

Sleepy Eye ISD #84  
Board of Education  
August 9, 2023, 5:30PM  
Conference room

Agenda

Call to order: Attendance: Sandy Gonzalez, Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Adam Barka, Sheila Wurtzberger Absent: Casey Coulson

Good News Items: Summer Ag is going super! - We had 55 total participants in the Summer Ag Classes: cooking, baking, and welding. - We have been doing many service projects and Ag tours including 30 members helping with the Farm Safety Booth at Farmfest. We taught over 500 families about 9 different areas of Farm Safety. - County and State Fairs are coming up! Big News for the Sleepy Eye FFA! We were named a TOP 10 Chapter for the National Chapter Award in the Model of Excellence Category! This means we are one of the Top 10 Overall Chapters in the Nation in the areas of Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture. \*Members will do an online presentation and interview in September. If in the Top 3, they will present at Nationals on the Finals Stage! Legion Baseball won State in Region 2. Congrats boys!!! Community Ed children's play "Magic Within" was cute and well attended.

Recognition of visitors. Press and staff

Approve Agenda M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Approve board retreat minutes from July 17, 2023, and July 19, 2023 board meeting minutes

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Sandy Gonzalez 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Reports

Board: negotiations met with the paras and are considering their proposals and teachers are continuing negotiations. Riverbend met and they got a new playground.

Principal: South Central Coop meeting and are considering expanding the program to address local test scores. Had a meeting to discuss the changes that the state made in their last section. 3 new teachers started on Monday with orientation. and looking forward to the new year.

Superintendent: Enrollment numbers as of 8/9/23: elementary: 303, HS: 259: total **562**; we are seeing more Fairfax students. Teacher workshop info: uploaded to board file. Welcome back PowerPoint uploaded to the board file.

Discussion: Tomahawk and Valley Conference merge. We would do this because of numbers due to merging this would increase the numbers of teams that we can play against. It would just be cross country, golf, tennis, wrestling and track. Big sports volleyball, football, basketball and baseball will stay with the Tomahawk conference. Will go with option 2 this will merge the conference and after some time we will reevaluate. Traveling would send our teams further away.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Action items:

Approve resignation of Laura Martinez as Elementary Title Professional as of 8/7/23

Approve contract for services with Pam Wendt

Approve fundraiser requests

Approve hire of Laura Saari as a Sped Para for the 23-24 school year at \$14.02.

Approve hire of Brittany Scharpe as a Sped Para for the 23-24 school year at \$14.02.

Approve open enrollment from New Ulm to Sleepy Eye. (2) M Sandy Gonzalez 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Next meeting is Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 5:30PM

Adjourn. Time 5:51 p.m. M Brian Nelson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk