

Minutes

Sleepy Eye ISD #84

Board of Education

March 13, 2024, 5:30PM

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

Good News Items: Winter sports wrapped up and every team had a great season. Spring sports are starting up.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

Approve Agenda

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Approve minutes of February 21, 2024 board meeting.

M Sandy Gonzalez 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports as presented.

M Brian Nelson 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Reports:

Board Committees: BCPH met and as you can guess we have seen an increase in influenza A infections and there does not appear to be a peak this year. Covid cases are down but then less people are reporting them. Norovirus is everywhere right now, commonly known as the stomach flu. Policy met and went over policies and dropped the COVID policy but then brought in a service animal policy because we did not have one. Riverbend met there is a retirement ahead and they need more space. There is a waiting list to get students in. Looking for new insurance. ECFE met and they have a lot of students and the last days of school are coming up for them. Summer sessions are coming up. They also have some home sessions that they can do.

Principal: Two boys on the State hockey team and they were excellent Kayden Klein and Austin Uecker . Two wrestlers also made it to state. Interviewing and touring going on, spending time on the schedule for next year.

Superintendent: **Legislative Update:** With the fourth week of the session wrapping up, it was a busy week of committee hearings. The House and Senate education policy committees have been especially busy as they try to hear their priority bills by the March 22 deadline. The Senate Education Policy Committee has one more week of bill hearings. The committee will release its omnibus policy bill the week of March 18 and pass it out of the committee later that week. The House Education Policy Committee has not given a timeline on its omnibus policy bill, but I believe it is similar to the Senate. John will work on addressing a bill that would allow us schools that have to change mascots that we get funding for the name change on a bonding bill.

Clarification on school resource officer law passes House

[Legislation](#) to clarify the 2023 law that led to uncertainty for school resource officers continues to advance. The House passed the bill on March 4 with no amendments and broad bi-partisan support (124-8). In the Senate, the bill had its last committee stop and is headed for a vote in the Senate soon. **MSBA/MASA Day at the capitol event March 18:** Darla and I are attending. We

have appointments with Senator Dahm and Rep. Torkelson. **Presented at the March 12 Sleepy Eye City Council meeting about the potential building addition. Kindergarten round up completed there are 30+ kindergarteners. Voluntary Pre-K Application has been approved by MDE for FY 2025. Literacy night on March 12. Grandparents Day Wednesday March 27th Riverbend building lease:** In order to address space needs Riverbend Ed. District is going to enter into a building lease for the next five years. We will use our lease levy to pay for this. New Lease \$78,300.00 our portion is \$6585.03. **Dashir Report:** Personnel Information We are fully staffed Bruce L. will be Starting back this week helping with spring sports. Training Conducted, March training is Electrical Safety. Inspections, Monthly fire extinguisher and exit light inspections. Will be helping Tim complete a water test this month. Employee monthly audits are completed. Progress on Projects, Cafeteria roof is on hold as of now, re-caulking of ext. windows on the east side of the building are on the schedule.

Presentation: Building project survey information: Daren Sievers Project Manager, School Perceptions. These are the people that would help us with our surveys with the community partnership for the multipurpose/ recreation building. Looking at having the findings to be presented at a June/July meeting. They have a very high accuracy rate.

Discussion: School Mascot: We are going to use a two-vote method. The first vote will take the 4 names, Bearcats, Bison, Phoenix and Storm down to the top two and then we will vote again for the top name which will then become our mascot. The board will then look at getting a new logo and branding process. Storm won the round. M was made by Brian Nelson 2nd Casey Coulson to accept the Storm. Roll call to accept the Storm as the new Mascot: In favor; Sandy Gonzalez , Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Adam Barka, Sheila Wurtzberger nay Joleen Dittbenner. Passes 6-1 M/C We will officially become the Sleepy Eye Storm.

Action items:

Approve non-renewal of Austin Wyman-Anderson as Language Arts teacher at the end of the 2023-24 school year

Approve resignation of Laura Petersen as 4 year old voluntary preschool teacher at the end of the 2023-24 school year

Approve hiring of Laura Petersen as Language Arts teacher for the 2024-25 school year at \$53,000

Approve hiring of Mackenzie Helget as 4 year old voluntary preschool teacher for the 2024-25 school year at \$31.07/hr

Approve April 1st as the cut-off date for school purchases.

Approve the following open enrollment requests: (1) SE to CMHS Morgan

Approve the following donations: \$1000 anonymous donation to the River Valley track program. Thank you for your generous donation, it is greatly appreciated.

Approve Policy committee reviewed policies

Approve Ice Arena Rental agreement between Sleepy Eye Hockey Arena and Sleepy Eye Public school.

Approve the 2023-24 Seniority list

Approve community survey proposal by School Perception
Approve Memorandum of understanding between MaryAnn Christensen and ISD 84
Approve termination of Dawn Gregor effective March 13, 2024.
Approve the 24-25 Mankato Area Adult Basic Education Consortium Agreement

Addendum
Sleepy Eye, ISD #84
Board of Education
March 13, 2024

Action Items continued

Approve FY 2025 Achievement and Integration Budget
Approve agreement to extend probationary period for Carlie Hedlund for the 2024-25 school year
M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Sleepy Eye I.S.D. #84

Member, Joleen Dittbenner introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF AUSTIN WYMAN-ANDERSON, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER.**

WHEREAS Austin Wyman-Anderson, is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 84.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 84, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes MS 122A.40 Subd. 5, that the teaching contract of Austin Wyman, is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 84, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2023-24 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal his/her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL**

March 13, 2024

Austin Wyman-Anderson
529 1st Ave N
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Dear Austin:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 84 held on March 13, 2024, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2024-25 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40 Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken because we feel you would be a better fit elsewhere.

Yours very truly,
SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. NO. 84

Sheila Wurtzberger
Sheila Wurtzberger, Clerk of I.S.D. #84

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Sandy Gonzalez, Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Adam Barka, Sheila Wurtzberger and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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Next meeting is Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 6:37 pm

M Brian Nelson 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk