

Minutes

Sleepy Eye ISD #84

Board of Education

March 19, 2025, 5:30PM

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

Good News Items: Wrapped up the Basketball season, spring sports are starting. Congratulations to the Sleepy Eye Royalty Lily Kallevig, Paige Haala & Caroline Currans **They released the State Top 3 for Proficiency Awards today. The following FFA members advanced to this status!** Logan Ludewig - Ag. Mechanics Repair & Maintenance Placement, Jasmine Petermann & Davin Suess - Diversified Ag. Production Placement, Taylor Berkner - Vegetable Production Entrepreneurship. **Other State Results so far** - Sleepy Eye FFA Chapter - Superior Chapter, Gold, & Top 10! **More teams qualify for State Companion** Animals, Best Informed Greenhand Team (1st at Regions with Ava Sellner earning Top Individual), Noah Christensen advanced as an individual in Fish & Wildlife. **16 8th graders participated in the State Agriscience Fair last Thursday - These** results will be announced next week! **A new partnership** with Mike Suess (Lights in Motion), NK Seeds, and welding class has begun. The class is making a 12 ft tall metal FFA Emblem by bending, cutting, and welding rebar.

Recognition of visitors: Staff and press

Approve Agenda M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Dan Marti M/C Removing Q for discussion and action later.

Approve minutes of February 12, 2025 board meeting.

M Casey Coulson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports as presented.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Reports:

Board Committees: BCPH met 94% of people are vaccinated for the Measles and so they are not worried about the measles outbreak that is happening in the South. There is a Mental Health Conference coming up at the Event Center in May. Community Ed met and Pat is working on the brochure for Summer Fall and the dances with parents were very successful. Pre K met and they have worked out something for rates. It is a feeder program and they are hoping that rates don't discourage parents from sending their children. Calendar committee met and went over the calendar for next year.

Principal: We had a motivational speaker on 2/21 that was well received. I have completed all teacher evaluations for the year. I will sit down with the special education teachers and complete paraprofessional evaluations next week. Attended the conference meeting on 3/5. The juniors attended a career day at MSU on 3/12. I also attended and was a room monitor. Band and Choir participated at contest on 3/12 as well. Both groups received superb ratings. Felt that the group before them influenced our scores. Registration numbers are in. The cores have all been placed and Noemi and I will work on placing electives this week and next. I'm still hoping to have it completed by the end of March.

Superintendent: Elementary Principal finalists. 11 applications were received. 6 will be interviewing for the position. Our six finalist are: Crystal Ibberson Special Education teacher at New Ulm Public School, Laura Seifert-Hertling Director of Special Services at Fridley Public School, Jason Toupence Teaching and Learning Coordinator at NRHEG (New Richland, Hartland, Ellendale, Geneva), Kyle Leeson math teacher in Lake Crystal-Welcome-Memorial Public School, Keri Murphy a second grade teacher in Blue Earth Area Public School and Benjamin Westphal Dean of Students at Riverbend Education District in New Ulm. The candidates will have the tour of the town and the school. Prior to their interviews. Interviews are set for Monday, March 24 2025. Legislative Update. Special election brings House to 67-67 tie. Kindergarten round up completed and we have a lower number coming in. Flexible Learning Year application has been approved by MDE for 2025-2028. Voluntary Pre-K Application has been approved by MDE for FY 2026. Meet and confer calendar meeting: presented FLY calendar, plan on approving it at the April board meeting. Grandparents Day Friday, March 21st. Teacher Recognition, Trista Barka (2) John C. Joelle, Kristen Forstner, Tammy Lopez (2), Nicole Jensen, Tyler K., Jon Kopacek, Isabelle Klabough, Luis Lopez, Alisa Mangen, Laura Saari (3), Brittany Scharpe, Nicole Voight, Anna, Whooley, Samantha Whittington.

Action items:

Approve non-renewal of Matt Beckendorf as HS SPED teacher at the end of the 2024-25 school year

Approve non-renewal of Jordan Ott as HS math teacher at the end of the 2024-25 school year

Approve non-renewal of Karlie Hedlund as HS social studies teacher at the end of the 2024-25 school year

Approve hiring of Stephanie Fernandez as long term substitute teacher for 39 days at \$9,694.23

Approve hiring of Jenna Tews as assistant track coach for the 2024-25 season @\$3,185 F:

Approve Alex Bruggemann as JH baseball coach for the 2024-25 season @\$3,185 G: Approve

Zach Kelly as Assistant baseball coach (pitch count) part time \$1,000 H: Approve resignation of Cory Haala as assistant girls' basketball coach

Approve resignation of Lisa Hagen as JH track coach

Approve the FY 2026 Achievement and Integration Budget of \$86,495.99

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

Approve the 2024-25 Seniority list

Approve fundraiser request by one act play and softball as presented.

Approve the following open enrollment requests: 1 out to New Ulm

Approve the following donations: \$258 anonymous donation to the Care Closet; \$75 donation by Maranda Braulick, Jaclyn Nessett, and Asha Schmid to the elementary library in memory of Jenny Blick. Thank you for your donations, they are greatly appreciated.

Approve Dashir budget addendum.

Approve boys Soccer dissolution of cooperative sponsorship.

Approve boy's hockey dissolution of cooperative sponsorship.

Approve application for cooperative sponsorship for boy's hockey.

Approve FY 2025-26 Contract-Mankato Area Adult Basic Education Consortium ISD77 Fiscal Agent &

Cooperating School District Agreement

Addendum

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Discussion Items

Leave Request-Mary Hoffmann Would like a 1 year leave due to ongoing medical issues. John says it is a big ask. We would hold the position for her there is no cost for the district. She offered support for the leaders in the position. New applicants would be informed that this is a one year position. There are no performance concerns. We would need a licensed teacher but we could have a paid intern. One of the two that we already have could take the lead position with a new one taking the back up role. The Ag umbrella is a large one and has many programs under it. It is a unique license. We owe her this, she is not wanting to do this but feels that she needs to.

Approve girl's hockey dissolution of cooperative sponsorship. We have girls that are interested in the program but we feel that this is a let down...This is a slap in the face. We would like further discussion. They are keeping St Mary's because they have a current player but are cutting the public school out. We would just like more discussion and opportunity.

M AdamBarka is making a motion to not approve this dissolution of girl's hockey.

2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Action Items continued:

Approve Boot Camp Staff as provided

Approve Leave of Absence for Mary Hoffmann for the 25-26 school year

M Brian Nelson 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 23, 2025 @5:30PM

Adjourn. Time 6:42 p.m.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk