

## Regular Board of Education Meeting Tri-County School District 2358

May 19, 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”**

- We are proud of the junior class for the work they put forth to make a successful prom again this year. There were many compliments on this year’s decorations.
- We are very proud of all students in 2nd – 11th grades for taking all the spring tests seriously. They’ve had multiple tests with the MCA’s and NWEA’s in math, reading, language and science.
- We are extremely proud of the Brilliant Bricks LEGO Robotics team for earning a 3rd place trophy in "Innovative Robot Design" at the National Open Championship tournament in Dayton, Ohio. The tournament participants came from 42 states and included Alaska and Hawaii. Many of the teams at this tournament had been to the World Festival (the pinnacle of LEGO tournaments) in the past few years. The Robot and Technical design judges were so impressed by the system for putting on attachments, called "Quick-Tatch" by the team, that they suggested the team apply for a patent on this intellectual property. They were dead serious about applying for the patent! Mr. Thompson is currently checking on what the patent application will entail.

The team was also nominated for the "Rising Star" award by the teamwork judges. This award recognizes a team's potential for growth in future years of competitions. Though they did not win this award, it was an honor to be recognized for all the work they did this year. The team members represented themselves and the school proudly and were very good on the trip. The days were long and there was not much time for rest, but they kept at it, always keeping a positive attitude, even when things didn't work as well as they wanted with the robot. The robot that the team completely re-built after the North Dakota State Tournament scored a 235 out of 400, which earned them 26th place out of 60 teams!

Participants in the LEGO League must be between the ages of 9-14 and our team fell directly in the middle of the competition age group. Team participants included:

Michael Thompson--6th grade, Josh Grochowski, Faith Conway, Bennett Amb, and Josie Nobles---all 5th graders. Taylor Rux, another 5th grade team member, was not able to attend the tournament, but participated in all elements of design and research for this year's team.

- The Envirothon has advanced to the state competition this year. The team includes Josh Guillemette, Becca Larson, Spencer Knutson, Carrie Engen, and Tony Sang. They placed third out of 17 teams at the Area Envirothon held at Lake Bronson State Park. They competed in six categories: Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils, Current Events, and a presentation on Biodiversity. The state Envirothon will be held at Ironwood Springs Ranch in Stewartville, MN.
- I am extremely proud of my two seniors, Kim Nyflot and Kristine Ramsrud, who make up my entire Journalism class. Since we print, fold, count, and bundle all 1,000 plus papers each month, these girls have literally put together 8 issues of this year's Cat Tales, as well as written all of the articles. They have also put in many hours working on the 2009 yearbook. Both the paper and the yearbook take a great deal of dedication and time since throughout the entire school year, events have to be attended, pictures have to be taken, to say nothing of articles written and pages put together according to definite timelines. They have both been in Journalism for two years and I applaud them for all they have contributed to the Journalism program. They will definitely be missed!

Member Burkel moved, Member Murray seconded to approve the minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the May 5th work 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>
<b>GENERAL</b>	\$61,458.07	\$36,408.40
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>	8,959.40	7,380.78
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	<u>1,014.70</u>	<u>325.17</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$71,432.17	\$44,114.35

VISITORS: None

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Member Koland moved, Member Swenson seconded to approve the following by consent: To place the following on summer leave of absence: Susan Budziszewski, Larry Bothum, Laura Efta, Donald Carlson, Margaret Donaldson, David Gustafson, Ruth Halverson, Elizabeth Murray, Norma Koland, Wendy Johnson, Melissa Lefrooth, Michael Lefrooth, Laurie Lofstrom, Jolane Olson, Heidi Spilde, Lori Wikstrom, Camille Wollin. UC

Member Sollund moved, Member Burkel seconded to involve the district in such federal programs as Title I, Title II, Title IV, Title V, Block Grant, and Violence Prevention Programs. The Board of Education has authorized the principal and or the superintendent to act as LEA Representative in filing an application for funds as provided under Public Law 103-382 for the 2009-10 school year. UC

Member Koland moved, Member Murray seconded to accept the agreement with Altru Health Systems to perform the Athletic Training Service for the school for the 2009-10 school year at a cost of \$1,300 with all the details on file. UC

Member Koland moved, Member Swenson seconded to approve a Facility Project Development agreement with Johnson Controls with a cost not to exceed \$14,300. UC

Member Swenson moved, Member Olson seconded to approve a contract with Tara Hougum as a math instructor for Tri-County Schools for the 2009-10 school year. UC

Member Koland moved, Member Olson seconded to accept a Group Self-Insured Property and Casualty Plan coverage from Vaaler for \$37,322 for the 2009-10 school year. UC

Member Sollund moved, Member Burkel seconded to dissolve a speech cooperative with Marshall County Central Independent School District #441 due to a lack of participation by our school district. UC

Member Swenson moved, Member Burkel seconded to dissolve a boys hockey cooperative with Kittson Central Independent School District #2171 and Lancaster Independent School District #356 due to a lack of participation by our school district. UC

Principal Sorgaard reported on the following: State Testing is Done; Baccalaureate at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24; Commencement at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31; Advisory Committee; Senior Lunch on May 20; Elementary Track Meet on May 20; Senior Dismissal on May 22; Elementary Awards on May 28; Peer Program with Elementary; Lock Down Drill; Interquest Canine Visit; Fire Drill

Superintendent Ruud reported on the following: Legislative Session; Para Library Position

NWRIC: No Meeting

Member Burkel moved, Member Swenson seconded to adjourn. UC

Respectfully submitted by James Sollund, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting: June 16 at 8:00 p.m.**