

Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session
Monday, October 7, 2024

Approved Minutes

The Work Session was called to order by President Nowak at 6:00 PM..

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

Absent: Nichole Cover

Administration Present: Nikki Nash, Melissa Frye, Jen Graber, Justin Holbrook, Brian Leonard, John Londono, Mandi Zaborowski, Carrie Balk, Julie Bentley, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock, Greg Rutten, David Soderquist, Nick VanDenBrink, Anthony Wolbert

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 Awe, 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

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered.

Discussion/ Presentations: **National Principals Month Recognition:**
Superintendent Nikki Nash, on behalf of the Board, recognized the District's Principals and Assistant Principals for National Principals Month and presented each of them with a certificate of appreciation. Principals present were: Greg Rutten, Principal - Andrews Elementary; David Soderquist, Principal - Hoppin Elementary; Julie Bentley, Principal - Norton Elementary; Amanda Fahnestock, Principal - Park Elementary; Jason Bingaman, Principal - TRMS; Anthony Wolbert, Assistant Principal - TRMS; Carrie Balk, Principal - TRHS; Nick VanDenBrink, Assistant Principal - TRHS.

Building Presentations:

Carrie Balk - Principal, TRHS, Jason Bingaman - Principal, TRMS, Greg Rutten - Principal, Andrews Elementary, Dave Soderquist - Principal, Hoppin Elementary, Julie Bentley - Principal, Norton Elementary and Amanda Fahnestock - Principal, Park Elementary provided the Board with building level updates for each of their respective buildings. Board comments and questions were received and answered.

Closed Session: Motion by Member McDonough, 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: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Daniels, McDonough, Nowak
Absent: Cover

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:39 PM and returned at 7:18 PM

Student Discipline 62709: Motion by Member McDonough, with support by Member Daniels, for the expulsion of student 62709 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: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Daniels, McDonough, Nowak

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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 McDonough, 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 7:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nichole Cover, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary