

Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County  
Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session  
Monday, June 2, 2025

Approved Minutes

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

Present: Amanda Allen, Linda Baker, Ross Daniels, Erin Nowak, Melissa Patch

Absent: Nichole Cover, Julia Awe

Administration Present: Jen Graber, Justin Holbrook, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Jason Bingaman

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

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Member Baker, 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: Allen, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Patch  
Absent: Awe, Cover

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

Discussions/  
Presentations:

**Three Rivers Middle School 2026 8th Grade Washington DC Trip**

Jason Bingaman, Principal of Three Rivers Middle School, provided the Board with an overview of the proposed 2026 8th grade field trip through World Strides to Washington D.C. 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. Due to the success of the 2025 trip, the Middle School would like to provide the opportunity for students in 2026. This topic is up for approval this evening so that planning can begin. Board questions and comments followed.

**2025 - 2026 Handbooks (Second Read)**

Jason Bingaman, Principal of Three Rivers Middle School, provided a brief overview of changes to the 2025-2026 PK-12 Student Handbook, Three Rivers Partnership Handbook and Athletics Handbook based upon requested edits from the Board at the First Reading on May 5, 2025. Board questions and comments followed.

Student Handbooks: Motion by Member Allen, with support from Member Patch, to approve the 2025-26 PK - 12 Student Handbook, TR Partnership Handbook and Athletics Handbook as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

TRMS 2026 8th  
Grade Washington  
DC Trip:

Motion by member Daniels, with support from Member Allen to approve the proposed TRMS 2026 8th Washington DC trip as presented. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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

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- 2025-2026 MHSAA Membership Resolution: Motion by member Daniels, with support from Member Patch to adopt the 2025-26 MHSAA Membership Resolution. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.
- Yea: Allen, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Patch  
Absent: Awe, Cover
- Three Rivers Educational Support Personnel Association (TRESPA) Bargaining Agreement: Motion by member Daniels, with support from Member Patch to approve the TRESPA Bargaining Agreement as provided. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.
- Yea: Allen, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Patch  
Absent: Awe, Cover
- Board Calendar: President Nowak reviewed upcoming events with the Board.
- Board Comment: Board comment was offered and received.
- Adjournment: Motion by member Daniels, with support from Member Allen, to adjourn the meeting. After a roll call vote, 5-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.
- Yea: Allen, Baker, Daniels, Nowak, Patch  
Absent: Awe, Cover
- The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nichole Cover, Secretary Board of Education

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Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary