Julie Vaughn, Assistant Principal - TRHS. **Bond Update/Plante Moran RealPoint 2027 Engagement Letter** Chris Mankowski and Doug Phillips of Plante Moran Realpoint, provided the Board with Bond Series III financials and project updates, as well as a look ahead to the remaining projects and proposed timing, a snapshot of overall Bond financials and a look ahead at possible future Bond opportunities. They also reviewed the proposed valuation and engagement letter for continued services throughout 2027. Board comments and questions were received and answered.

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Fall Building Updates

Carrie Balk - Principal, TRHS, Jason Bingaman - Principal, TRMS, Greg Rutten - Principal, Andrews Elementary, Dave Soderquist - Principal, Hoppin Elementary, and Amanda Fahnestock - Principal, Park Elementary provided the Board with building level updates for each of their respective buildings. Board comments and questions were received and answered.

MASB Amendments to Resolutions for the 2026 Delegate Assembly

Board Vice President Linda Baker reviewed the MASB amendments to resolutions which will be up for a vote at the 2026 Legislation Delegation on October 15, 2026 which she and Trustee Daniels will be attending on behalf of Three Rivers Community Schools. Board comments and questions were received.

Plante Moran RealPoint 2027 Engagement Letter: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to approve the engagement letter to continue owner agent representation with Plante Moran RealPoint as presented for the oversight of the Bond projects in 2027. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Patch, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary