

Tri-County School District ISD #2358

Tri-County School Board Regular meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

School Library

303 Pembina Trail

Karlstad, MN 56732

PRELIMINARY AGENDA for the Tri-County School Board Regular meeting to be held in the School Library
303 Pembina Trail
Karlstad, MN 56732 on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. We are Proud
4. Approve Agenda
5. Citizen Comments
6. Action on Previous Minutes
7. Pay Claims
Documentation on table 1/2 hour prior to the regular meeting.
Audit Committee: **Hanson & Olson**
8. Reports & Information
 - a. Boards & Committees
 - b. Principal
 - c. Superintendent
9. Action
 - a. Field Trip / Event Requests
 - b. Accept Gifts/Donations
 - c. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Fall 2025 with the University of Minnesota Crookston for the College in the High School program.
 - d. Approve the Form A and Form B Resolutions for applications to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation.
10. Future Meetings & Information
11. Adjourn

Superintendent Report

October 8, 2025

1. On the agenda, you will be asked to pass a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Minnesota Crookston for our College in the High School Introductory Chemistry Course.
2. The bus garage construction has begun! The siding has been removed, and the pad is being readied to be poured to allow the expansion of the wall.
3. Negotiations update. We have met with the teachers a couple of times now and progress is being made, and we expect this process to end in the near future. Unfortunately, no offer has been provided by the MSEA Classified group, so no meeting dates have been set as of yet.
4. Amy has once again applied for the National School Lunch grant. We are seeking a new back-up freezer for the kitchen area if we get the funds. It is a competitive process, and we were awarded one last year so we are not sure of our chances at this time.
5. I am also applying for an AED grant to replace the three models we have in our school who will not be serviceable by 2027. More to come as I am in the process of completing the grant!
6. Great news!!! We were awarded the Cyber Security grant from MDE for about \$37,000. About \$4,000 will go toward the cyber security insurance premium we pay to Vaaler. The other \$33,000 will go towards the installation of a new surveillance camera system for our school. Our current system is outdated and not user friendly at this point. We are creating a map of the building to plot out current and future camera locations. The eventual work will need to be done during an extended break such as our Winter break.
7. We are also working with a tech person from another district to create a better and more user-friendly website for the district. We are meeting again next week to finalize the site and future roll out date.
8. I am working with ICS on a couple topics. First, we hope to roll out a community survey early next week, just waiting for them to forward the information to me. Secondly, I am working with another person who is doing an enrollment projection of our school as well as other demographic information to share additional information with the district for our planning sessions.
9. I have met with PMA and Ehlers, our fiscal agents for Bonds and financial advisors for bond and levy implications. We continue to fund the sinking fund to eventually pay off the \$2,000,000 bond taken out years ago. It appears the bond payment is well ahead of schedule, so we are just trying to determine the best course of action to keep taxes level but allow for maximum flexibility in the future.

10. The audit is in the final stages now with a few questions coming our way but will wrap up very soon and we will be scheduling a date to meet with us for final review. More information on that as they give it to me.
11. Weight room: I continue to work with the Booster Club to gain a commitment on the funds they plan to give for the projects. We also plan to form a committee in the very near future to plan exactly what we need and what we can afford.
12. Jaron and I have both been actively searching for a good, used mini bus. It has been nearly impossible to find one in the state of Minnesota. Jaron has located a couple good options out of state, but he is checking the MN guidelines for buses to be sure they meet our rules and regulations. The other problem would be how to get it delivered or picked up.

Memorandum of Agreement Fall 2025

This memorandum of agreement outlines the fee structure for the College in the High School (CIHS) program at the University of Minnesota Crookston (UMN Crookston).

Your signature below is an acknowledgment that your school district wishes to participate in the CIHS program and that you agree to abide by the stated fee structure.

- Students must have achieved junior status in their high school, and be residents of the state of Minnesota. Some courses are offered to sophomores – contact the CIHS office.
- Students must have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 in order to register and earn UMN Crookston course credit in the CIHS program.
- CIHS students must maintain a minimum UMN Crookston GPA of 2.0 each term to continue enrollment at UMN Crookston.
- School districts must be approved by UMN Crookston to participate.
- All CIHS instructors must attend one CIHS sponsored workshop per year.

Sign and return the dated agreement to:

University of Minnesota Crookston
College in the High School
OTR 9 Hill Hall
2900 University Avenue
Crookston, MN 56716

or E-mail:

umccihhs@crk.umn.edu

Thank you!

Elizabeth Gregary
CIHS Coordinator

CIHS Fee Structure

An invoice will be sent to the superintendent in the middle of the school year for CIHS classes offered during Fall 2025. Schools will be charged the UMN Crookston tuition, \$300 for each course offered, and \$90 for each student registration. The tuition amount will then be subtracted from the invoice leaving a net amount due UMN Crookston of the \$300 per course, \$90 per student registration and if applicable, a \$50 per late registration or withdrawal petition.

High School: Tri-County Secondary Independent School District 2358

Superintendent (Print Name) Kevin McKeever

Superintendent Signature Kevin McKeever Date 10-2-2025

UMN Crookston CIHS Classes Offered Fall: F = Fall-Billed in Fall, YL = Yearlong-Billed in Spring

Course Prefix	Course No.	Section	Class No.	Course Title	Course Credits	Instructor
CHEM	1001	42	30972	YL Introductory Chemistry	4	Berglund,Krisann

FORM A

RESOLUTION OF GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING FORM A APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Tri-County Schools, ISD #2358, recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Tri-County Schools, ISD #2358, supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

Date

Board Chair/Head of School

Date

Board Clerk – Treasurer/ Finance Director

FORM B

**RESOLUTION OF SCHOOL BOARD/GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTING
FORM B APPLICATION TO MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota's high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Tri-County High School, ISD #2358, recognizes the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist schools to provide seminars/training opportunities or support for specific school functions for students/faculty members/officials and others who are involved in athletic and fine arts programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Tri-County High School, ISD #2358 supports the school's application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a **FORM B** grant.

Date

Board Chair/Head of School

Date

Board Clerk - Treasurer

A RESOLUTION submitted by an Activity Conference or Region Committee must adhere to the same form and context of the School Board Resolution above.