

The Tri-County Board of Education met on Thursday, Dec. 19 in the administration building.

The financial report of the district's revenue and expenses to date and payments of checks and receipts from Nov. 27 to Dec. 19, 2013 was approved. Total revenue is at \$1.7 million and \$3,482,974 has been expended.

Discussion and action to change the policy Tobacco Use by Students was approved. District Administrator Anthony Marinack brought to the table that Board President Randy Thurley stated a few other schools have been experiencing problems with students using electronic vapor cigarettes on school grounds. The change in policy will include the electronic cigarettes.

The board also approved:

- Donations to volleyball and wrestling programs from Ponderosa Pines.
- Early graduation request for Caleb Alexander.
- CESA 5 School to Work consortium contract.
- Reducing individual department budgets for 2014-2015 budget year.

Student Representative Elizabeth Kemnetz reported recent and upcoming events. Quarter 1 rewards night for Juniors and Seniors will be Jan. 13 and 23. The Prom theme will be Neon Lights and Jan. 20 is the Practical Law trial.

District Administrator Anthony Marinack reported that retiree health insurance for employees

who are over 65 will have Medicare as their primary insurance.

Seven-twelve Principal Nicholas Marti reported there will be a 3rd annual JV/Varsity boys' and girls' basketball holiday tournament on Dec. 27 and 28 in Montello. On Jan. 14 there will be a middle school spelling bee in the lecture hall. On Jan. 22 is the second math league tournament and on Jan. 23 there is a quiz bowl home opener.

EC-6 Principal Shawn Jepson reported that on Jan. 6 kindergarteners will be doing a mid-year assessment. On Jan. 7, Nutritionist Terry Hernandez is coming to the school to work with 1st-4th graders and on Jan. 22 there is no school for students due to in service for teachers.

On Jan. 9 at 6 p.m the athletic meeting will be held and the next monthly board meeting will be held on Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.