

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tri-County School District 2358
November 18, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Staff Room, 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, Olson, Sollund, Chair Wikstrom, Superintendent Ruud and Principal Sorgaard were present.

“We Are Proud Of ...”

- The students who've behaved very well during the various assessments (PSAT, ASVAB, Plan, and Explore) and I believe they put in their best effort. They have also been very well behaved, pleasant and involved during the field trips this past year.
- We are proud of the great photos the elementary students created when the Artist in Residence, Usry Alleyne, was here. The students learned about the parts of the camera and basic shots and angles. They also learned the basic elements of formal indoor portraiture including emotion, body language and environment. The students created environmental portraits, outdoors or around the school building. Many of the pictures are on display in the Elementary Wing. A big thank you to Elwyn Ruud for obtaining the grant to make this possible.
- The Northern Freeze VB team had a great season. Finishing at the Region 8A Runner-up, 8A West Champions, with a final record of 28-2.
- I am proud of Spencer Knutson and Nicole Stusynski for being the newest inductees to Tri-County's Chapter of the National Honor Society. They were inducted at the annual induction ceremony with the student body attending. Congratulations to them for demonstrating the qualities of scholarship, service, leadership and character.
- I am proud of the FCCLA members for representing Tri-County Schools with their excellent behavior at the mid winter meeting in Crookston.
- I am proud of the whole staff, (teachers, paras, custodians, cooks, adm.) and the students, for the GREAT first Quarter of school. It has been very enjoyable.
- We are proud of Patsy Boen who was presented with the "Friends of Youth Award" in Brooklyn Center on October 7. Patsy was chosen number one above many applicants to receive this top award by the board of directors of the YIPA, the Youth Intervention Programs Association. This award honored Patsy for her work with youth and their families, including students within our school.
- We are proud of the choir students who represented Tri-County at the Northland Honor Choir Festival on Nov. 6. Students attending were Kristine Ramsrud, Rebecca Larson, Kayla Anderson, Micheal Syverson and Justin Wojciechowski.
- We are proud of the 11 vocalists who participated in the Sub-Section solo contest in Stephen on Nov. 3. These students worked hard to prepare for this event and

performed with great poise.

Receiving superior ratings were Kristine Ramsrud, Rebecca Larson, Micheal Syverson, Carrie Engen and Larissa Krantz. Those who earned excellent ratings were Shannon Nearing, Nicole Hanson, Destiny Hayes, Karissa Klegstad, Justine Teie and Justin Wojciechowski. It was especially nice to see so many freshman participate.

Also, we are proud of flutist, Kim Nyflot, who performed her flute solo at the sub-section solo contest and received a superior rating.

- We are proud of Mrs. Pietruszewski, Mr. Taylor and Miss Berglund for organizing Community Service Day. They put in a lot of their free time to make sure things went well and that everyone was set to go. Thank you to the students for your hard work and for an enjoyable day. The Karlstad Lions were very generous to provide pop and ice cream and to the local businesses for all the items they donated as prizes.
- We are proud of all the students who signed up to donate blood during the recent blood drive in Karlstad. It shows a lot about what kind of upperclassmen and women we have at Tri-County. Over 20 juniors and seniors signed up to donate. Even though not all were able to donate, they are all heroes!

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

Member Koland moved, Member Sollund seconded to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 regular meeting and the November 5, 2008 canvassing 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	\$84,860.02	\$53,991.00
FOOD SERVICE	8,134.49	11,565.18
COMMUNITY SERVICE	<u>434.85</u>	<u>3,677.81</u>
TOTAL	\$93,429.36	\$69,233.99

Visitors present were Melissa Thompson, Jenica Swenson, and Jane Schindele.

Member Koland moved, Member Burkel seconded to Certify all Bus Drivers have received the necessary training to be in compliance with state statutes. **UC**

Member Koland moved, Member Sollund seconded to accept the District Revenues and Expenditures Report for the 2008-09 school year as presented by Superintendent Ruud. **UC**

Member Burkel moved, Member Koland seconded to accept on a Final Reading basis the 700 Series of the Policy handbook. **UC**

Member Burkel moved, Member Olson seconded to accept on a Second Reading basis the 800 and 900 Series of the Policy handbook. **UC**

Principal Sorgaard reported on the following: Advisory Committee; Conferences; Donuts for Dads; Music Concerts; Food Shelf; Lions Santa Day; Lions Club

Superintendent Ruud reported on the following: MSBA Conference; Truth In Taxation Meeting

December 2 at 7:00 p.m.; December 16 Board Meeting is at 7:00 p.m.; Seniority List; MREA Elections; Region I Rep.

Board Report:

NWRIC: No Meeting

Member Burkel moved, Member Olson seconded to adjourn. **UC**

Respectfully submitted by Jim Sollund, Clerk _____

Next Meeting: December 16 at 7:00 p.m.