

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tri-County School District 2358  
December 15, 2021, 7:00 PM  
Tri-County School Library, Karlstad, MN

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The meeting was called to order by, Chairperson Burkel and a quorum was determined. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Burkel, Caldwell, Duray, Hanson, Koland, Oliver and Sollund were present, as well as Interim-Superintendent Ruud and Assistant Principal on Special Assignment Zick.

We Are Proud...

- Way to go Jaxon and Emily!! They were chosen as Outstanding Vocal Soloists from both Vocal Judges at contests!!
- We are proud of Ms. Briena Englund and Tara Larson. They are more than an administrative assistant and HR/payroll. They are the daily face of Tri-County School. From answering the ever-ringing phone, selling candy/helping with fundraisers, playing school nurse most days of the week, to routing students to their destinations, their compassion for students is incredible. There is nearly no job they will not do to help a parent or student and if they cannot, they will find who can. No two days are ever the same, and yet, the way they approach every day, you would never guess their days weren't scripted. Their level of professionalism is astounding. Thank you, Briena and Tara, for your tireless, daily work!
- We Are Proud of Emily Barth for being selected through an audition process to the UND Women's Honor Choir. This prestigious event will take place the weekend of Jan. 21 - 23 and culminate in a concert comprised of the Honor Band, Honor Strings, and Honor Choirs on Sunday Jan. 23 at 1:30 at the Chester Fritz. Students from all over MN, ND, and SD audition for this highly selective honor festival.
- We are Proud of the students that attended Solo Contests this year. Solo Contests were held at Kittson Central on Nov. 17 and were a successful event for Tri-County! Damon Slaathaug, Jaxon Klegstad, Jazzy Walz, and Emily Barth all performed vocal solos. All of them earned Superior Ratings, and Emily also earned a PERFECT score! Jaxon Klegstad and Emily Barth were also selected as Outstanding Soloists of the day! Summer Dembiczak and Emily Barth also performed instrumental solos and both earned Superior Ratings.
- We are Proud of the dedication and 19 years of service provided by Coach Melissa Thompson for the Northern Freeze volleyball program. She will surely be missed.
- We are proud of Shawn Donarski, Tara Larson, Briena Englund, Keegan Krantz, Jaron Englund, Julie Spilde, and Joyceln Englund for everything they do to make sure our activities go as smoothly as possible. Whether it's a concert, a theater production, or a game, this group of people are tremendous to work with. We will encounter problems occasionally, but through their hard work, calm demeanors, and willingness to be flexible Tri-County is unflappable in our response.
- We are proud of Mr. Brad Thompson for his never-failing patriotic trumpet rendition of our National Anthem. When numbers won't allow a pep-band, Mr. Thompson is always there to provide a delivery of the Star-Spangled Banner that is unmatched.

Member Sollund moved and member Duray seconded to approve the agenda as presented. UC

Member Oliver moved and member Caldwell seconded to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021, Regular Board Meeting. **UC**

Member Koland moved and member Caldwell seconded to authorize payment for claims in the following funds. **UC**

	<u>Last year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
GENERAL	\$78,119.73	\$179,151.86
FOOD SERVICE	6,041.56	5,737.63
COMMUNITY SERVICE	1,368.35	522.33
DEBT REDEMPTION	199,866.50	0.00
Student Activities	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,810.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$286,896.14</b>	<b>\$188,222.57</b>

Visitors present: Gary Lee, Jeanna Kujava

Member Duray moved and member Sollund seconded to certify the 2021 pay 2022 levy as follows:

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
General – Voter Approved	\$512,403.08	\$530,512.33
General – RMV Other	98,101.67	105,267.28
General – NTC Other – JOBZ	134,236.45	164,924.23
Community Service	23,438.92	22,534.32
General Debt Service Fund	<u>237,082.08</u>	<u>247,999.66</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,005,262.20</b>	<b>\$1,071,237.82</b>

In Favor: Burkel, Caldwell, Dura, Hanson, Koland, Oliver, Sollund

Against: None

Member Caldwell moved and member Hanson seconded to accept the retirements of Tom Maki and Adam Gast from their football coaching positions, effective November 17, 2021. **UC**

Member Koland moved and member Hanson seconded to continue the use of the Signature Writer for payment of district obligations until a new signature writer is developed after the Organizational meeting in January. **UC**

Member Hanson moved and member Caldwell seconded to hire Keegan Krantz as a State Testing Coordinator for \$1,000, to help with and train Assistant Principal on Special /Assignment Zick with the nuances of the position.

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Acceptance of the Master Agreement with the Classified Employees was tabled until January. **UC**

Member Sollund moved and member Duray seconded to set the reorganizational/ regular meeting for January 19, 2022, at 6:30 PM. **UC**

Member Duray moved and member Caldwell seconded to continue to explore the option of sharing a Superintendent with GMR School District. **UC**

Reports given were Interim Supt., Election ballots for Region I Joint Powers Board members, Official ballot for the MREA Board of Directors in the North Zone, NWRIC, Freeze Co-Op Sports Commission update.

Next Reorganizational Meeting and Regular School Board meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2022, 6:30 PM, Tri-County School, Karlstad, MN.

Member Oliver moved and member Sollund seconded to adjourn. **UC**

Respectfully submitted by Mark Koland, Clerk\_\_\_\_\_