

Minutes  
Sleepy Eye ISD #84  
Board of Education  
November 25, 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: Three members will be attending the Leadership Development Conference this December in St. Cloud for their speaking contests: Taylor Berkner (was 1st in the Region for Employment Skills) Camryn Maher (was 1st in the Region for the FFA Creed) Lily Kallevig (was 2nd in the Region for Prepared Public Speaking) \*6 Jr FFA Officers will be attending the conference as well to further develop their Leadership Skills. The FFA Crop Show was a huge success with over 800 samples being made by 222 7th - 12th Grade Members. The overall winners were: HS Champion - Jasmine Petermann, HS Reserve Champion - Ava Sellner, JH Champion - Arianna Moore, JH Reserve Champion - Carson Sellner, Katie Emmitt was named FFA Advisor of the year by the Farm Bureau.

Congratulations to everyone!!

Recognition of visitors: Staff and press

Approve Agenda

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

#### Presentation

Building project interest survey results by Daren Sievers School Perception the survey showed that we would not have community support if we put this on the ballot. They said that the tax impact was too great in these economic times. John is disappointed in the results because the community needs to stay competitive and if we can't pass anything we will not stay competitive and people will leave. Brian asked if we should present this in 6 months or a year, Daren suggested maybe a cheaper version because parents want to see this but the retired community does not support anything. Adam said there was 40% that did not say "no". Adam suggested that maybe if it goes through the city that there might be more interest. If we could secure grants we could see the community turn around.

#### Discussion

Building project survey results. Casey thinks that we should not drop the issue but we should keep educating the community because we really could use a building like this.

Superintendent sharing opportunity with Cedar Mountain Public School. Adam thinks we would lose control over the superintendent. Brian thinks that we should explore this and see if it works for us, because down the line we will have to make this decision. We would have to look for support staff or an elementary principal. John is ok with being the superintendent only. This could be a cost savings but it could also cost us more. We have an outstanding support staff right now if we brought in an elementary principal we may lose some of that. Casey thinks that this is a unique opportunity for us. Staff would like a full time principal in the building so a shared principal would not be of interest. Casey says change means risk but we would have the support as long as John was here. Sleepy Eye would hold the contract, Cedar Mountain would be purchasing from us. Agreement would be a 3 year contract.

M Brian Nelson 2nd Adam Barka Roll Call 5-2 In support: Sandy Gonzalez, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson and Adam Barka Not in support: Joleen Dittbenner and Sheila Wurtzberger M/C

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 5:30PM regular meeting (truth and taxation 6:00PM)

Adjourn. Time: 7:16 p.m. M Adam Barka 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk