

Three Rivers Community School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2023

Approved Minutes

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

Present: Julia Awe, Linda Baker, Melissa Bliss, Nichole Cover, Ross Daniels, Ben Karle, Erin Nowak

Absent: None

Administration Present: Melissa Frye, Jen Graber, Angie Tesman, Carrie Balk, Kerrie Bass, Julie Bentley, Jason Bingaman, Amanda Fahnestock, Jamie Phillips, 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 Awe, with support from Member Cover, to approve the agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Cover, Daniels, Karle, Nowak
Absent: None

Discussion/
Presentation: Teacher Tenure Recognitions
Board President Erin Nowak recognized the following teachers who were in attendance for achieving their tenure with Three Rivers Community Schools and presented each of them with a certificate: Jennifer Robare, Idelle Stemaly, Cheryl Thomas and Mai Lan Huynh-Vo.

The following teachers were not present, but their names were read aloud and certificates will also be distributed to them: Ashley Bailey, Michelle Bird, Jennifer Burg, Megan Colburn, Jennifer Dombrowski, Jaqueline Hagen, Aaron Hess, Richard Knowlton, Cindy Munn, Angela Pearson and Morgan Rose.

National Principals Month Recognitions
Board President Erin Nowak 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
Greg Rutten - Principal, Andrews Elementary, Julie Bentley - Principal, Norton Elementary & Jason Bingaman - Principal, TRMS, all provided the Board with building level updates for each of their respective buildings. Board comments and questions were received and answered.

Public Comment: Public Comment was offered and received.

Closed Session: Motion by Member Awe, with support by Member Bliss, to move into Closed Session as permitted under section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act for Student Discipline. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

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Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Cover, Daniels, Karle, Nowak
Absent: None

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:36 PM and returned at 7:06 PM

Student Discipline - 61321: Motion by Member Awe, with support by Member Cover, for the expulsion of student 61321 for the remainder of the 23-24 School Year with possible reinstatement for the 24-25 school year provided the conditions of the return are met. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Cover, Daniels, Karle, Nowak
Absent: None

Policy Update - First Reading: The Board was presented with the First Reading of the following Policies:

- Vol. 38, No. 1 - September 2023
 - po1540 - Administrative Staff Reduction/Recalls (New)
 - po2370.01 - Online/Blended Learning Program (Revised)
 - po7217 - Weapons (Revised)
 - po7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
 - po8305 - Information Security (Technical Correction)
 - po8531 - Free and Reduced Price Meals (Revised)

Summer Tax Resolution: Motion by Member Awe, with support by Member Cover, to approve the Summer Tax Resolution as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Cover, Daniels, Karle, Nowak
Absent: None

Consent Agenda: Motion by Member Baker, with support by Member Awe, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved unanimously.

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Cover, Daniels, Karle, Nowak
Absent: None

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- Approval of the September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes & October 2, 2023 Work Session Minutes.
- Approval of the September 1 - September 30, 2023 Accounts Payable Check Register dated October 13, 2023 totaling \$2,989,179.53.
- Approval of the Payroll Change Register for September dated October 13, 2023.
- Approval of Bond Invoice Payment Reports (Series I & Series II).

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

Board Comment: Board comment was offered and received.

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Adjournment: Motion by Member Awe, with support by Member Bliss, to adjourn the meeting.
After a roll call vote, 7-0, President Nowak declared the motion as approved
unanimously.

Yea: Awe, Baker, Bliss, Cover, Daniels, Karle, Nowak
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Karle, Secretary Board of Education

Lorie Camino, Recording Secretary