

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Tri-County School District 2358**  
**April 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Staff Work Room**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wikstrom at 7:00 p.m. and a quorum was determined. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Burkel, Koland, Murray, Olson, Sollund, Swenson, Chair Wikstrom, Superintendent Ruud and Principal Sorgaard were present.

**“We Are Proud”**

- We are proud of the instrumental ensembles that performed in Greenbush on Thursday, April 7th. The xylophone duet, Larissa Krantz and Christina Knutson, earned an excellent rating. The flute/clarinet duet, Mykael Dembiczak and Kelli Amb, received an excellent rating. The trumpet trio, Michael Thompson, Devon Binstock, and Josh Aarhus, received a perfect score of 40 and earned a superior rating. They also won "best in site" for their selection.
- These students from Tri-County High School, under the direction of Sara Carpenter, sang at the area Minnesota State High School League Vocal Ensemble contests held on March 29, at Hallock: Danielle Budziszewski, Haley Kujava, Miranda Nygaard, Kristen Grochowski, Laura Anderson, Mykael Dembiczak - receiving a Superior Rating on their mixed ensemble; Larissa Krantz and Mayson Taylor - receiving a Superior Rating and perfect score on their duet; Kristen Grochowski and Haley Kujava - receiving a Superior rating on their duet; and Miranda Nygaard and Danielle Budziszewski also performed a duet.
- We are so proud of the Cast, Crew, and Directors of the Spring Play for all their hard work for the past 2 months.
- We are proud...Of the 2011 Tri-County Knowledge Bowl teams on their excellent performances this year. The Senior High teams received ribbons at 6 meets with a 3rd place finish at the sub-regional that advanced them to the 12 team Regional Championship. The Senior High Team had the following members: Mitch Braget, Austin Braget, Adam Wojciechowski, Seth Hanson, Steve Hanson, Sam Englund, Tanner Knutson, Justin Wojciechowski, Dustin Lofstrom, Jason Kulyk, & Jacob Kasprowicz.

Mitch Braget was named to the All-Regional team and Tanner Knutson was Honorable Mention.

The Junior High team placed 1st in three meets, 2nd in one meet and 3rd in the Regional Junior High Championship which had 39 teams.

The Junior High team had the following members: Kelli Amb, Mallory Krantz, Sarah Murray, Kourtney Juhl, Kaylee Juhl, Rylie Krantz, Michael Thompson, Emily Dufault & Christina Knutson.

All team members represented Tri-County in exemplary fashion.

Member Swenson moved, Member Burkel seconded to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 regular meeting. UC

Member Swenson moved, Member Olson seconded to authorize payment for claims in the following funds. UC

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
GENERAL	\$61,396.90	\$113,754.03
FOOD SERVICE	8,756.43	8,361.54
COMMUNITY SERVICE	873.05	3,686.71
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	_____	<u>60,656.00</u>
TOTAL	<b>\$71,026.38</b>	<b>\$186,458.28</b>

Visitors present were Tammy Nielsen, Ryan Baron, and Trever Speidel.

Member Burkel moved, Member Olson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. UC

Member Koland moved, Member Burkel seconded to accept on a Second Reading basis Policy 565 on Restrictive Procedures for Children with Disabilities. UC

Member Sollund moved, Member Koland seconded to accept on a First Reading basis Policy 714 on Fund Balances. UC

Member Swenson moved, Member Burkel seconded to approve Tri-County Schools membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2011-12 school year. UC

Member Koland moved, Member Sollund seconded to accept the following bids for labor on the Mechanical Ventilation System improvement projects:

