

Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2025

Approved Minutes

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

Present: Amanda Allen, Julia Awe, Linda Baker (arrived 6:03), Nichole Cover, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Melissa Patch

Absent: None

Administration Present: Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Jen Graber, Justin Holbrook, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Carrie Balk, Kerrie Bass, Julie Bentley, Katherine Blakley, Amanda Fahnestock, David Soderquist, Matt Stofer, Anthony Wolbert, Nick VanDenBrink

Pledge of Allegiance: President Nowak led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Member Cover, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Cover, Daniels, Nowak, Patch

Absent: Baker (arrived at 6:03)

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered and received.

Discussions/
Presentations: **Performing Arts Center Bid Recommendation**

Chris Mankowski of Plante Moran Realpoint and David Taylor of Skillman, presented the Board with an overview of the RFP process for the Performing Arts Center upgrades as well as their award recommendation. Board comments and questions were received

March Budget Update

Mandi Zaborowski, Director of Finance & Business, provided the Board with a review of the budget as of March 2025. 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.

Bid Approval: Motion by Member Cover, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Performing Arts recommendation of the responsive bid as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, Center: President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Cover, Daniels, Nowak, Patch

Absent: None

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating: Motion by Member Daniels, with support from Member Cover, to approve the resolution as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Cover, Daniels, Nowak, Patch

Absent: None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Member Daniels, with support from Member Cover, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Cover, Daniels, Nowak, Patch

Absent: None

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. Approval of the February 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 3, 2025 Work Session minutes.
2. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for February 2025.
3. Approval of the February 1 - 28, 2025 Accounts Payable Check Register totaling \$1,481,093.50
4. Approval of the February 2025 Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling \$685,530.11.

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

Board Comment: Board comment was offered and received.

Adjournment: Motion by Member Cover, with support from Member Daniels, to adjourn the meeting. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Awe, Baker, Cover, Daniels, Nowak, Patch

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cover, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary