Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, April 21, 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, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Melissa Patch

Absent: Nichole Cover

Administration Present:

Melissa Frye, Jen Graber, Justin Holbrook, Brian Leonard, Mandi Zaborowski, Carrie Balk, Kerrie Bass, Kelly Bennett, Julie Bentley, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock,

Greg Rutten, David Soderquist, Anthony Wolbert, Nick VanDenBrink

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 accept the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved

unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

Discussions/

Winter Sports Recognition

Presentations:

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments during the Winter

Sports Season:

GIRLS BOWLING - Wolverine Conference Champs, Regional Champs, MHSAA Quarterfinals

Estefani Alexander, Kaylee Ellis, Lillie Kerr, Jayna Larson, Tayler Mohney, Lexie Page, Laighnee Roll-Pike

BOYS BOWLING - Regional Champs, MHSAA Semifinals

Nicholas Allen, Lennox Cunningham, Theo Herrmann, Lucan Hoercher, Harper James, Ashton Lahman, JT Wilds

WRESTLING - Conference Champs, District Champs, Regional Champs, MHSAA Semifinals

Joseph Anglemeyer, Gaven Babcock, Braylon Faile, Evan Harper, Landon Hoffmaster, Noah Howes, Ayden Keller, Jak Monroe, Ethan Moreland, Landon Moreland, Brody Morril, Jackson Palmer, Sam Reynolds, Mason Santos, Jaxon Smith, Louis Smith, Kyler Snellenbarger, Oliver Wygant

Athletics Sitework Bid Recommendation

Chris Mankowski of Plante Moran Realpoint, presented the Board with an overview of the RFP process for the Athletics Sitework bid as well as their award recommendation. Board comments and questions were received

Out of State Field Trip

David Soderquist, Principal of Hoppin Elementary, provided an overview of the proposed 3rd grade trip to Four Winds Stadium in South Bend, IN on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

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April Budget Update

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

District Drinking Water Quality Report

Brian Leonard, Director of Facilities & Operations, provided the Board with an overview of the Drinking Water Lead Testing Program, which is a federal grant program administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). By volunteering for this program, the drinking water and food preparation taps in the District buildings were tested for lead and the appropriate steps have been taken to reduce the risk of lead exposure in the drinking water. He also provided a summary of the results of all buildings and the District's mitigation of detected hotspots. Board comments and questions were received.

Policy Update - Second Reading:

The Board was presented with the Second Reading of the following Policies:

- po0131.1 BYLAWS AND POLICIES (Revised)
- po2340 FIELD AND OTHER DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRIPS (Revised)
- po5320 IMMUNIZATION (Revised)
- po5330 USE OF MEDICATIONS (Revised)
- po5330.01 EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS (Revised)
- po5350 STUDENT HEALTH, WELL-BEING, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION (Revised)
- po5460 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (Revised)
- po8320 PERSONNEL FILES (Revised)
- po8500 FOOD SERVICES (Revised)
- po8510 WELLNESS (Revised)
- po8640 -TRANSPORTATION FOR FIELD AND OTHER DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRIPS (Rescind)

Policy Adoption:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to accept the updated policies as presented in the Second Reading. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

Bid Approval - Athletics Sitework:

Motion by Member Daniels, with support from Member Patch, to approve the recommendation of the responsive bid as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

Out of State Field Trip:

Motion by Member Patch, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Hoppin 3rd Grade Class trip to Four Winds Stadium in South Bend, IN as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

Consent Agenda: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Consent

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Agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- 1. Approval of the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the April 7, 2025 Work Session minutes.
- 2. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for March 2025.
- 3. Approval of the March 1 31, 2025 Accounts Payable Check Register totaling \$1,972,865.80.
- 4. Approval of the March 2025 Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling \$209,719.78.

Closed Session:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to move into Closed Session as permitted under section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act for Student Discipline. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

Student Discipline:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, for the expulsion of student 61674 for 180 school days with possible reinstatement that may be requested after 150 school days provided the conditions of the return are met. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

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, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved

unanimously.

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

Absent: Cover

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cover, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary