



Three Rivers Community Schools
Board of Education Organizational Meeting
District Training Room
Monday, January 15, 2024
6:00 PM

Julia Awe	Ross Daniels
Linda Baker	Ben Karle
Melissa Bliss	Erin Nowak
Nichole Cover	Nikki Nash, Superintendent

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Superintendent, who will serve as presiding officer (Chair) until the election of the President, shall call the meeting to order.
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **REAFFIRMATION OF BOARD BYLAWS:** It is recommended that the Board reaffirm the following Board Bylaws for 2024:
 - a. 0152 OFFICERS
 - b. 0163 PRESIDING OFFICER
 - c. 0171.1 PRESIDENT
 - d. 0171.2 VICE-PRESIDENT
 - e. 0171.3 SECRETARY
 - f. 0171.4 TREASURER
 - g. 0164.1 REGULAR MEETINGS
 - h. 0164.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS
 - i. 0164.3 EMERGENCY MEETINGS
 - j. 0165.1 REGULAR MEETINGS
 - k. 0165.2 CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETINGS
 - l. 0165.3 SPECIAL MEETINGS
 - m. 0165.4 EMERGENCY MEETINGS
 - n. 0165.6 CANCELLATION
 - o. 0166 AGENDA
 - p. 0166.1 CONSENT AGENDA
 - q. 0167.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS
 - r. 0161 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
 - s. 0167.1 VOTING
 - t. 0155 COMMITTEES
 - u. 0144.1 COMPENSATION
 - v. 0142.5 VACANCIES
6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The Board shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from its members. Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of the full Board.

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- a. Robert's Rule of Order procedures for electing officers:
 1. The Chair must call for nominations.
 2. Nominations do not require a second.
 3. When there are two or more nominees for the office, the motion to close nominations requires a two-thirds vote.
 4. Nominations do not have to be by office individually; a nomination can be made for a slate of officers. If there were two nominations for a slate of officers, then it would require the vote of each office individually.
 7. **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO SUBCOMMITTEES:** Board Policy authorizes the President to appoint, as soon after the organizational meeting as practical, members of the Board standing committees where they shall serve a term of one year. Each Board committee shall have a chairperson who shall be appointed by the President.
 - a. Standing Subcommittees: Curriculum, Facilities, Finance, Human Resources, Policy
 - b. SJCISD School Board Association: 1 Representative & 1 Alternate
 - c. MASB Legislative Delegates: 2 Representatives & 2 Alternates
 - d. MASB Labor Relations Network: Board President is assigned to this Committee.
 8. **ADOPTION OF THE BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2024:** It is recommended the Board approve the 2024 meeting schedule as presented.

2024 - Board of Education Meeting Dates & Times

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Meeting Time
February 5, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
February 19, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
March 4, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
March 18, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
April 1, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
April 15, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
May 6, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
May 20, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
June 3, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
June 17, 2024	Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting	6:00 PM
July 15, 2024	Work Session & Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
August 5, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.

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August 19, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
September 3, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
September 16, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
October 7, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
October 21, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
November 4, 2024	Work Session	6:00 P.M.
November 18, 2024	Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
December 16, 2024	Work Session & Regular Meeting	6:00 P.M.
January 13, 2025	Organizational Meeting	6:00 P.M.

9. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATIONS:

- Board Recognition Month Presentation - Nikki Nash, Superintendent
- Out of State Field Trip - Dave Soderquist, Principal - Hoppin Elementary
- TRMS 8th Grade trip to Cedar Point, OH - Jason Bingaman, Principal - TRMS

10. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- New Work Session Format
- Technology Director Recommendation - John Londono

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

12. ACTION ITEMS

- Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of the December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and December 20, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.
 - Approval of the December 1 - December 31, 2023 Accounts Payable Check Register dated January 12, 2024 totaling \$1,486,990.40.
 - Approval of the Payroll Change Register for December 2023 dated January 8, 2024.
 - Approval of the Bond Invoice Payment Report dated January 12, 2024 totaling \$1,687,830.51.
- Out of State Field Trip - Hoppin Elementary:** It is recommended that the Board approve the Bendix Woods County Park trip as presented.
- TRMS 8th Grade trip to Cedar Point:** It is recommended that the Board approve the Cedar Point Middle School trip as presented.
- Administrator Contract:** It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following new employee appointment as presented:

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- John Londono - Director of Technology

13. BOARD CALENDAR

- Now that they have been approved, meetings for 2024 will be posted online and at the Central Office per Board Bylaws. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is a Work Session on Monday, February 5, 2024.

14. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

15. ADJOURNMENT

As a community...

- ❖ We welcome a diverse range of perspectives and opinions and uphold the importance of civil debate.
- ❖ We fully support the free exchange of ideas and beliefs, as well as the expression of provocative or less popular ideas.
- ❖ We believe that only through the process of open and honest dialogue can we generate knowledge and deepen our mutual understanding.
- ❖ We believe that all members of the community have a responsibility to behave in a manner that does not harm others and shows respect for those with different opinions.
- ❖ Behavior that attacks, humiliates, belittles, or conveys personal hatred towards others diminishes our thriving and safe community environment.
- ❖ Words and actions matter.
- ❖ Everyone is asked to do their part in creating a healthy and positive community and a culture that truly values each person's uniqueness, experiences and perspectives.

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