

Regular Board of Education Meeting Tri-County School District 2358

August 16, 2011, 8:00 p.m.
Tri-County School Staff Workroom, Karlstad, MN

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wikstrom at 8:00 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.

Member Murray moved, Member Burkel seconded to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 regular meeting.
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Member Burkel moved, Member Sollund seconded to authorize payment for claims in the following funds. **UC**

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
GENERAL	\$95,482.11	\$354,577.55
FOOD SERVICE	5,299.94	0.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE	558.77	0.00
Building Construction	0.00	732,037.71
Debt Redemption	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$101,340.82	\$1,086,615.26

Visitor present was Trevor Speidel from Johnson Controls.

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

Member Murray moved and **Member** Koland seconded to accept the following resolution: Member Sollund abstained

WHEREAS, Independent School District #2358, Karlstad, Minnesota, intends to contract with Sollund Plumbing for plumbing services, for the 2011-12 school year, and

WHEREAS, the law does not require the school district to obtain competitive bids for this contract, and

WHEREAS, employee James Sollund agrees to contract with the school district for these services for a competitive price, and

WHEREAS, this proposed contract price is as low as, or lower than, the price at which the services could be obtained elsewhere,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

That Independent School District #2358 shall contract with Sollund Plumbing for furnishing the plumbing services for the school district up to the price of \$10,000.00 for the 2011-12 school year.

Member Swenson moved and Member Burkel seconded to hire Jamie Whitlock on a short term basis to substitute as a paraprofessional for four months starting September 6, 2011. **UC**

Member Murray moved and Member Sollund seconded to accept the letter of resignation from Kent Benson as a

bus driver for the school district, effective immediately. **UC**

Member Koland moved and Member Murray seconded to hire Anthony Johnson as the Transportation Director for the 2011-12 school year. **UC**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2358 (Tri-County Public School), State of Minnesota, was held in said school district on August 16, 2011, at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present: all

and the following were absent:

Member Burkel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO REVOKING THE EXISTING
REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, APPROVING
A NEW AUTHORIZATION AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON.**

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

1. The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to revoke its existing referendum revenue authorization of \$800 per resident marginal cost pupil unit and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,250 per resident marginal cost pupil unit. As provided by law, the ballot question must abbreviate the term "per resident marginal cost pupil unit" as "per pupil." The additional revenue will be used to finance school operations and the property tax portion thereof will require an estimated referendum tax rate of approximately .3472896% of the referendum market value of the school district for taxes payable in 2012, the first year it is to be levied. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five (5) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law. The question on the approval of this referendum revenue authorization shall be School District Ballot Question 1 on the school district ballot at the special election held to approve said authorization.

If the new referendum revenue authorization is approved by the voters of the school district, the existing \$800 per resident marginal cost pupil unit shall be revoked effective for taxes payable in 2012.

2. The ballot question or questions shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the school district at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, between the hours of 3:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the school district combined polling places and the precincts served by those polling places, as previously established and designated by school board resolution for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election, are hereby designated for this special election.

4. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of said special election to be provided to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, and to the Commissioner of Education, at least fifty-three (53) days before the date of said election. The notice shall specify the date of said special election and the title and language for each ballot question to be voted on at said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least ten (10) days before the date of said special election.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted at the administrative offices of the school district at least four (4) days before the date of said special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted in each combined polling place on election day. The sample ballot shall not be printed on the same color paper as the official ballot.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said special election to be published in the official newspaper of the school district, for two (2) consecutive weeks with the last publication being at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

The notice of election so posted and published shall state the question to be submitted to the voters as set forth in the form of ballot below, and shall include information concerning each established precinct and polling place.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the rules and instructions for use of the optical scan voting system to be posted in each combined polling place on election day.

The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a notice of the election to be mailed by first class mail to each taxpayer in the school district at least fifteen (15) but no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the special election. The notice shall contain the required projections and the required statement specified in Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, subdivision 9, paragraph (b). The clerk is also directed to cause a copy of this notice to be submitted to the Commissioner of Education and to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part at least fifteen (15) days prior to the day of the election.

The clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting other elections on that date.


5. The clerk is further authorized and directed to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2358 (TRI-COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL)

NOVEMBER 8, 2011

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question.
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1 REVOKING EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION; APPROVING NEW AUTHORIZATION

The board of Independent School District No. 2358 (Tri-County Public School) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$800 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,250 per pupil. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for five years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

YES Shall the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization be
revoked and the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of
Independent School District No. 2358 be approved?

NO

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE
VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

Optical scan ballots must be printed in black ink on white material, except that marks to be read by the automatic tabulating equipment may be printed in another color ink. The name of the precinct and machine-readable identification must be printed on each ballot. Voting instructions must be printed at the top of the ballot on each side that includes ballot information. The instructions must include an illustration of the proper mark to be used to indicate a vote. Lines for initials of at least two election judges must be printed on one side of the ballot so that the judges' initials are visible when the ballots are enclosed in a secrecy sleeve.

6. If the school district will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract exceeding \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer, at the request of the election official, shall furnish, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04, a sufficient bond, letter of credit, or certified check acceptable to the clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit, or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

7. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide for testing of the optical scan voting system within fourteen (14) days prior to the election date. The clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of the test to be given at least two (2) days in advance of publication once in the official newspaper, by posting a notice, and by notifying the county or legislative district chair of each major political party.

8. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of the location of the counting center or the place where the ballots will be counted to be published in the official newspaper at least once during the week preceding the week of the election and in the newspaper of widest circulation once on the day preceding the election, or once the week preceding the election if the newspaper is a weekly.

9. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.121, the Board hereby establishes a ballot board to process, accept and reject absentee ballots at school district elections not held in conjunction with the state primary or state general election or that are conducted by a municipality on behalf of the school district and generally to carry out the duties of a ballot board as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.127 and other applicable laws. The ballot board must consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee ballots. The ballot board may include school district staff trained as election judges. The clerk or the clerk's designee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint the members of the ballot board. The clerk or the clerk's designee shall establish, maintain and update a roster of members appointed to and currently serving on the ballot board and shall report to the Board from time to time as to its status. Each member of the ballot board shall be paid reasonable compensation for services rendered during an election at the same rate as other election judges; provided, however, if a staff member is already being compensated for regular duties, additional compensation shall not be paid for ballot board duties performed during that staff member's duty day.

10. The clerk is hereby authorized and directed to begin assembling names of trained election judges to serve at the combined polling places during the November 8, 2011 special election. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast, and submit the results to the school board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections. The election must be canvassed between the third and the tenth day following the election.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Swenson and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Burkel, Koland, Murray, Olson, Sollund, Swenson, & Wikstrom
and the following voted against the same: None
whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Principal Sorgaard reported on the following: Teacher Workshop is August 29 – September 1; ACT Info; Adequate Yearly Progress

Superintendent Ruud reported on the following: 60-40 Split State Funding; Area Meeting September 14 at Thief River Falls; Advertise Referendum

NWRIC: No Report

Member Burkel moved, Member Olson seconded to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. **UC**

Respectfully submitted by James Sollund, Clerk _____ .

Next Meeting: September 20 at 8:00 p.m.