

Minutes
Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
October 8, 2025, 5:30PM
Conference Room

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Call to order: Attendance: Dan Marti (arrived at 5:33), Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus (Arrived at 5:31), Casey Coulson, Adam Barka (arrived at 5:33), Sheila Wurtzberger
Good News Items: the musical "Six" was phenomenal! Congratulations to George and the whole cast.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

Approve Agenda	M Brian Nelson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C
Approve minutes of September 10, 2025	M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C
Approve financial transactions and reports	M Brian Nelson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Reports

Board: Policy met and reviewed a policy for Building and Sites naming rights. Community Ed met 90 kids signed up for football and 40 kids in school readiness and goal setting, Negotiations met with some numbers that they brought to the teachers.

Elementary Principal: Staying very busy between meetings, managing student behaviors (office referrals/detentions), doing walkthroughs, conferencing with teachers, and assisting with situations that arise throughout the school day. Goal setting meetings are concluded and I am moving into the teacher observation cycle in October now. Planning on doing 2-4 evaluations by the end of October. Oct 13th = Indigenous Peoples' Day - we will hold a special program this day. Book Fair in the Lindahl Room on Oct 14th, MEA Break = no school October 16-19, Flu Shot clinic will be held at the school on October 21. Celebrated National Custodian Appreciation Day on Oct 2nd with a huge banner outside the cafeteria signed by staff & students, thanking the maintenance and custodial staff for the hard work they do to keep our school clean / beautiful. Tricia C and Michele C from the service co-ops are conducting sessions this month to strengthen our implementation and fidelity of our new Functional Phonics and Wit & Wisdom curriculums., Dates are October 6th, 15th, and 23rd. Staff development day this month will be October 15th (no students). FAST testing has concluded across all grades and NWEA is almost all done. October 1st we had a storyteller (LuAnn Adams) come into the Elementary Library and read to K-6 students, Very well received by all. Fire Prevention Week this week Oct 6th-10th, Kindergarten = walked to the firehouse today Oct 8th, Fire Dept. did a surprise fire drill on Tues, Oct 7th. Also conducted an evacuation drill on 10/2, Evacuated over to Trinity Lutheran Church. Community Mural Painting Event (HACER) happening at school Oct 11th.

High School Principal: We had a Teen Impact Driver presentation for our 10th graders. Coronation and Homecoming week went well. I attended a Region 2 MSHSL meeting (I sit on the committee). We had a group of students attend a heavy equipment field trip at Mathiowetz

Construction. I accompanied a group of students to tour Afinatas. I attended my principal division meeting. I attended a school law conference. I covered class time for Mr. Nesvold (staff spotlight winner from previous month). First observations for non-tenured teachers are being scheduled. Parent Teacher Conferences are next Tuesday, October 14th from 3:30 to 8:00. Staff recognized with Staff Spotlight for the past month were: Zoe Macklanburg, Brianna Peisto, Ashley Maher, Paul Hendrickx, Troy Vangsness, Kevin Schneider, Mary Helget, Aaron Nesvold, Sydney Geiger, Deanna Nelson. Staff Spotlight winners for this past month were Zoe Macklanburg and Mary Helget. We will have an inspirational speaker and a Veteran's day program early next month

Superintendent: Negotiations update: the committee met with SEEA reps and presented the district offer; Non-union support contract is ready to be approved. Branding Committee: Cory is looking to further explore mascot variations. Naming rights committee: Cory and I are trying to get this off the ground. We are recruiting members. Meeting with School Management Services weekly to improve communication and services. LTFM roof project has been approved by MDE. Attended Ratwik Law Conference: Biggest topic was the PFMLA

Action items:

Approve open enrollment request 4 out 1 in: 3 out to Comfrey, 1 out to New Ulm, and 1 in from St. James
Approve paraprofessional staff hours for the 2025-26 school year (Adam Recused himself)
Approve ECFE/School Readiness staff hours for the 2025-26 school year
Approve elementary after school staff hours for the 2025-26 school year
Approve hiring Zoe Macklanburg as Assistant Knowledge Bowl Advisor based on participation
Approve 2025-2027 Non-Union Support Staff agreement
Approve resolution of Governing Board Supporting form A and B application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation
Approve work agreement with Ann Christensen for the 2025-26 school year
Approve the following fundraiser requests: SEU Football and SE Softball
Approve resignation from Katie Domeier as JV Softball coach
Approve Kristine Schwab as elementary SPED paraprofessional 6.5hrs @\$16.52
Approve Policy 906: Buildings and Rights Naming Rights

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Next meeting is Wednesday November 12, 5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 6:12 p.m.

M Adam Barka 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk