

Minutes
Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
5:30PM
Conference Room

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

Good News Items: The Girls Basketball team are continuing their winning ways and playoffs start next week for them. They are co-champions. Boys Hockey playoffs start tomorrow night and Austin Uecker was the high scorer for Hockey. Congrats Austin!! Board recognition week.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff. Mike Hardin and Bob Elston for the city piece.

Approve Agenda M Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Approve minutes of January 09, 2024 M Casey Coulson 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

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

Reports

Board: Mascot committee met 4 times, the committee was made up of board members, community members, administrative and staff members and 2 students. We began with 55 names that were submitted to us by community members. From there we narrowed it down to 16 names and then voted on the order of those names. From there we went to 8 names, voted again and then took the 4 final names to the staff and students to have them vote, the 4 names were Bison, Bearcats, Phoenix and Storm. The students overwhelmingly voted for the Bearcats while the staff were equally divided by all 4 names, from there it was recommended to only bring the Bearcats to the Board for consideration. Staff Development met and went over Read Act and some of the training coming up. Community Ed met and discussed Drivers Ed and Community Spring offerings. Facilities met and roofing issues are being addressed.

Principal: Finished up teacher evaluations, offerings were made for classes and is working on the master schedule, parent teacher conferences are lacking participants and had presentations on AI and how to use it for staff and students.

Superintendent: **February is school board appreciation month:** Thank you for all you do for students, staff and the community of Sleepy Eye. **Read Act Update . Building and grounds update Andrew Pettit;** Personnel Information We are fully staffed Kevin and Amaris are doing a great job on the second floor and science/band wing. **Training Conducted February** Training is Asbestos refresher. **Inspections Monthly** fire extinguisher and exit light inspections. Employee monthly audits are completed. **Progress on Projects John,** Amanda, Tim and I are still working on the Cafeteria roof to figure out the best course of action to get the roof redone and keep the budget in check. Contacted UHL last Friday they are waiting on one piece of equipment for the control update for the Ag wing. Everything is moving along, it seems like we got the boilers working without issues finally. Been working on trying to clean and organize custodial areas as time permits. **Legislative update:** The 2024 legislative session convened on Monday, February 12. Legislators have until Monday, May 20, 2024, to

finish their work. Because the legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a two-year budget during the 2023 legislative session, the focus will be on a capital investment bill, policy issues, technical fixes to last year's budget bills, and potentially a supplemental budget bill. Note: Minnesota does not have to pass a supplemental budget.

Kindergarten Round Up March 5th 3:00PM-6:00PM. **Elementary round two goal setting** 95% completed. **Third round of observations** in progress

Presentation

FY 2024 revised budget by Amanda Boomgarden she went over the revised budget due to the amount of students that we have.

Discussion Items

Christensen grant supported positions they will fund the 3rd Ag teacher for us, because due to need we need 3. Thank you!!

Facility addition: The city is requesting a recreation center that would benefit the community and school needs. Looking for additional funding and it is nothing that would happen right now. The Rec Center will be connected to the school by a separate entrance and would not impact school security. We decided that along with the city we would bring this in for a community interest survey to see if there is even a need or support for this venture. Obviously, this is a big funding opportunity and would provide needed space that the school and the community would benefit from. The school could possibly see a new Arts & Entertainment center along with locker rooms for the new United Football team and some classrooms for a possible middle school.

Mascot: Board members had a spirited discussion that saw that not all board members were happy with the process that took place. Some members would like input from MDE or other entities to correct us on the names that we are able to use. We are not voting on this tonight. We made a motion to submit all 4 names to local tribes and MDE for their recommendation to proceed. Some members were not happy that the students were allowed to see and vote on the names before the rest of the board saw the names.

Action items

Approve resignation of Sarah Lendt as 4-8 grade school counselor at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Thank you Sarah!!

Approve FY 2024 revised budget

Approve resignation of Justina Andree as High School media paraprofessional as of 2/5/24

Approve resignation of Riley Huppert as Instrumental Music teacher at the end of the 2023-24 school year

Approve hiring of Deanna Nelson as High School media paraprofessional 6.5hrs a day @\$17.10/hr

Approve hiring of Mayda Meyer as Bilingual paraprofessional at 6.5hrs a day @\$15.52/hr

Approve hiring of Ramiro Briones as Elementary SPED paraprofessional at 6.75hrs a day @\$15.52/hr

Approve hiring of Dawn Gregor as High School paraprofessional 6.5hrs a day @\$15.52/hr

Approve resignation of Troy Vangness as Assistant Varsity Football coach at the end of the 2023-24 school year

Approve hiring of Kaleb Walter as Assistant Golf coach for the 2023-24 golf season @\$3,185

Approve hiring of Crystal Dauer as Track Assistant coach for the 2023-24 track season @ \$3,185

Approve the 2023-24 spring coaching assignments as presented

M: Approve hiring of Kathy Haala as Concession Stand Coordinator for the 2024-25 school year @ \$3,109

Approve fundraising request for the softball program as presented

Approve the following open enrollment request: 1 in from New Ulm

Approve resolution directing administration to make recommendations for reductions in program for 2024-25 and positions and reasons therefore.

Approve the following donations: \$250 by Paul and Julie Andersen charitable fund to the SEU football program; \$500 anonymous donation to the River Valley Wildcat track program; \$1001 by Kim Patel (JANU-4 LLC) to the Elementary Fundraiser account; \$1000 by the Leavenworth Baseball Association to the SEPS Athletic Department Thank you for all your donations they are greatly appreciated.

Addendum

Sleepy Eye, ISD #84

Board of Education

February 21, 2024

Action Items continued

Approve hire of Brianna Peitso for Instrumental Music for the 2024-2025 school year at \$45,488 plus her band stipend at \$4,160. Total of \$49,648.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 5:30PM

Adjourn. Time 7:23 p.m. M Adam Barka 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/clerk