

Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education Minutes
March 8, 2023, 5:30PM

Call to order by Chair Remus

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

Good News Items: Congrats to the Girls' Basketball team!! That is awesome, keep it up!! The FFA Members were able to get in their FFA Week Activities over a couple weeks due to snow storms, but it went well. There were activities for K-12 to get involved as well as the Appreciation Breakfast for Staff. FFA has also qualified every team for state except for one so far. Students are working super hard to do well in their contests. We have qualified 7 CDE teams as well as 3 Best Informed Greenhand Teams. 5 teams have yet to compete. State is at the end of April. The Senior High Knowledge Bowl has had first place finishes lately. Congrats!! The Winter Formal was well attended and nice. Kindergarten Round-up went well along with Literacy night which was fun. Hockey section finals happened and Evan Thompson placed 6th for Wrestling in the state.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

Approve Agenda as presented.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Approve minutes of February 8, 2023 Board meeting.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports as presented.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Reports:

Principal: Finished up teacher evaluations. Will begin working on scheduling with Neena soon. I want to have a master schedule for next year by 4/5. No candidates for Visual Arts position. I have contacted universities and reposted it every couple of weeks to get our posting to the top. I have also contacted neighboring schools to see if they have any part-time contracts that we could potentially fill out. Maybe one possibility for this. I will know more by the next SB meeting.

Superintendent: Calendar process, showing the current year and changing it as we go along for snow days and we are building the 23/24 calendar. Solar Grant update, the city approved the MOU so we are moving forward with the project. Kindergarten round up yesterday we had the round up and the kids had a great time, they were fed and had a bus ride that was the highlight for a lot of kids. We had a very good turnout, we anticipate having a kindergarten class of 40 next year. Voluntary Pre-K Application has been approved by MDE for FY 2024. Legislative update there was a lot of good

information in there. Completed 3rd observations with non-tenured staff, we are pretty proud of the good things that are happening in our building.

Action items:

A: Approve 2023-26 Achievement and Integration application and the budget for 2023-24 at \$94,307.96

B: Approve the resignation of Katie Emmett as Technical Director for the three act play at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

C: Approve the resignation of Alyssa Stevensen as the Visual Arts teacher at the end of the 2022 23 school year. Thank you for your years of service.

D: Approve the retirement/resignation of Judy Surprenant, Social Worker effective May 19, 2023. Thank you for your years of service.

E: Approve the hiring of Bailey Rutscher as Technical Director for the three act play for the 2023-24 school year @\$2175

F: Approve the hire of Amanda Fuchs, FTE Speech Clinician, effective 23-24 school year @ \$65,000

G: Approve the hire of Monica Rehbein, Special Needs paraprofessional at \$14.02/hr at 6.75hrs/day effective February 13, 2023

H: Approve the hire of the Boot Camp staff as presented for Spring 2023

I: Approve the hire of the Spring Coach's as presented for Spring 2023

J: Approve the Agreement to extend probationary period for Austin Wyman

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

L: Approve the following open enrollment requests: 1 in from Cedar Mountain, 1 in from Comfrey

M: Approve the following donations: \$19.41 to benefit H.S. PBIS account, \$500 Charles Hansen in memory of Phyllis Hansen to benefit the Cheerleading program. Thank you for your generous donations, they are greatly appreciated.

O: Accept the resignation of Rachel Linder, paraprofessional effective March 17, 2023

P. Approve the hire of Dakota Rolling, FTE teacher effective the 2023-24 school year at \$41,488

Q. Accept the resignation of Maria Hernandez, paraprofessional effective immediately

R. Approve the hire of Presley Bauer, paraprofessional \$14.02/hr 6.75hrs/day

Motion by Casey Coulson, 2nd by Joleen Dittbenner to approve action items A through R.

M/C

Motion by Joleen Dittbenner to approve the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Michelle Kastner, a Probationary Teacher 2nd by Sandy Gonzalez

Roll Call:

Those in favor; Sandy Gonzalez, Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Casey Coulson, Darla Remus, Adam Barka, Sheila Wurtzberger

Against; None

Motion Carries

Next meeting is Thursday, April 12, 2023 @5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 5:55 p.m. M Sandy Gonzalez 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk

