

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tri-County School District 2358
April 17, 2012, 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 seven instrumental students that participated in Sub-Section Instrumental ensemble contests at Lake of the Woods school on Wednesday, April 4th. Emily Dufault and Naomi Budziszewski earned an Excellent rating on their baritone duet. Kristi Grzadzieleski and Tylyn Hanson earned an Excellent rating on their clarinet duet. Mallory Krantz, Michael Thompson, and Bryce Wadholm earned a Superior rating and "Outstanding Ensemble" award for their judging site with their trumpet trio.
- We are proud of the Spring Play cast and directors for all their hard work over the last two months to put on the production of "Here Come The Brides". A few students had to memorize over 300 lines! We are proud of Mrs. Amb & Ms. Houglum for directing the play.
- We are proud of Mrs. Elaine Ruud, Mrs. Sarah Novacek and Mrs. Melissa Thompson for working so hard on the legislative mandated K-2 Literacy Plan for Tri-County.
- I am proud of the following seniors for submitting their work at the art contest in East Grand Forks: Destiny Hayes, Jeremy Kasproicz, Jarad Nelson, Miranda Nygaard, Megan Binstock, Christy Andersen, Karissa Klegstad, Brenna Koland, Kayla Wollin, Justine Teie, and Jordan Nelson. Congratulations to Miranda for earning a superior rating on her painting and to Christy and Jordan for earning excellent ratings on their pieces. Christy submitted a pastel painting while Jordan submitted a woodburning.
- We are proud of the Junior High Knowledge Bowl team that just finished their season. Team members were Michael Thompson, Kaylee Juhl, Kourtney Juhl, Emily Dufault, Rylie Krantz, Taylor Rux, Adam Thompson, and Bryce Wadholm. Tri-County's Junior High Teams competed in 7 meets and won the blue ribbon in all seven meets, in addition to the second team also bringing home a ribbon in 6 of the 7 meets. To top it off, the final meet was the All-School meet with 42 teams from Northwest Minnesota. Tri-County's teams placed 1st and 17th. The students represented Tri-County well!
- Tri-County Elementary students, Grades 1-6, collected a total of \$2,086 in donations for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart. Thank you to the students, parents, and our communities for supporting this event.
- Congratulations to Michael Thompson, Josie Nobles, and Kristi Grzadzieleski for winning \$500 grants from the Northwest Regional Arts Council. They will be attending International

Music Camp this summer. These students filled out an application, wrote an artistic statement, performed a selection of music, and submitted themselves for a live interview in order to have a chance at being chosen for this grant.

Member Burkel moved, Member Swenson seconded to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 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	\$113,754.03	\$89,887.19
FOOD SERVICE	8,361.54	9,860.91
COMMUNITY SERVICE	3,686.71	55.77
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	<u>60,656.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$186,458.28	\$99,803.87

Visitors present were Dan Nordine (NSN), Ryan Baron (TCEA) & Lisa Amb – Kindergarten Status.

Member Burkel moved, Member Swenson seconded that Tri-County School would have only full-time kindergarten starting with the 2012-2013 school year. UC

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

Member Swenson moved, Member Sollund seconded to accept on a Second Reading basis Policy 426 on Health & Safety. UC

Member Burkel moved, Member Koland seconded to approve Tri-County Schools membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2012-13 school year. UC

Member Swenson moved, Member Burkel seconded to accept a letter of resignation from Ms. Jamie Whitlock effective April 5th from her para-professional position with the district. UC

Member Murray moved, Member Swenson seconded to approve Ms. Sarah Novacek and Ms. Tara Houglum for tenure status after the 2011-12 school year. UC

Member Burkel moved, Member Swenson seconded to approve a new two year contract with Support Staff with a 3% increase for the 2012-13 school year and 1.85% increase for the 2013-14 school year. UC

Member Swenson moved, Member Olson seconded to approve the following donations to Tri-County School District #2358: UC

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pennington Soil and Water	Envirothon Expenses	\$250.00
Target	K-12 Education	\$193.16
Karlstad Lions Club	Marimba	\$100.00

American Legion Post 45	Marimba	\$100.00
General Mills – Box Tops	Elementary School	\$751.72
Target – Take Charge of Ed.	K-12 Education	\$232.22
Central Boiler, Inc.	Girls Basketball Warm-Ups	\$858.00
Toyota Dealers	Tri-County School Library	\$2,500.00

Principal Sorgaard reported on the following: Advisory Committee Meeting; Title I Report & Textbook Review; Senior Privileges Last Week of School; MCA II Testing is Underway; Kindergarten Options

Superintendent Ruud reported on the following: Bus Motor; Quotes on Speakers Needed; Need Larger Bus; State Legislative Update; College in the Classroom; WIFI for Ipads

Member Wikstrom moved, Member Burkel seconded to accept the bid of North Central Bus in the amount of \$84,019.34 to purchase a 77 passenger bus.

Board Report:

NWRIC: At the meeting on April 2 the calendar was approved and resignation accepted.

Member Burkel moved, Member Koland seconded to adjourn. UC

Respectfully submitted by Mark Koland, Clerk _____

Next Meeting: May 15 at 8:00 p.m.