Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, May 19, 2025

Approved Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice President Linda Baker at 6:00 PM.

Present: Amanda Allen, Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Nichole Cover, Ross Daniels, Melissa Patch

Absent: Erin Nowak

Administration

Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Jen Graber, Justin Holbrook, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Kerrie Bass, Julie Bentley, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock,

David Soderquist, Anthony Wolbert, Nick VanDenBrink

Pledge of Allegiance:

Agenda:

Present:

Vice President Baker led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Cover, to accept the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as

approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

Discussions/
Presentations:

St. Joseph County ISD 2025-2026 Budget

Teresa Belote, ISD Superintendent, reviewed the St. Joseph County ISD 2025-2026 General Fund Budget which will need approval this evening. The Board will have the opportunity to approve or oppose the budget through a resolution which will be

provided to the SJCISD. Board comments and questions were received.

St. Joseph County ISD Board Election Resolution Overview

Superintendent Nash provided the Board with an overview of the Resolution in support of the biennial election of the Board of St. Joseph County ISD (the "ISD") which will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025. TRCS shall designate Member Baker as the District representative and Member Nowak as the alternate to the ISD Electoral Body to represent TRCS. The Resolution will be up for approval this evening.

Middle School 8th Grade Washington Trip Recap

Jason Bingaman, TRMS Principal, and Jennifer Robare, TRMS Teacher, provided the Board with a recap of the 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C. and returning stop at Gettysburg. Three TRMS students also presented slides and spoke about their favorite parts of the trip. Board Comments and questions were received.

May Budget Update

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

Grades 6-12 Student AUP

John Londono, Director of Technology, provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Grades 6-12 Student Chromebook Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). The AUP is designed to ensure that students use their school-issued (assigned) Chromebooks responsibly, ethically, and in a way that supports their education. The Chromebook is provided as a learning tool, and its use must align with our educational goals. Board comments and questions were received.

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Bond Series III Sale

Resolution Ratification:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Patch, to ratify the Bond Series III Sale Resolution as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

St. Joseph County ISD General Fund Budget Resolution: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Resolution in support of the St. Joseph County ISD General Fund Budget for FY 2025-2026. After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

St. Joseph County ISD Election Resolution:

Motion by Member Cover, with support from Member Allen, to approve the Resolution in support of the biennial election of the Board of St. Joseph County ISD (the "ISD") which will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 and designates Linda Baker as representative and Erin Nowak as alternate to the ISD Electoral Body to represent TRCS. After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

Grades 6-12 Student AUP:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Cover, to adopt the Grades 6-12 Student AUP as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

TREA Bargaining Agreement:

Motion by Member Cover, with support from Member Allen, to approve the Three Rivers Community Schools & Three Rivers Education Association Bargaining Agreement (TREA) as presented. The Agreement includes the Bargaining Salary Letter of Agreement (LOA) and the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. After a roll call vote, 5-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Allen, Baker, Cover, Daniels, Patch

Abstained: Awe (Husband is a TRCS Teacher/Coach)

Absent: Nowak

SEIU Local 517M Paraprofessional Bargaining Agreement: Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Three Rivers Community Schools & SEIU Local 517M Paraprofessional Bargaining Agreement as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

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Consent Agenda:

Motion by Member Awe, with support from Member Daniels, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- 1. Approval of the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 5, 2025 Work Session minutes.
- 2. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for April 2025.
- 3. Approval of the April 1 30, 2025 Accounts Payable Check Register totaling \$1,601,063.17.
- 4. Approval of the April 2025 Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling \$485,872.31.

Board Calendar: Vice President Baker reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

Board Comment: Board comment was offered and received.

Adjournment: Motion by Member Daniels, with support from Member Cover, to adjourn the meeting.

After a roll call vote, 6-0, Vice President Baker declared the motion as approved

unanimously.

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

Absent: Nowak

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cover, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary