## **Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**Tri-County School District 2358** 

November 16, 2022 6:30 PM Tri-County School Library Karlstad, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Burkel at 6:30 PM and a quorum was determined. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present were Burkel, Duray, Hanson and Kolan. Absent members were Caldwell and Oliver. Also present were Superintendent Pace and Principal Zick.

We Are Proud...

We are proud of the students and staff who put on the play, "Last Chance Inn, Calamity Gulch". We are proud of Mr. Thompson and the use of the Federal Perkins funds that provided the new shop technology (8' by 4' Plasma CNC) that will allow our high school students to prepare for future careers in our local area. Thank you Mr. Thompson for keeping our students' futures in mind while planning your programs.

We are proud of Sarah Novacek for planning our Veterans program and all the staff that helped with the veterans wall and students who created artwork supporting the veterans. We are also proud of the students who participated in our Veterans program as well.

We are proud of Justina Pietruszewski & Krisann Berglund for setting up and taking our students to the Career Expo. This is a HUGE benefit to our high school students and their future adventures. Thank you to Kade Bass for driving our students

We are proud of our Custodians, Jaron, Joyceln, Julie, and Logan for keeping our school clean and safe, inside and out!

We are proud of Tara Larson, Briena Englund, and Kristia Hagen for taking care of all of the unseen things that keep our school running smoothly. We appreciate your hard work

We are proud of our Kitchen Staff for working through staffing and supply and demand challenges that have been a huge obstacle throughout the beginning of the year.

We are proud of our 2nd graders and their hard work during their Class Officers Election. Mrs. Knutson created a lesson/project for her 2nd graders to learn about the ins and outs of an election and running for office. The students were able to decide which branch of office they were running for and create a campaign platform as to why they would make a great president, vice president, or secretary. Each student came up with 4 things they would like to change in our classroom, the school, or our community to make it a better place. They then presented these ideas to their classmates before the election to help them decide who they were voting for. They create posters with slogans to help with votes as well. Keep and eye out for some of their great ideas coming to action throughout our school year!

We are proud of our bus drivers, Bert, Brad, Heidi, Sean, Kade, Jaron, Kevin, & Mike who have taken on routes and kept students safe. Many of these drivers are wearing multiple hats and it is greatly appreciated.

We are proud of Mrs. Thompson and the new LLI program within our Title 1 Program. This has been a huge success and our students have made great progress within their reading goals.

We are proud of our elementary staff, Ms. Justine Johnson, Ms. Leah Schulz, Mrs. Tara Wiskow, Shari Knutson, Ms. Angel Verbeck, MacKinzie Schulz, Mrs. Sarah Novacek, and Mrs. Sam Alme. This incredible group of teachers work hard every day to offer their students the best education they can. They collaborate to create a solid foundation for each student.

We are proud of our dedicated head start staff, Mrs. Crystal Peterson, Mrs. Erin Blazejewski, and Ms. Sarah Clinton. They are a hardworking group of highly energetic and loving staff that devote themselves to their students. Their constant smiles, hugs, and high fives brighten up not only their classroom, but the hallways of Tri-County School.

We are proud of Ms. Krisann Berglund, Mrs. Jennifer Klegstad, Mrs. Mallory Schaumburg, Mr. Gary Taylor, and Mrs. Melissa Thompson for the preparation they provide to our high school students as they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their lives after high school.

We are proud of Mrs. Justina Pietruszewski, Mr. Brad Thompson, and Mrs Kathy Englund and their abilities to bring out the artist in each student. They teach students how to be expressive not only while in school, but for the rest of their lives.

We are proud of Mr. Sean Spilde and his ability to run off energy, keep our students healthy, and teach the importance of teamwork.

We are proud of Mrs. Heidi Hanson, Mrs. Michele Steien, and Mrs. Ann Thompson for their positivity, dedication, and ingenuity they provide to ensure no student is left behind.

We are incredibly proud of our paraprofessional staff. Ms. Paige Beach, Mrs. Susan Budziszewski, Mrs. Whitney Englund, Ms. Leann Gast, Mrs. Diane Grandstrand, Mrs. Morgan Hams, Mrs. Laurie Lofstrom, Mrs. Rachel Pearson, and Mrs. Karen Reitan for their tireless work with students at Tri County.

We are proud of our amazing kitchen staff, Mrs. Amy Olson and Mrs. Stacy Vasesk. They are some of the first faces every day that students see and work to keep students full and energized!

We are proud of our tireless working custodial staff. Mr. Jaron Englund, Joyceln Englund, Logan Englund and Ms. Julie Spilde. They work all year to include many early mornings and late nights to ensure our staff and students have a safe and clean place to come every day.

We are proud of Ms. Briena Englund and Mrs. Tara Larson for the brightness they bring to the face of Tri-County. From phone calls, attendance, sick students to name a few, they too work to ensure the school runs without a hiccup.

We are proud of Ms. Kristina Hagen for the back room work she does to ensure our school can function.

We are proud of Mrs. Erica Reese and the love of reading that she shares with students every day. From study halls to reading time with the younger elementary, Mrs. Erica is a constant smiling face!

We are proud of Mr. Keegan Krantz for his work to highlight Tri-County and its students and staff. His smiling face is always a sight to see in the hallways!

We are proud of Mrs. Roberta Walz and Kevin Walz. These amazing bus drivers ensure our students get to and from school each and every day. They are some of the first smiling faces students see each morning and some of the last! We are also proud of Mrs. Heidi Hanson, Mr. Brad Thompson, and Mr. Sean Spilde for lengthening their day outside of their teaching duties to ensure our students have a safe ride to school and home day after day! We are proud of Mr. Kade Bass for his helping out at a moment's notice for fill in routes and activity shuffling!

Member Sollund moved and member Hanson seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Add

6. b RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES 6. E Calendar Adjustment 22-23

Member Duray moved and member Koland seconded to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Recess was called at 6:40 for 10 minutes, called back to order at 6:52.

Member Sollund moved and member Hanson seconded to authorize payment for claims in the following funds.

November FY23

TOTAL	\$106,294.30
21 STUDENT ACTIVITIES	<u>\$9,350.02</u>
07 DEBT REDEMPTION	\$58,160.00
04 COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$536.74
02 FOOD SERVICE	\$10,877.72
01 GENERAL	\$27,369.82

Member Burkel moved and member Sollund seconded to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns for General Election:

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

- 1. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 8, 2022, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
- 2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of voters of the district voted at said election on the election of (four) school board members for four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Mark Koland 521 Stephan M. Murray 501 Raeya Hanson 428 Darcy Olson 330 Jenna Caldwell 307 Brenda McCoy Nelson 237 Mike Johnston 213 Jennifer Johnston 202 Write In 126

- 3. Mark Koland, Stephan M. Murray, Raeya Hanson, Darcy Olson, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning the first Monday in January, 2023.
- 4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

## **Roll Call**

Burkel - Yes Koland - Yes
Caldwell - Absent Oliver - Absent
Duray - Yes Sollund - Yes

Hanson - Yes

Member Duray moved and member Hanson seconded to approve the:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 8, 2022.

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

- 1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 2358 to the following candidates:
- a. Mark Koland
- b. Stephan M Murray
- c. Rayea Hanson
- d. Darcy Olson

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

- 2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto:
- 3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.
- 4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto

## Roll Call

Burkel -Yes Caldwell - Absent Duray - Yes Hanson - Yes Koland - Yes Oliver - Absent Sollund - Yes

Member Koland moved and member sollund seconded to approve the Child care leave January 6, 2023 for 12 weeks for Samatha Alme .

Member Duray moved and member Hanson seconded to approve the resignation of Alexis Efta effective November 2, 2022.

Member Sollund moved and member Koland seconded to approve recommended changes to the school calendar. December 15 dismiss students at 12:00 PM, Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 7:30 PM. December 22 becomes a school day.

Principal Report: Gave Report

Superintendent Report included, Enrollment, Audit Information, MSBA Updates / Leadership Conference.

Region I: Gave report

Next board meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2022, 6:30 PM, Tri County School Library. Member Duray moved and member Sollund seconded to adjourn.
Respectfully submitted by Mark Koland, Clerk