

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tri-County School District 2358
February 17, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
Staff Work Room

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.

WE ARE PROUD OF ...

- We are proud of Mayson Taylor(8th grade) and Michael Thompson(6th grade) for being selected to participate in this year's Minnesota Band Directors Association's Northwest Region 6th-8th grade Honor Band. The students were nominated by Mr. Thompson, a MBDA member, and were selected in mid-December. They received the music right before Christmas break and practiced at home and with Mr. Thompson until it was ready. On Saturday, January 24th, they went to Fergus Falls Community College and began practicing at 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with 81 other musicians. They then performed a concert at 5:00 p.m. Mayson plays clarinet and Michael plays trumpet.
- We are proud of the Tri-County Brilliant Bricks LEGO Jr. Robotics team that placed 3rd overall in the ND state LEGO tournament which was held at the Betty Englestad Area on Saturday, January 31st. Our team consists of Michael Thompson, in 6th grade, and Bennett Amb, Josh Grochowski, Taylor Rux, Faith Conway, and Josie Nobles, all in 5th grade. Twenty-three teams from Minnesota, North Dakota, Nebraska, and South Dakota participated in this year's competition, which is open to students from 9-14 years of age, so the kids competed against many students that were much older than they were. This is the youngest team Tri-County has ever fielded, and yet they took 1st place for Innovative Robot Design and also 3rd place for Robot Performance in addition to the 3rd place overall. Tri-County was the only "small school" to place in the top three this year. First place went to Bismarck Elementary and 2nd place went to Omaha, Nebraska. The 3rd place team has the possibility of being invited to the National Invitational which will be held in Dayton, Ohio this year in May. The team should know by the end of February if they will be invited. Many hours of practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, since September, and some practice during the Christmas break all helped them come together as a team so they could work well together and do the best they could right when they needed to. The coaches, Mr. Baron and Mr. Thompson, are very pleased at how the team has performed this year. The team is especially grateful to Mattracks for providing the t-shirts and registration fees needed in order to be able participate in this wonderful engineering event.
- Proud of the student body (K-12) for taking on the project of raising money for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The project ran from Feb. 2 – Feb. 13. We are expecting great results!

- The Spelling Bee results were as follows:

Grade 5 --Taylor Rux, Shalynn Mancini, Josie Nobles, McKenzie Thompson

Grade 6 -- Kennard Byre, Michael Thompson, Kourtney Juhl

Grade 7 -- Steele Spilde, Mykael Dembiczak, Mallory Krantz

Grade 8 -- Madison Thompson, Macyn Lofstrom, Mayson Taylor

1st -- Mayson Taylor with the word -- feldspar

2nd -- McKenzie Thompson

Member Koland moved, Member Olson seconded to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Reorganizational and Regular meeting. **UC**

Member Burkel moved, Member Wikstrom seconded to authorize payment for claims in the following funds: **UC**

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
GENERAL	\$76,728.82	\$57,944.24
FOOD SERVICE	8,868.62	8,847.82
COMMUNITY SERVICE	<u>1,277.61</u>	<u>8.67</u>
TOTAL	\$86,875.05	\$66,800.73

Visitors present were Kathy Englund, Nick Amb, Lisa Amb, and Janna Hjelseth.

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

Mr. Amb updated on the Close Up Trip.

Member Burkel moved, Member Koland seconded to adopt a calendar to start school before Labor Day if given permission by the legislature and to adopt a calendar with a shorter break in December if the legislature doesn't allow schools to start before Labor Day for the 2009-10 school year. The details are on file in the superintendent's office. **UC**

Member Koland moved, Member Sollund seconded to approve a grant application to the MSHSL Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to help with cooperative sports costs. **UC**

Principal Sorgaard reported on the following: Advisory Committee Meeting was Cancelled; Muffins for Moms in March; Pennies for Patients Cancer Fundraiser; Spelling Bee; Read Across America; Next Year's Registration and Scheduling; MCA-II Testing; Extra Curricular Activities

Superintendent Ruud reported on the following: Spring Play; NW Regional Development Commission; Budget Problems; Notice of Desire to Negotiate; Board Work Night; Sparsity Aid; & Ag Program

Board Report:

NWRIC – Member Burkel updated on the reorganizational meeting.

The board approved the use of the school facility by the junior parents for the post prom party on May 2.

Member Burkel moved, Member Olson seconded to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. **UC**

Respectfully submitted by James Sollund, Clerk _____

Next Meeting: March 17 at 8:00 p.m.