

Minutes  
Sleepy Eye ISD #84  
Board of Education  
Conference Room  
May 14, 2025, 5:30PM

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

Good News Items: Graduation is on Friday there are 40 of them, school ends on Wednesday, Spring sports are going well, prom went well.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

Approve Agenda M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Approve minutes of April 23, 2025 M Dan Marti 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Adam Barka 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

## Reports

Board: Mascot Committee met and approved 3 options that will go to students and staff to vote on, hopefully will have this done by June. CAT committee met and the music teachers have requested a change of hours, the English department has picked some new reading options for the students giving them more flexibility. Social Studies is up for review and will have to buy new material. BCPH met with the Mental Health fair that was welcomed with a full house. Facilities met and went over the summer activities and what is being completed.

Riverbend is graduating on Tuesday and did some new hires.

Principal: The schedule was in good shape, but now may need to adjust if unable to find a visual arts instructor. MCA testing is now complete. Staff spotlight winners from last month are Mary Helget and Deb Reinarts. Senior Awards and Gold Cord Banquet went well. Over \$70,000 gifted. The recognition breakfast, Minnesota Honor Society and Prom also went well. The Band and Choir concert ended up being all school and also went well. I have completed my paraprofessional evaluations and Individual Growth and Development Plan reviews with teachers. Commencement is on May 16th at 7 PM. Hard to believe the school year is almost over. There will be summer school for 7-12 that will start on June 16th.

Superintendent: Teacher appreciation week 5/5-5/9 Thank you to all the donors that made this event possible. End of the year data collection and goal setting process with Cabinet members (planning on presenting information at the July retreat). Food service pre bid meeting 5/15.

Summer school: 70 students K-6 enrolled, the program runs June 17-July 18 and has over 100 kids participating from 8:00AM-12:30PM HS Graduation: May 16, 2025 at 7:00PM. Legislative update, deadline on Monday and may have to call a special session. We have a lot of hot topics, we may be out \$205,000. FTML may be good because that would allow us to levy the tax people for a new roof, there is no money in there for a mascot change.

Business Manager: We are at 74% of our budget. Special education may be an issue. We should be on budget for spending. Working on next year's budget and will have that for us at the next meeting.

Presentation: Sleepy Eye FFA Chapter Awards: We had 76 FFA members travel to the UofM campus and Fairgrounds where they participated in the Annual Minnesota FFA State convention on April 29-30, 2025. We have several teams and members that qualified for Nationals. We had 13 members that received their State FFA degrees at the Convention. Sleepy Eye FFA was named the Land of Service and Ag. Literacy Challenge Top Chapter in the State. They were also the winner of the Building Communities Model of Innovation Award and Runner Up for Premier Chapter. At the Annual Banquet 3 Community members were given FFA Appreciation Awards and Mary Hoffmann was thanked for her several years of service as she is taking a year of absence.

Discussion: Leave request from Nicole Voigt she would like a 2 year leave, she took a job at Riverbend. John is not in favor of her to see if the grass is greener on the other side. Darla agrees with John. Brian believes that proper procedure was not followed. Nicole said that she agrees that she has not handled this well. She handles students that need the most care and teaches them skills that they can take with them. She agrees that she does not necessarily agree with the teachers, she sides with the students that she cares for. She was given a different assignment and she does not like the new assignment. John and Shane stand by their decision. Parents are siding with Nicole. The master agreement allows for one year at the board's discretion, Adam says it is longer than the year that is requested, there is nothing in the contract that says she cannot come back to reapply for an open position. We are not here to discuss assignments. Adam is not in favor. If there is an open position there is nothing stopping her from reapplying.

#### Action items:

Approve Crystal Ibberson as JH golf coach @\$1,200 for the 2025 golf season

Approve Kelly Neubarth as Elementary Administrative Assistant (nurse assistant, building entry manager) 8 hrs a day @\$17.15/hr

Approve Athletic Training Service Agreement with Allina Health/New Ulm Medical Center for the 2025-26 school year @\$10,000

Approve child care leave request for Mackenzie Evenson

Approve open enrollment requests 1 in from Nicollet 2 out to New Ulm

Approve summer hours request for technology support for Alisa Mangan for 120 hours

Accept the following donations: \$1000 from the Estate of Charles Hansen to the cheerleading program. Thank you so much for your generous donation, it is greatly appreciated.

Addendum  
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Action Items Continued:

Approve Migrant and Targeted Staff as presented

Approve resignation of Alyssa Stevensen as Art Teacher effective 5/21/25.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Approve/Deny Leave of request for Nichole Voigt

M by Brian Nelson to deny request Adam Barka Seconded M/C

Close the meeting for negotiation strategy (closed meeting at 6:30 reopened meeting at 7:01 p.m.)

Next meeting is Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 7:04 p.m. M CaseyCoulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk