

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Tri-County School District 2358**  
**March 17, 2015, 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, Regalado, Swenson, Chair Wikstrom, Superintendent Ruud and Principal Sorgaard were present.

**"We Are Proud"**

- We are proud of all the members of Tri-County's Knowledge Bowl team on their successful season thus far.

The Junior High Team has currently participated in 4 meets so far and has placed 1st in all of them! Additionally, they competed in Bemidji in a senior high meet and placed a very respectable 9th out of 27 teams. Junior High members are Sarah Budziszewski, Steve Murray, Destyne Forstrom, Kylie Shetler, and Alayna Peterson. They will compete in the Region I/II All-School Meet on March 31st. This will include all Junior High teams from Northwest Minnesota.

The Senior High Teams also have had an awesome year. Tri-County has two teams and both have consistently placed very high, with our second team often times finishing higher than most of the other schools first teams. Two notable moments on the year were a 1st place finish by one of our teams in a senior high meet. This is the first time in at least 10 years this has happened. Also, Tri-County really made a statement when both teams placed high enough to qualify for the Region Championship. Bemidji was the only other school to claim this. Tri-County will compete at the Region I/II Championship on Tuesday, March 17th for the chance to go to state. Team members this year are Kaylee Juhl, Kourtney Juhl, Michael Thompson, Rylie Krantz, Emily Dufault, Sierra Swenson, Kristi Grzadzieleski, Bennett Amb, Taylor Rux, Adam Thompson, and Sarah Budziszewski.

These kids have been GREAT to work with and every week I receive compliments on how fun our teams are to watch and how respectful they are.

- The grand total for Pennies for Patients this year is \$4053.93!! Amazing!! Thank you everyone!!
- I am very proud of my FCCLA members for the work they put into their STAR Events this year. 15 students competed in 16 different events, either alone, in groups of two or in groups of three and with some students involved in more than one category. We went to the Regional meet in early February and advanced to State in 14 of the 16 events, with all students advancing in at least one.

Members this year are: Emily Dufault, Kaylee Juhl, Kourtney Juhl, Tylyn Hanson, Krystal Hanson, Rylie Krantz, Hailey Olson, Christina Knutson, Kristi Grzadzieleski, Taylor Rux, Tyra Hanson, Taylor Koland, Caitlyn Peterson, Hannah Kasprovicz and Morgan Lindgren

Topics covered in STAR Events this year: Autism, Texting and Driving, Life Lessons Taught by Disney, Domestic Violence, Everyday Equations Math Test, and 5 different "Laws of Life" essays including, "Finding Your Passion in Life," "Accepting Others," "Helping Others," "Living Life to the Fullest," and "Finding Your Inspiration."

- We are proud of the 4 special Olympians who recently participated in their first Special Olympics Swim Meet held in Thief River Falls. Many blue ribbons were won but the biggest prize being the great pride and sense of accomplishment each of the students attained.
- We are proud of our students and staff for a GREAT collaborative effort to make Read Across America week fantastic and fun!

Member Murray moved, Member Olson seconded to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular meeting and Special Meetings on March 6 and 12. UC

Member Regalado moved, Member Koland seconded to authorize payment for claims in the following funds. UC

|                   | <u>Last Year</u> | <u>This Year</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| GENERAL           | \$55,653.20      | \$42,884.48      |
| FOOD SERVICE      | 8,663.09         | 8,463.68         |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE | <u>9,466.27</u>  | <u>527.38</u>    |
| TOTAL             | \$73,782.56      | \$51,875.54      |

Visitors present were Laura Efta, Jane Schindele LouAnn Rux, David Rux, Kyle Wikstrom, Lori Wikstrom, Brad Thompson, Ann Thompson, Ryan Baron, Heidi Hanson, Marian Berggren, Dan Nordine, Sarah Novacek, Raechelle Folland, Justina Pietruszewski, Lisa Amb, Jeff Westberg, Nick Amb & Michael Wade

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

Discussion on reduction or elimination of programs: Spanish will be an on-line course, look at a combination elementary class or have the Title I teacher in a classroom and hire a full-time paraprofessional. Social worker will be reduced from two days to one day per week and the school nurse reduced from three days to two days per week.

Member Swenson moved, Member Regalado seconded to accept the resignation of Celeste Engen from her paraprofessional position effective March 16. UC

Administrative Discussion: Special Meetings will be held on March 20 & March 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the staff workroom.

Principal Sorgaard reported on the following: Advisory Committee; Commencement May 31 at 1:00 p.m.; Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the School; MCA Testing for Grades 3-11 will begin April 8; iPad/Tech Meeting; Upcoming Events

Superintendent Ruud reported on the following: Governor's Proposal; Legislative Proposal - Free Breakfasts K-3; Legislative Proposal to eliminate 7 of the 21 Tests ; Legislative Proposal to let School Districts decide when school starts.

**Board Reports:**

NWRIC: Meeting will be next month.

REGION I: No Report

Member Swenson moved, Member Regalado seconded to form a committee for public relations.

Member Burkel moved, Member Regalado seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. UC

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

**Next Meeting: April 21 at 7:00 p.m.**