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Twin Cedars



Community School

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From the Desk of Mr. Roby

Congratulations to the Class of 2015.



FFA

April and May were busy months for our chapter. In April, we held our annual Ag Day. Local business and organizations were invited to come and teach students how to

be safe while doing different activities. One of the many organizations that came, was the Bussey Fire Department. They taught students what to do during a fire, and how to use the different equipment on the fire truck. Many students decided to bring their animals and teach the students how to care for them correctly. All students enjoyed Ag Day and can't wait for it next year.



On May 6, we held our annual FFA Banquet. Here is where we honor all the hard work that students have put into contest and events over the course of the school year. This year we had about 70 people in attendance, members and guests. One of the award highlight of this year, is when Trenton Bacus, former FFA Chapter President, received his Iowa Degree. We also announce our new officer team at this time. Congratulations to the following members on being part of the 2015-2016 FFA Officer Team:

President: Spencer McCarty

Vice-Presidents: Jake Crozier, Rachel Beary, and Kourtney Vanderlinden

Secretary: Kelli Spaur

Treasure: Michael Shinn

Reporter: Jordyn Sanders

Historian: Mckenzie Ogden

Chaplin: Tanner DesPlanque

Junior Advisor: Kylee VanWyhe

Sentinel: Logan Anderson

Parliamentarian: Hailey Groenendyk

Student Advisors: Nick Haselhuhn, Trevor Pinegar, and Aaron Keeton

Delegates: Marty Beary and Billy Carter

On May 14, several of our FFA members went to Kirkwood Ag Day. They did "speed dating" between the different agriculture classes that are offered at Kirkwood. One of the classes that they visited was the vet tech classroom. At this class they learned how to properly shoot a tranquilizer gun at a target. All students that attended had a great day and can't wait for the opportunity to go again next year.



Upcoming Events and Activities: May 31: End of the Year Party, June 1-5: Help with FFA Building at Mahaska Co. Fair, June 4: State Agronomy, Ag Mech and Food Science Contest, June 5: COLT (Officers Only), June 9: State Floriculture and Nursery/Landscape Contest, June 18: National Jr. High Rodeo Volunteer Day, June 19: Newton Races, June 26: Iowa State Fair Entry Workday in classroom. If you have any questions or would like to participate in any events and activities then contact Mrs. Johnson or any FFA Officer. You can contact Mrs. Johnson at mcjohnson@twincedarcsd.org.

2015 Iowa High School Solo/Ensemble Results

Center 1

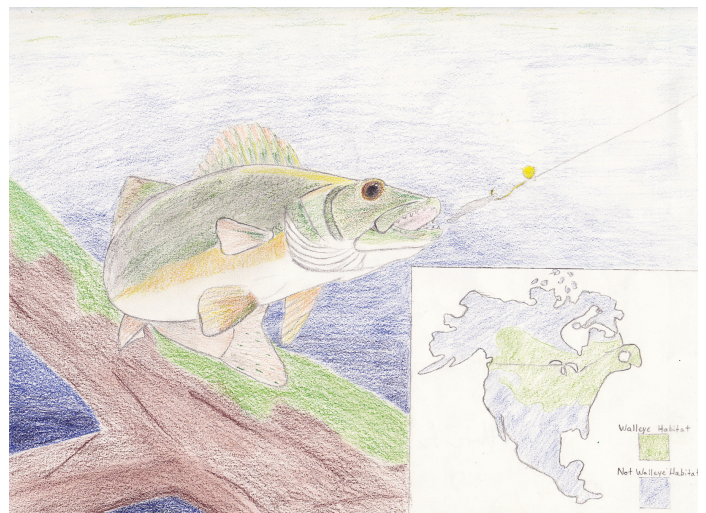
- TC Clarinet Solo II (Casie Whitlow)
- TC Flute Solo I (Sarah Tuttle)
- TC Flute Duet III (Cassie Hinz, Jessie Grice)
- TC Snare Drum Trio II (Colton Spaur, Jake Knox, Jobe Fee)
- TC Mixed Woodwind Trio II (Sarah Tuttle, Kelli Spaur, Kenzie Ogden)
- TC Saxophone Quartet II (Ben Clark, Bailey Dunkin, James Elliott, Andrew Stanhope)
- TC Mixed Woodwind Trio II (Ben Clark, Bailey Dunkin, Kenzie Ogden)

Center 2

TC Vocal Ensemble "Comments Only" (Sarah Tuttle, Kendra Kennedy, Kaylee Bruns, Tianna Fortune)

Annual Breakfast Thank You!!

I would like to thank all of the moms, dads and grandparents that attended our annual "Breakfasts". It is so wonderful seeing the students smiling faces with their breakfast buddy. I know it means the world to them and I hope you all had a great time. I don't want to fail to mention that a HUGE thanks go out to our PTO. If it wasn't for this small group of people none of this would be possible. Some of the proceeds from all of those saved boxtops is what helps sponsor these special breakfasts. So please keep those coming! Feel free to join them at their monthly meetings held the first Wednesday of every month. Some of the proceeds from all of those saved boxtops is what helps sponsor these special breakfasts. So please keep those coming! Also thank you to Mark Bacus for putting out the extra tables and Mr. Bennett and Mr. Dave McCombs for helping direct traffic. Hope to see you all next year!!!



LOCAL STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR IOWA STATE-FISH DRAWING

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources partnered with the Wildlife Forever State Fish Art Contest to host an Iowa State-Fish Contest in conjunction with the annual "Take It Outside" Art Contest.

The State-Fish Art Contest uses art to ignite children's imagination while teaching them about fish and fishing. Entries showcased students' favorite Iowa fish in it's natural habitat. All entries were original hand-drawn art-

work. Winners were selected based on portrayal of theme, creative expression, originality, visual appeal, and artistic merit.

Hunter Frost was the winner of the 10-12 division in the art contest! Hunter will receive a prize package and is invited to attend the 17th annual State-Fish Art Expo held in conjunction with the FLW during the Forrest L. Wood Cup bass world championship on August 21-22 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. His artwork will be displayed during the Iowa State Fair at the DNR building.

Athletic Boosters

April 29, 2015 at 5:00p.m.

Those in attendance:

Brad Hammann, Deb Haselhuhn, Trish McCarty, Kim Roby, Andrea Moore, and Brandy Dunkin

Old Business: Parent Appreciation Dinner is being held tonight.

New Business: Election of Officers...The following officers were elected:

President: Trish McCarty
Vice President: Brandy Dunkin
Treasurer: Deb Haselhuhn
Secretary: Andrea Moore

Brad and Deb decided to convert the documents for treasurer at their earliest convenience.

Brad brought tea list of choices to try for softball and baseball games. It was decided and approved that we purchase a variety of teas for the summer concession stands.

Trish agreed to take over the Pepsi order for all concessions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Twin Cedars Community School District Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Community Room

Monday May 11, 2015

5:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Twin Cedars Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Brian Moore at 5:00 p.m. Directors Gilkerson, Hoehns, Carlson, and Morgan were present as well as Superintendent Brian VanderSluis, Principal Dave Roby, Dan Ginger, and PEI Attorney Jim Gilliam.

Director Gilkerson moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Supported by Director Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board began a private hearing pursuant to Iowa Code 279.16. A packet of information was distributed containing the request for the hearing, and the response to the request. It also contained a seniority list and assignments and supporting contract language.

Director Morgan moved that the board move to the action item portion of the meeting regarding the Reductions in Force. Supported by Director Hoehns. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Hoehns moved to terminate the teaching contract of Dan Ginger effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year due to staff reduction because of declining enrollment. Supported by Gilkerson.

Roll Call Vote:
Carlson: Nay
Morgan: Aye
Hoehns: Aye
Gilkerson: Aye
Moore: Aye
Motion Carried.

Director Gilkerson moved to terminate the teaching contract of Matt Showers effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year due to staff reduction because of declining enrollment. Supported by Morgan.

Roll Call Vote:
Carlson: Aye
Morgan: Aye
Hoehns: Aye
Gilkerson: Aye
Moore: Aye
Motion Carried.

Director Morgan moved to terminate the teaching contract of Stephanie Mitrisin effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year due to staff reduction because of declining enrollment. Supported by Gilkerson.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson: Aye

Morgan: Aye

Hoehns: Aye

Gilkerson: Aye

Moore: Aye

Motion Carried.

Director Morgan moved to terminate the teaching contract of Jayne Roozeboom effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year due to staff reduction because of declining enrollment. Supported by Hoehns.

Roll Call Vote:

Carlson: Nay

Morgan: Aye

Hoehns: Aye

Gilkerson: Aye

Moore: Aye

Motion Carried.

Director Carlson moved that the minutes from the April regular meeting be approved as presented. Supported by Director Gilkerson. Motion carried unanimously.

President Moore stated the financial reports would be filed for audit.

Director Carlson moved that the bills be approved for payment as presented. Supported by Director Morgan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Roby said that graduation went well. Jr High Baseball and softball have a good number of kids signed up. Baseball numbers were in the upper teens and Softball numbers were not known. The boys track team received 2nd place in the Blue Grass Conference Track Meet this year. Mr. Roby also shared a thank you from the Special Olympics complimenting the students from Twin Cedars and what a great job they did in helping out again this year.

Superintendent VanderSluis shared that there were 26 students that were at Kindergarten Roundup. The intention is that this will be one class unless there are more than 30 students, then the board would discuss. The legislative session is not over. Reports are 1.25% + 55 million onetime money. He let the board know that if the district is in need of a loan to get thru the summer months when the school doesn't receive state funds we will be

borrowing from the Local Option account. Districts are now allowed to do this. There will be paperwork that would need to be filed and interest would be paid. Registration will be one day this year on August 11th with extended hours 8:00am-7:00pm. First day of classes for next school year is August 24th.

New Business

Superintendent VanderSluis talked about the upcoming summer projects. Windows are needing replaced at the high school. We will be starting with replacing 6 windows on the north side of the building. These will be done throughout the summer. Mr. VanderSluis met with Oskaloosa administration and MidAmerican to discuss the lighting project. It looks like this will be a good project to consider. He looks for a report to outline everything soon. Mrs. McNally is still looking into the wind turbines and working on grants, but she now is also gathering information on solar panels. The board agreed to go forward with this gathering of information.

Action Items

A motion was made by Director Morgan and supported by Director Gilkerson to adjourn into closed session at 7:00PM, Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Aye: Gilkerson, Moore, Carlson, Morgan, Hoehns

Nay: None

A motion was made by Director Gilkerson and supported by Director Hoehns to return to open session at 7:20PM.

Aye: Gilkerson, Morgan, Moore, Carlson, Hoehns

Nay: None

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Morgan to approve support staff minimum starting and sub wages as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Hoehns and supported by Director Gilkerson to hire Haley Myers as dance coach for 2014-15 school year and 2015-16 school year at \$1,200 for each year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Morgan and supported by Director Carlson to approve Steve Courtney and Brooke Dunkin as volunteer softball coaches for 2015 season. Aye: Hoehns, Carlson and Morgan. Nay: Gilkerson

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Morgan to accept Beth Kelderman's resignation as Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Hoehns and supported by Director Gilkerson to approve Steve Mott as a volunteer baseball coach for 2015 season. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Gilkerson and supported by Director Hoehns to accept the negotiated agreement between Twin Cedars Community School and the Professional Educators of Twin Cedars of 1.64% for 2015-16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Hoehns and supported by Director Carlson to apply a 25 cent increase to the hourly wage of the support staff for 2015-16 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Morgan and supported by Director Gilkerson to approve a 3 year contract for Superintendent Brian VanderSluis at 0% increase. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Carlson and supported by Director Morgan to approve a 2 year contract for Principal Dave Roby at 1.64% increase. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Hoehns and supported by Director Carlson to approve a 1 year contract for Curriculum Director Kim Roby at 1.64% increase. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Carlson moved to adjourn at 7:30pm. Supported by Director Gilkerson. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday June 8, 2015 at 5:00 pm.