

Minutes

Sleepy Eye ISD #84

Board of Education

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 5:30PM

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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: Large group of students going to the FFA convention.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff students

Approve Agenda M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Dan Marti M/C

Approve minutes of March 10, 2026 M Brian Nelson 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Reports

Board: BCPH met: Vaccination rate for newborns have gone down 14% in 5 years even though there were the same amount of babies born, that is concerning, We have a mobile dental health clinic that visits New Ulm once a month for anyone that needs dental care, next one is on April 15th and flu rates have been lower. The Policy Committee met and reviewed the new paid leave policy.

Elementary Principal: HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the 5th & 6th grade Math Masters teams (and staff/coaches) on their achievements and success at the March 26th competition in Marshall 6th grade team finished in first place!! 34 days of school left

Grandparents Day was well-attended and overall, a success. Over 250 grandparents attended (even without 6th grade) Event flowed smoothly. Para and teacher evaluations are completed. New office referral form in use, Documents shared with staff to clarify behavior response and office referral procedures. Hired new special education teacher, Hana Schroeder (doing well). Continuing to do IEP reviews, Meetings with parents, students, and staff. MCA testing in April, rewards and incentives approved Fun activities and field trips in April and May. Draft elementary school prep/class schedule has been created, Admin are reviewing special ed caseloads for next year, letting staff know by May 22.

Planning with Nancy Moore, structuring next year for success related to READ Act requirements.

Planning a few room rearrangements to create a new general education "calm down"/ break space (gen ed cannot currently use sped rooms for this purpose, showing a need for this).

High School Principal: We will have our final crisis team meeting April 22nd at 3:15. We will participate in the statewide severe weather awareness drill scheduled April 16th at 1:45. We have one fire drill and 2 lockdown drills to complete yet (summer is an option with us having summer school). We had a driver safety program on 4/7. This was an hour long series of simulated driving activities. Students in grades 9-12 participated. Wrapping up paraprofessional evaluations. Looking at an 8 period day for next school year. I have a meeting with the leadership team and two school board members after school on April 8th. This would be a way for the high school to build in required intervention time due to READ Act legislation. We had 20 students take the ACT exam on April 7. Conducted interviews for open teaching positions. Conducting meetings with parents of some 9th grade students still struggling. Gold Cord Banquet is next year, Student recognition is the following week and Prom is May 2nd.

Superintendent: Policy Committee has reviewed the proposed PFMLA policy, recommended for first reading. The Calendar Committee met and reviewed the proposed 2026-27 calendar, recommending for approval. Met with Charlie Vowels (Brey Architects Inc), Tim Harbo, and Aaron Bushberger (Ehlers) discussed changing the roof project to consider the 30 year roof versus the current 20 year proposal. The group was in agreement that it makes perfect sense to change the project for a 30 year option since the

bids were very favorable. Met with Mike Nelson (Dashir Inc. Owner) and discussed continuing our business relationship for another 3 years. I recommend you approve the agreement.

Presentations;

Senior class summary of the 2026 trip

Junior class request for senior trip approval for Spring of 2027

Action items:

Approve resignation of Cory Haala as Activities Director at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Thank you, Cory!!

Approve resignation of Alyssa Romberg as JH volleyball coach effective immediately

Approve hiring Hana Schroeder as ECSE teacher for the 2025-26 school year @\$10,303.32

Approve hiring of Blake Schueller as JH golf coach @\$1200

Approve the 2026-27 Senior trip

Approve 2026-27 school calendar

Approve 2026-27 Mankato Area Adult Basic Education Consortium Contract

Approve MOU with Tri Valley Opportunity Council to provide collaboration for children with disabilities and to support services that promote school readiness

Approve Seniority List for 2025-26

Approve child care leave request for Kristin Bruggeman

Approve First reading of the MN Paid Leave Policy

Addendum

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Action Items Continued:

Approve resignation of Matthew Sellner as JH basketball coach effective April 1st 2026

Approve Dashir Management Services Agreement from July 1 2026 through June 30th 2029

M Dan Marti 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 12, 2026 @5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 6:42 p.m. M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger, Clerk