

Minutes  
Sleepy Eye ISD #84  
Board of Education  
June 11, 2025, 5:30PM

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

Good News Items: The golf teams are participating in the state tournament right now. They are doing well. Tracksters are at state as well. We hired an Art teacher, he has a tech background too and we may get to offer new classes.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

Approve Agenda

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve minutes of May 14, 2025

M Brian Nelson 2nd Dan Marti M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Dan Marti M/C

Presentation: A: 2025-26 budget presentation: Todd Netzke We have 2 teacher positions that were eliminated. The state helped us out with their budget. We will be dipping into our fund balance \$466,794. Food service balance can be changed and we can shift some money. We could break even on the Community Ed budget.

Discussion: School mascot selection We are changing the mascot but hoping to keep some Indian things due to the fact that our town is named after an Indian, like letterhead and such. Budget constraints will not allow us to change everything. We will contact them again and want them to at least consider it. The mascot committee ended up with 3 options and we will vote tonight, it will be a two step process. First vote was 2 for A 3 for B and 1 for C. So we dropped option C and now with A & B 2nd vote would be with A without eyes B stays the same A has 3 and B has 3 so tied. Third vote has no changes to either one 4 B's to 2 A's Option B won

Reports

Board: BCPH met, measles cases are on the rise up in the cities but not here and said that if you were born before 1963 you were likely vaccinated at birth. They reported that we hired a new school nurse. Negotiations met and started with the teachers and Riverbend met and they held negotiations with everyone.

Principal: Commencement went well, we hired a new art teacher and laid the groundwork for summer school that will start Monday and there will be about 30 students.

Superintendent : Summer School starts next week, we have 100 students, Dashir is fully staffed and trained and are working on the summer projects which are ahead of schedule. Nurse contract: Brown County Public Health is no longer supporting area schools for nursing services. We are looking to hire an LPN with oversight support from an RN to fulfill our students' health needs. Legislative update came out in our favor and not a lot was changed in the education sector. Compensatory aid is in there but may change again next year, that will hurt us. Non-public bussing was kept, we would have had to go to these places anyway but now we get some funding for it. They want a decrease of \$240000 in funding which could hurt us in year 2. LTFM was a huge win because we were able to levy for our roof.

Action items:

Approve Jonathan Macemon as K-12 Visual Art instructor for the 2025-26 school year @\$45,488

Approve 2025-26 budget

Approve resignation of Nichole Voigt as DCD SPED teacher as of June 30, 2025

Approve Family Facilitator contract with Brown County Human Services for the 2025-2026 school year

Approve Sleepy Eye's new mascot Option B

Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Minnesota Valley Action Council, Inc.'s Head Start Program and Sleepy Eye Public School/ECSE  
Approve Food Service bid by Taher Inc. to provide food service for Sleepy Eye Public School

M Brian Nelson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Next meetings: Next board meeting tentative dates: July 14 at 5:30PM board retreat at Mark Thomas;  
board meeting will be on July 16, 2025

Adjourn. Time: 6:44 p.m.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger, Clerk