

Minutes
Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
July 22, 2026, 5:30PM

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Agenda

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

Good News Items: Our golf coach Bryant Mages was honored as the Tomahawk/Valley Coach of the Year for both boys and girls, as well as the Section 2A Boys Coach of the Year. Taylor Berkner was player of the year for softball.

Recognition of visitors: Staff and press

Approve Agenda M Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Approve minutes of June 10, 2025 M Dan Marti 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports. We may end up in the black for the end of the year but not by much and student numbers are looking better than anticipated for the upcoming year.

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Reports

Board: Negotiations met and will bring that to the next board meeting

Elementary Principal: Staffing Updates We have hired two long-term substitute teachers to cover maternity leaves for the upcoming school year. The elementary master schedule has been completed and shared with all teaching staff. Our Elementary Leadership Team has been established for the 2026-2027 school year. Beginning this school year, we will be implementing a morning recess following breakfast for students in Grades 1-6. This adjustment is designed to provide students with an opportunity for physical activity before instruction begins, helping improve focus, engagement, and readiness to learn throughout the school day. Staff have been informed of the transition, and procedures have been developed to ensure a smooth and safe implementation. Our staff Storm apparel order has been distributed, and we have received a great response. A second apparel order will be available to the public soon, offering additional clothing and merchandise options for families and community members to support our school. Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team continues to make exciting changes that align with our school mascot and vision for a positive school culture. We will introduce our new school wide expectations that are ● S – Self-Control ● T – Take Responsibility ● O – On-Time & Ready ● R – Respect ● M – Make a Positive Impact. In addition, we are implementing a new Storm Squads House System. The house system is designed to increase positive behavior, strengthen school climate and culture, build relationships across grade levels, and recognize students for demonstrating our STORM expectations. Students will earn points for their house through positive behavior and participation, creating opportunities for teamwork, leadership, and school pride. Tomorrow evening, Sleepy Eye Elementary will participate in Party in the Park 5-8pm. A technology usage survey was sent to elementary teaching staff to better understand how iPads are being utilized throughout the school day. The survey results provide valuable baseline data and will help guide future conversations regarding instructional technology, and balancing technology with hands-on learning experiences. I will continue to monitor usage this school year. This school year, the elementary will

implement a Student Support Team (SST) to provide an early, collaborative approach to identifying and supporting students who may be experiencing academic, behavioral, attendance, or social-emotional concerns. July 22nd 9-4pm Wit & Wisdom Lead.

High School Principal: Summer School concluded on July 17th with 24 students enrolled, a decrease of approximately 10 compared to the previous year. Credit recovery was successful for 14 of these attendees. Participation among junior high students dropped to 3, down from 10 during the prior summer session. I took part in the secondary principal's summer conference and engaged in Compass training that highlighted effective Mathematics instruction. The 2026-27 student handbook review is complete, and evaluations of the faculty and Crisis Response Procedure handbooks are currently in progress. Preparations for the upcoming workshop week are also underway.

Superintendent: Job Descriptions updates since that had not been done since 1998. Roof replacement is underway and so far, only one day with a random downpour to try to slow it down but Laraway did great handling it. HS Gym Floor is in progress and is a little behind. We are having trouble with humidity but we have the solution under control and it is dropping. Hoping to catch up this week and next on some time. Rebranding is underway and I am hoping Fuel Graphics can be here around the 1st of August or close to that to do their part of the project. Bleachers in HS cannot be done until we can move them. John wants to send kudos for Craig since he is doing an awesome job. Elem schedule is still full so hopefully find time around that to move that around as well. We also purchased new wall mats with the Storm logo. All clocks are also being replaced due to having the Indian logo in it. We will have several groups at the event: early childhood, elementary PBIS and FFA.

Designate Official Newspaper:

Herald Dispatch

M Brian Nelson 2nd AdamBarka M/C

Designate official depository

Americana Bank, First Security Bank, South Point Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo, MSDFLAF + and others as deemed appropriate and to delegate authority to make electronic transfer for the 2026-27 school year as presented; Superintendent, Finance Director, Board Treasurer.

M Casey Coulson 2nd AdamBarka M/C

Approve fees & rates schedule

M Casey Coulson 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Action items:

Approve long term substitute contract (guest teacher) for Madison Van Dusen \$25,146

Approve long term substitute contract (guest teacher) for Liberty Nelson \$15,240

Approve resignation of Tina Cunningham as school nurse

Approve shared services agreement for LSN services for the 2026-27 school year with Riverbend Ed. District

Approve Lindsey Connell for LPN services 8 hours a day @\$26.07/hr for the 2026-27 school year

Approve renewal of food service management company cost reimbursable contract for the 2026-27 school year

Approve Elementary handbook updates for 2026-27 Page 30 should include behavior policy 506 on page 28 of high school policy 506 should be included page 33 should include law enforcement referral.

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Approve 2026-27 School Board Meeting dates

Approve MREA membership for the 2026-27 school year \$1428
Approve one open enrollment 1 out (New Ulm), 1 in (Redwood Falls)
Approve insurance renewal rates for the 2026-27 school year
Approve resignation of Grant Romberg as GBB Head Coach
Approve Bus Contract July 2026-June 2032
Approve agreement to provide regional instructional services FY 2026-27
Approve Fundraisers as attached for the 26-27 school year
Approve resignation of Ramiro Briones as para
M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C
Approve Education Identity and Access Management Resolution
M Brian Nelson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C
Next meeting is August 12, 2026, 5:30PM
Adjourn. Time 6:19 p.m. M Casey Coulson 2nd Brian Nelson M/C
Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk