

Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
January 19, 2022, 5:30 PM
Conference Room

Call to order: Attendance: Sandy Gonzalez, Joleen Dittbenner (by phone), Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Bryan Sellner, Sheila Wurtzberger

Good News Items: Some of the board members went to the MSBA conference

Recognition of visitors: visitors and staff

Approve Agenda M Casey Coulson 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Darla Remus

Vice Chair: Casey Coulson

Clerk: Sheila Wurtzberger

Treasurer: Joleen Dittbenner

M Bryan Sellner 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

Approve Committee Assignments;

Riverbend	Darla Remus
CAT	Sandy Gonzalez, Brian Nelson, Joleen Dittbenner
CED	Joleen Dittbenner
Br. Co. Advisory Board	Sheila Wurtzberger
Vocational Programs:	
Business	Bryan Sellner
Graphic Arts	Sheila Wurtzberger
Construction Trades	Brian Nelson
Agriculture	Brian Nelson
Meet and Confer	Sheila Wurtzberger, Casey Coulson Joleen Dittbenner
Negotiations	Darla Remus, Casey Coulson Brian Nelson
Transportation	Bryan Sellner, Sheila Wurtzberger, Darla Remus
MNSHSL	Darla Remus
Policy	Sheila Wurtzberger, Brian Nelson, Joleen Dittbenner
SE Schools	Casey Coulson Bryan Sellner, Brian Nelson
Legislative Liaison	Darla Remus
Facilities	Bryan Sellner, Brian Nelson, Casey Coulson
Staff Development	Darla Remus, Sandy Gonzalez
Food Service	Sheila Wurtzberger, Sandy, Gonzalez, Joleen Dittbenner
Sports Coalition	Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Bryan Sellner

Motion by Bryan Sellner 2nd Casey Coulson to approve committee assignments M/C

Approve minutes of December 18, 2021 and January 10, 2022 as presented

Motion by Bryan Sellner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Reports:

Board: Darla attended the Kids Talk at the MSBA conference and thought they needed more regular kids, John attended State High School League meeting

Principal: setting up Parent teacher meeting with parents that have students not passing, after school program was pretty well attended, 10 students will go to the OJT program on Thursday, registration materials are being looked at and conferences will be Feb 17

Superintendent: Covid Update: data since 1/3/22: Elementary student positive cases: 29 High School student positive cases: 44 Staff positive cases: 14 currently 7 out Thank you Subs!!

Total: 86 hence the masks

Mask mandate in place until February 1st 2022: goal is to stay in person learning

Testing: we continue to offer on-site Cue testing to staff, and students (we have done over 300 testing so far). Home test kits: we distributed home testing kits to families; I ordered 1000 more kits (the order has been delayed due to production issues). Received 750 and we have about 250 left. If you want another one, come in and get one. Elementary school has adjusted breakfasts and lunches and the PL: we are eating in the classrooms again instead of the cafeteria as a mitigation effort. We are not enforcing the new policy about vaccinations until something is decided by the government. New Covid isolation and quarantine guidance: Was sent out via email and will be in the paper tomorrow most any kid will have to sit out is 10 days instead of 24 (that is huge). If we have more staff out we will have to go to distance learning and no one wants that because the kids don't do as well, so we are going with this first. Casey said that some subs said that they will not sub anymore if we did not do something. Planning to start round 3 of teacher observations. Scheduling midterm goal setting meetings with elementary staff. Started the 2022-23 School calendar process. Working on Voluntary Pre-K application. Planning an All-School reunion as part of the Sleepy Eye 150 year celebration in August on the 17th or 18th. Huge thank you goes to all our substitutes that are making in-person learning still a possibility!!!! New sound system in the HS gym coming soon from a large donation from the basketball boosters. Everyone should benefit from that

Proposed property tax abatement hearing: Bob Elston and Wayne Pelzel are presenting, this is a benefit to keep staff in Sleepy Eye. Sleepy Eye Family LLC and ABC are the contractors for the project. enclosed parking would be included for an additional fee and typically water is included. Asking for ideas about how to develop the rest of the land with single family homes or duplexes.

Discussion on Safe Learning Plan: Is this the right thing to do? Casey says yes this is a good choice rather than going to distance learning, last winter we had minimal issues when we wore the masks. We will continue to do the free tests here. Riverbend has closed down for 2 weeks and they have been wearing masks all year. We were lucky previously and now it is catching up to us. We will consult or meet again in 2 weeks to assess the situation. If the situation has improved, we will take the masks off in 2 weeks. We are trying to do what's best for the students and keep learning in person.

Action items

Approve 2023-26 Flexible Learning Year application

Approve resignation of Maria Christina Gonzalez effective December 15, 2021

Approve the hiring of Louis Lopez as elementary SPED paraprofessional 6.5hrs/day @\$13.68/hr

Approve the hiring of Sofia Tabitas Lopez as paraprofessional 6.5hrs/day @ \$13.68/hr

Approve the hire of Sandy Brinkman for four weeks of homebound instruction at \$41.45/hr

Approve the following instructors for the High School After School program:

Austin Wyman @ \$28.34, Lauren Buckentine @ \$35.52, Mindy Berkner @ 42.75-- Substitute

Approve the resignation of Jen Altermatt as assistant track coach immediately

Approve the resignation of Julie Lilleodden, Media Specialist/Paraprofessional effective January 20, 2022

Approve open enrollment requests: 1 in from GFW, 1 out to Springfield

Approve lane change request for Cory Haala MA to MA +15

Approve the following donations: \$5000 anonymous donation: \$1000 to the HS Media Center, \$1000 to the Elementary Media Center, \$1500 to the Band program, \$1000 to the SEHS Theatre program, \$500 to the Studio Art program; CAF donation of \$19.41 to the Elementary fundraiser acct., \$19.41 to the HS PBIS acct.; King Solutions Inc (coca cola Give program) \$55.00 Elem. Fundraiser acct. Thank you for all your generous donations, they are greatly appreciated!!!

Approve the 21-22 Seniority List as presented.

Motion by Bryan Sellner to approve the fore mentioned as presented, 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

RESOLUTION NO.2

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Independent School District No. 84 (Sleepy Eye Public Schools), Minnesota (the "School District"), as follows:

1. Recitals.

(a) The School District proposes to approve tax abatements in connection with the construction of a 72-unit workforce apartment project (the "Project"). The School District proposes to use the abatement for the Project as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815 (the "Abatement Law"), from the property taxes to be levied by the School District on Parcel ID Numbers 002.756.001.01.010 and 002.756.001.02020 and the adjacent right of way which will be combined to create a new parcel on which the apartment project will be constructed (the "Tax Abatement Property").

(b) On this date, the Board held a public hearing on the question of the Abatement, (as defined below) and said hearing was preceded by at least 10 days but not more than 30 days prior published notice thereof at which all interested persons appeared and were heard.

(c) It is proposed that the School District will enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement (the "Tax Abatement Agreement"), which provides for the use of tax abatements to finance the Project.

(d) The School District proposes to approve tax abatements on a portion of the School District's share of property taxes on the Tax Abatement Property in the amount of \$30,000 for a term of up to fifteen (15) years to finance a portion of the costs of the Project.

(e) The Abatement is authorized under the Abatement Law.

2. Findings for the Abatement. The School District Board hereby makes the following findings:

(a) The tax abatement is the School District's share of real estate taxes which relate to the Project being constructed on the Tax Abatement Property and not the real estate taxes that relate to the value of the land (the "Abatement").

(b) The Board expects the benefits to the School District of the Abatement to be at least equal or exceed the costs to the School District thereof.

(c) Granting the Abatement is in the public interest because it will increase (i) increase or preserve tax base; and (ii) help provide access to services for residents of the political subdivision;

(d) The Tax Abatement Property is not located in a tax increment financing district.

(e) In any year, the total amount of property taxes abated by the School District by this and other resolutions and agreements, does not exceed the greater of ten percent (10%) of the net tax capacity of the School District for the taxes payable year to which the abatement applies or \$200,000, whichever is greater. The School District may grant other abatements permitted under the Abatement Law after the date of this resolution, provided that to the extent the total abatements in any year exceed the Abatement Limit the allocation of the Abatement limit to such other abatements is subordinate to the Abatement granted by this resolution.

3. Terms of Abatement. The Abatement is hereby approved. The terms of the Abatement are as follows:

(a) The Abatement shall be for up to fifteen (15) years commencing with taxes payable 2024 and shall not exceed \$30,000. The School District reserves the right to modify the commencement date but the abatement period shall not exceed fifteen (15) years.

(b) The School District will provide the Abatement as provided in this resolution.

(c) In accordance with Section 469.1815 of the Act, the School District will add to its levy in each year during the term of the Abatement the total estimated amount of current year Abatement granted under this resolution.

(d) The Abatement shall be subject to all the terms and limitations of the Abatement Law.

4. Approval of Tax Abatement Agreement.

(a) The Board hereby approves a Tax Abatement Agreement providing for payment of the Abatement in substantially the form submitted, and the Chairperson and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement on behalf of the School District.

(b) The approval hereby given to the Tax Abatement Agreement includes approval of such additional details therein as may be necessary and appropriate and such modifications thereof, deletions therefrom and additions thereto as may be necessary and appropriate and

approved by the School District officials authorized by this resolution to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. The execution of the Tax Abatement Agreement by the appropriate officer or officers of the School District shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of the Tax Abatement Agreement in accordance with the terms hereof

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by member Brian Nelson and duly seconded by member Casey Coulson and, upon a vote being taken thereon after full discussion thereof, the following voted in favor thereof: Sandy Gonzalez, Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Bryan Sellner, Sheila Wurtzberger

and the following voted against the same: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Adopted on January 19, 2022, by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 84 (Sleepy Eye Public Schools), Minnesota.

Chairperson

Attest:

Clerk

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 9th, 5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 6:33p.m. M Bryan Sellner 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger, Clerk