

Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
December 8, 2021 5:30PM
Conference Room

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

Good News Items: Mary Hoffmann won a very distinguished award and it is great to have a member like her on our team! Casey wanted to say that he thought the play was great for a second meeting.

Recognition of visitors: Staff and Press

Approve Agenda M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Bryan Sellner M/C

Approve minutes of November 10, 2021 M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Casey Coulson 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Reports

Board: BCPH Covid and Flu numbers are going up, CAT meeting and we will hear the presentation from Bob Elston tonight.

Principal: Kurk Kramer met with him on the OJT program. Non tenured teacher's meetings and we will start planning for the coming year

Superintendent: Covid Update; Elementary 5 in isolation; HS 3 in isolation. 17 COVID tests were done and 15 were negative, he is pleased with the numbers. Free home Covid test kits for students and staff will be available (1 kit for everyone). So far this is a one time thing, maybe more in the future. Solar grant-attended the first webinar about solar panels for schools. Solar Curriculum is part of the science program so this is interesting, Plan on pursuing the grant application. Elementary Concert dates: K-4 Monday December 13th at 6:00PM; 5-6 Monday December 20th 6:00PM: no Covid restrictions.

Presentations

World Best Work Force Presentation: met most goals and has plans to fix the goals that they did not make. The after school program has started with good enrollment numbers with intention to boost test scores. Samantha Schmit presented, Kevin Schneider was not able to attend

Truth and taxation by Amanda Boomgarden (6:00PM promptly)

Bob Elston, City Manager presented information regarding the housing project. Sleepy has a housing shortage and the District possibly could benefit from having an apartment complex that maybe a couple teachers could find housing in. Most of these would be transitional housing. Asking the school for a tax abatement asking us to approve the proposed property tax abatements. John believes that this is a good first step. Probably would start building in the spring of 2022 44 units to start with and another 22 would be added later, similar units have

gone up in Gaylord and would rent from \$800-\$1200 a month. Completion would be about spring of 2023. Alliance Building Corporation out of Sauk Rapids, is the builder.

Action items:

Approve open enrollment request 1 in from Redwood Area Schools

Approve SEPS World Best Work Force plan

Approve Jorge Almanza as JH girls coach for the 2021-22 school year based on participation @\$2,498

Approve Marc Riederer as JH boys coach for the 2021-22 school year based on participation @\$2,498

Approve the following Donations: \$1500 to the athletics and weight room program by Fidelity Charitable on behalf of Brooks and Katie Deibele, Lifetouch \$1980.59 commission for Fall Pictures, Servicemen's Club to benefit Fine Arts and Athletics \$1,000, Marilyn Steinke Stevenson \$30,000 to benefit the Mildred Werring Steinke memorial Scholarship, Land O'Lakes - \$250 to benefit the FFA program, CAF Charities \$19.41- Elem. Field Trips, \$19.41 – H.S. Student Incentives. Thank you for all your donations, they are greatly appreciated.

Accept donation from the Friends of Education to benefit the playground by purchasing a piece of equipment. Thank you for your donation and commitment to SE Schools

Approve resolution Designating Annual Polling Place for the School District for 2022

Motion by Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner to approve the fore mentioned action items
M/C

Member Casey Coulson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

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) Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.1812 through 469.1815, as amended, both inclusive, authorize the School District, upon satisfaction of certain conditions, to grant an abatement of all or a part of the taxes levied by the School District on real property within its boundaries.

(b) It is a legal requirement that the School District hold a public hearing prior to adoption of a resolution granting any property tax abatements.

2. Hearing. A public hearing on the consideration of the property tax abatement will be held at the time and place set forth in the Notice of Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

3. Notice. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of said hearing in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be given one publication in a newspaper of general

circulation in the School District at least 10 days but not more than 30 days before the hearing. The newspaper must be one of general interest and readership in the City, and the notice must be published at least once.

Board member Casey Coulson moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution, and said motion was duly seconded by Board member Bryan Sellner, 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 December 8, 2021, by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 84 (Sleepy Eye Public Schools), Minnesota.

Chairperson

Attest:

Clerk

Motion by Casey Coulson, 2nd by Joleen Dittbenner to approve the 2021 payable 2022 Levy in the amount of \$1,076,887.62 M/C

Adjourn Time: 6:28 p.m. M Bryan Sellner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Next meeting: January 19th 2021, 5:30PM

Respectfully Submitted

Sheila Wurtzberger, Clerk