Electrical	Falls Electric Inc.	\$99,950.00
Alternate, Spray Booth	Falls Electric, Inc.	\$ 3,128.00
Commissioning	Strategic Solution Engineering	\$29,500.00
Testing and Balancing	Design Control, Inc.	\$30,355.00
Alternate #5, Spray Booth	Design Control, Inc.	\$350.00
Fire Alarm System	Johnson Controls, Inc	\$74,576.00
Fire Protection (Sprinkler)	Dakota Fire Protection	\$202,700.00
Alternate #5, Spray Booth	Dakota Fire Protection	\$1,600.00
Lighting Work	Labine Electric, Inc.	\$101,979.00
Mechanical and General Work	Robert Gibb & Sons, Inc.	\$1,690,000.00
Alternate #5, Spray Booth	Robert Gibb & Sons, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Alternate #8 New Ceiling in Cafet.	Robert Gibb & Sons, Inc.	\$7,000.00
Roof Replacement	GRS, Greenberg Roofing	\$227,479.00
Alternate for new Roof Hatch	GRS, Greenberg Roofing	\$3,257.00
Alternate #6, Vaulted Ceiling	Robert Gibb & Sons	<u>\$7,697.00</u>
		<b>\$2,489,571.00</b>

Member Burkel moved, Member Swenson seconded to approve Mrs. Sara Carpenter for tenure

status after the 2010-11 school year. UC

Member Koland moved, Member Sollund seconded to accept the Notice to Commence Negotiations from the local TCEA with a discussion meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm. UC

Member Burkel moved, Member Koland seconded to accept the bid from Liberty Business Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$899.00 per month for Managed Print Services. UC

Member Murray introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE  
**Ken Radke**  
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2358 , as follows:

1. That it is proposed that **Ken Radke** a teacher of said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2010 - 11 school year on June 30, 2011 pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, subdivision 11.

2. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLACEMENT  
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE AND NOTICE OF HEARING  
DATE, IF REQUESTED

Mr. Ken Radke  
524 Horace Ave. N.  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Dear Mr. Ken Radke:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2358 held on April 19, 2011, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 2358, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote of the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2010 - 11 school year on June 30, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, subdivision 11\* upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows:

Discontinuance of Position, Lack of Pupils and  
Financial Limitations.

Under the provisions of the law, more specifically Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, subdivision 7, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

You are also advised that if you are an honorably discharged veteran as defined by Minnesota Statutes 197.447, you may have certain rights relating to your placement on unrequested leave of absence/layoff under the Veterans Preference Act (Minnesota Statutes 197.46 and 197.481), based on recent amendments

to the Veterans Preference Act. In accordance with the Veterans Preference Act, you may have the right to either petition the district court for a writ of mandamus or the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to determine whether your placement on unrequested leave of absence/layoff was taken in good faith. If you wish to pursue either of these remedies, you must do so within sixty (60) days of receipt of this notice. Your failure to do so within sixty (60) days of receipt of this notice shall constitute a waiver of any right you may have to contest your placement on unrequested leave of absence/layoff under the Veterans Preference Act.

You are further advised that if you are an honorably discharged veteran, the School District's position is that, under the recent amendments to the Veterans Preference Act, you are entitled to either a hearing on your proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, or either of the remedies under the Veterans Preference Act, but not both. Therefore, the School District's position is that you must elect to proceed under either Minnesota Statutes 122A.40 or the Veterans Preference Act. Once such an election is made and assuming that it is made within the applicable time period set out above, you waive any right to proceed under the process not elected. In the event that you elect to proceed under the Veterans Preference Act, you must provide the School District with a DD Form 214 within the relevant time period to establish your veteran status.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2358

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Clerk of the School Board

4. That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in M.S. 122A.40, subdivision 11\* and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set forth and resolved herein.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Burkel and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: All

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Swenson moved, Member Murray seconded to accept the letter of resignation from Sean Spilde as boys basketball coach. **UC**

Principal Sorgaard reported on the following: Advisory Committee Meeting; Academic Eligibility Policy Review; Senior Privileges the Last Week of School; MCA II Testing

Superintendent Ruud reported on the following: Legislative Update & Cash Flow Update

**Board Report:**

NWRIC: Member Burkel updated on position needed for speech & sign language.

Member Koland moved, Member Burkel seconded to adjourn. **UC**

Respectfully submitted by James Sollund, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting: May 17 at 8:00 p.m.**