

Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024

Approved Minutes

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

Present: Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Melissa Bliss, Ross Daniels, John McDonough, Erin Nowak

Absent: Nichole Cover

Administration Present: Melissa Frye, Jen Graber, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Carrie Balk, Kerrie Bass, 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 McDonough, 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: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Daniels, McDonough, Nowak

Absent: Cover

Presentation/
Discussion:

Three Rivers High School Building Update

Carrie Balk, Principal of Three Rivers High School, provided the Board with an update on the school improvement plan for the High School, as well as an overview of several project-based learning programs.. Joe Graber, TRHS Science Teacher, also gave the Board a demonstration of the Robotics Club's project-based learning with robots and drones. Students are learning to build and program robots and drones, giving them the chance to explore STEM concepts (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math). Board questions and comments were answered and received.

Hoppin Elementary Building Update

Dave Soderquist, Principal of Hoppin Elementary, provided the Board with an update on the school improvement plan for Hoppin as well as project-based learning concepts. Board questions and comments were answered and received.

Park Elementary Building Update

Amanda Fahnestock, Principal of Park Elementary, provided the Board with an update on the school improvement plan for Park which includes curriculum, engagement, positive behavior intervention and support (PBIS), Title I and togetherness. Board questions and comments were answered and received.

EOP Bi-Annual Update

Brian Leonard, Director of Facilities & Operations, provided the Board with the bi-annual Emergency Operations Plan review and changes which needs to be approved this evening.

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

EOP Bi-Annual Update: Motion by Member McDonough, with support from Member Baker, to approve all updates to the District Emergency Operations Plan as presented.

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

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Daniels, McDonough, Nowak

Absent: Cover

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

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Daniels, McDonough, Nowak

Absent: Cover

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. Approval of the February 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 4, 2024 Work Session Minutes.
2. Approval of the February 1 - February 29, 2024 Accounts Payable Check Register dated March 14, 2024 totaling \$606,603.80.
3. Approval of the Payroll Change Register for February dated March 14, 2024.
4. Approval of the Bond Invoice Payment Report totaling \$763,310.55.

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

Board Comment: Board comment was offered and received.

Adjournment: Motion by Member McDonough, with support from Member Bliss, to adjourn the meeting. After a roll call vote, 6-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Daniels, McDonough, Nowak

Absent: Cover

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cover, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary