

MINUTES

Regular Meeting September 8, 2025 7:00 PM TRI COUNTY SCHOOL BUILDING Brian Quackenbush, PRESIDENT

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Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meeting. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the posted notice and a current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the posted notice. All proceeding of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to attendance of the public.

President Brian Quackenbush announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act was posted on the wall of the meeting room

Derrick Damrow: Present, Dustin Gronemeyer: Present, Tom Koch: Present, Brian Quackenbush: Present, Brian Scherling: Present, Annette Weise: Present.

1. Opening Procedures

1. Call Meeting to Order - "Open Meetings Act" & Publication Notification
2. Roll Call
3. Excuse Absent Members
4. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Recognition of Visitors/Communications from the Public

Brandon Pohlmann addressed the board with some questions in regards to the budget.

3. Reports and / or Guest Speakers

1. Staff and Student Presentations
2. Superintendent's Report
 - Board Committees
 - Negotiations (Koch, Scherling, Quackenbush)
 - American Civics (Gronemeyer, Weise)
 - Building & Grounds (Damrow, Koch, Quackenbush)
 - Safety (Scherling, Gronemeyer)
 - Celebrations & Upcoming Considerations
 - Quarterly Budget Update

3. Elementary Principal's Report

4. Secondary Principal's Report

5. Athletic / Activities Director Report

4. Public Comment

1. Conduct Tax Request Hearing

Moved by Tom Koch, seconded by Derrick Damrow,

To to conduct Tax Request Hearing at 7:26 pm.

Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

Moved by Derrick Damrow, seconded by Dustin Gronemeyer,

To to close Tax Request Hearing at 7:48 pm.
Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

2. Other Public Comment

5. Approve Action Items as presented:

- Minutes of the previous Regular Meeting,
 - Special Meeting 8/11/2025,
 - Regular Meeting 8/11/2025,
 - Special Workshop 9/2/2025 (AM),
 - Special Meeting 9/2/2025 (PM)
- Claims for Disbursement, and
- Financial Statements.
- Assign banking authority to Superintendent Brian Rottinghaus to sign on behalf of Tri County Public Schools at financial institutions, and remove Randy Schlueter

Moved by Dustin Gronemeyer, seconded by Tom Koch,
To approve action items as presented.
Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

6. **New Business:**

1. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding approving the 2025-2026 Budget.

Moved by Dustin Gronemeyer, seconded by Derrick Damrow,
To approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented.
Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

2. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding the approval the 2025-2026 tax levy request:

- General Fund: 0.492500
- Special Building Fund: 0.140000
- Total: 0.632500

Moved by Derrick Damrow, seconded by Tom Koch,
To approve the 2025-2026 tax levy request as presented: General Fund 0.492500; Special Building Fund 0.140000; Total: 0.632500.
Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes
yes: 6, no: 0

3. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding the approval of the 2025-2026 Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request.

Moved by Tom Koch, seconded by Dustin Gronemeyer,
To approve the 2025-2026 Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request as presented.

Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

4. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding the approval of Dana F. Cole & Company to conduct the district's 2024-2025 external financial audit.

Moved by Tom Koch, seconded by Brian Scherling,

To approve the proposal of Dana F. Cole & Company LLP to conduct the district's 2024-2025 external audit as presented.

Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

5. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding recognizing Tri County Education Association as exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2027-2028 contract year.

Moved by Brian Scherling, seconded by Dustin Gronemeyer,

To recognize Tri County Education Association as exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2027-2028 contract year.

Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

6. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding the lease or acquisition of a skid steer for snow removal.

7. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding policy review and updates.

Moved by Dustin Gronemeyer, seconded by Tom Koch,

To approve the review and update to policies as presented: For review only, policies 3040 School Safety and Security, 3041 Crisis Team Duties, 3042 Construction Management at Risk Contracts, 3045 Use of Sniffer Dogs, 3046 Animals at School, 3048 Communicable Disease; and for review and revision, policy 3039 Threat Assessment and Response.

Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

8. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding the facilities project.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Tom Koch, seconded by Dustin Gronemeyer,

To adjourn the regular meeting at 8:26 pm.

Motion Carried.

Derrick Damrow: yes, Dustin Gronemeyer: yes, Tom Koch: yes, Brian Quackenbush: yes, Brian Scherling: yes, Annette Weise: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

Annette Weise, Secretary
Tri County Board of Education