

Minutes  
Sleepy Eye ISD #84  
Board of Education  
November 12, 2025, 5:30PM  
Conference Room

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

Good News Items: FFA had their national convention, Biz town and winter sports started

Recognition of visitors: Press and staff

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

Approve minutes of October 8, 2025 M Casey Coulson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports. We look like we are going to come in balanced or close to it.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Dan Marti M/C

### Reports

Board: Negotiations met and wrapped up with their negotiations

Elementary Principal: Covering a class period for Mrs. Bruggeman on Nov 12th (WOW ticket winner).

Winners acknowledged so far: Trista Barka, Jenna Friton, Sue Kanzenbach, and Kristin Bruggeman. 7 teacher observations completed so far... Keeping up my pace, 3 tenured, 4 non-tenured. Parent Teacher conferences on Oct 13th/14th, Good attendance in Elementary.

District assessments 1st-6th are completed, Kindergarten will complete in Dec. Community mural project - painted a large mural outside the cafeteria on Oct 11th, Positive community feedback on this mural. Interviewing a SPED paraprofessional candidate tomorrow 11/12. October 15th staff development day, Gen Ed = Reviewed district assessment data and received feedback from Michele Chapin regarding Wit & Wisdom standards and implementation alignment (half day K-2 and half day 3-6). Sped = Reviewed restrictive procedures forms and information, reviewed behavioral de-escalation language scripting and proposed some behavior training ideas for the staff, Reviewed MCA universal accommodations, and provided paperwork time for sped staff. November 14th PLC = Functional Phonics & Morphology curriculum and standards debriefing meetings with Tricia Christopher (teachers scheduled into individual classroom sessions between 8 am - 2:30 pm. (Ben will sit in on these as well to hear all the feedback/suggestions). Ben is attending a math curriculum vendor showcase in Mankato on Nov 13th to figure out which math curriculum to implement in our District for new standards. Also attended a math showcase on October 23rd in Mankato Ben liked the iReady math curriculum K-8 (up through Algebra 1-could also be implemented in HS to some extent). BizTown happened on Fri, Nov 7th. October 28th student interviews. Nov 7th event up in St. Paul Field Trip for 4th graders to the US Bank Stadium (behind the scenes tour) Kylie Koerner secured this field trip opportunity through a grant. Implemented a teacher grades due date calendar for regular updating of school grades - delivered in last staff meeting. Winter concerts upcoming, Band/choir preparing for these, K-4 = December 8th 6 pm, 5-6 = December 15th 6 pm

High School Principal: I covered class time for Mrs. Helget (staff spotlight winner from previous month). First observations for non-tenured teachers are complete. I have begun with Tenured teachers who are

up for administrative evaluation (every three-year rotation). Parent Teacher Conference were on October 14th from 3:30 to 8:00. Staff development day on October 15th. Worked on NWEA data review, updating standards and content in Schoology. Teachers also reached out to at least five households. Staff development day on Friday, November 14th - Academic honesty discussion, Standard and Schoology updating. Staff recognized with Staff Spotlight for the past month were: Kevin Schneider, Alyssa Mitchell. Meetings with students not passing classes. We had an inspirational speaker; Corey Greenwood on November 4<sup>th</sup> We had a Veteran's Day program on November 11th.

Superintendent: New Ulm is dropping us from girl's hockey, giving us a year's notice. We have decided to use a private plan for PFMLA. We have a group meeting with the Lower Sioux tribe to see if we can keep the Indian name, but the Storm logos are being worked on so they will be ready to be implemented, if that is not an option.

#### Presentation

FFA National Convention recap by the FFA officer team. We had 15 members attend along with 2 Advisors in Indiana. We were named a 3-star chapter (that is the highest award given). Taylor received a silver ranking and Lily also received a silver ranking. They went on some tours and a rodeo. They had a lot of fun.

#### Action Items

Approve snow removal quote provided by S and J Construction

Approve 2025-27 SEEA Master Agreement

Approve open enrollment request: 1 out to New Ulm

Approve dissolution of speech cooperative sponsorship between Springfield, Sleepy Eye and St. Mary's High Schools

Approve speech cooperative sponsorship between Springfield, Sleepy Eye, Comfrey and St. Mary's High Schools for the 2025-26 school year

Approve amended professional services agreement with Brey Associates-Architects Inc.

Approve resignation of Nicole Domeier as HS SPED paraprofessional as of 11/7/25

Approve resignation of Courtney Rex as HS SPED paraprofessional effective immediately

Approve hiring Azuany Sandoval as HS SPED paraprofessional 6 hrs/day at \$16.52/hr

Approve Stephanie Hanson as girls JH basketball coach for the 2025-26 school year at \$2,498

Approve Rosemary Molenaar as One Act Play advisor for the 2025-26 school year at \$1,333

Approve fundraising request for the girls' basketball program

Approve the following donations: \$1000 by the Sleepy Eye Lions Club to fund the Biztown transportation costs

Approve 2025-27 SECE Agreement

M Casey Coulson 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 5:30PM regular meeting (truth and taxation 6:00PM)

Adjourn. Time: 6:05 p.m. M Brian Nelson 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/clerk