

Minutes
Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
August 12, 2026, 5:30PM
Conference room

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Agenda

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

Good News Items: Joleen and Craig Dittbenner are Family Farm of the year, football has started, and our summer baseball teams did awesome, Brown County Fair started today and Farmfest went well and is over. The Descendants was a very fun community event

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

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

Approve board retreat minutes from July 14, 2026, and July 22, 2026 board meeting minutes

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Reports

Board:

Elementary Principal: We have continued to make progress with our paraprofessional staffing. Three new Special Education paraprofessionals have been hired, We are currently interviewing two candidates for our Preschool Special Education paraprofessional positions. We are hopeful that one of these candidates can also help fill our remaining K-6 Special Education paraprofessional opening, as we are currently one position short in that area. We are working on finalizing details for a 5th grade LTS for Tim Hoffmann. New teacher meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday of workshop week from 9:00-10:00 a.m. This time will be used to welcome new staff, review important elementary procedures, and provide an opportunity to answer questions as they begin the school year. We have started an Angel Fund to help support families who may have difficulty covering the cost of milk breaks. The fund will allow community members and others who wish to contribute to help ensure students have access to milk break without creating an additional financial burden for families. The Storm staff apparel store has reopened with additional options. New items include hats and apparel with full-front Storm logos. The staff store will remain open for employees throughout the year. A public Storm apparel order is expected to open next week. This order will provide additional options for families and community members while also serving as a fundraiser for Sleepy Eye School. We are preparing for the first day of school. As we approach the start of the school year, we have increased communication with families to help ensure they are informed and prepared for the upcoming year. Information has been shared through ClassDojo, flyers, and school communications regarding important back-to-school procedures, expectations, and upcoming changes. We have several upcoming and ongoing training sessions happening. August 18th is Open House and picture day.

High School Principal: Completed review of the faculty handbook, Completed the review of the Crisis Response Procedure Handbook, Participant in Transportation meeting, Preparing for August 18th Open House; 5:30 10th grade Teen mental health meeting, 6:00 9th grade informational meeting, 6:45 7th

grade orientation, Activities meeting between 7th and 9th grade meetings, 7:00 Senior parent informational meeting. The first day with students is August 24th. First home football game is August 28th

Superintendent: Enrollment numbers as of 8/13/25: elementary: 280, HS: 239: total **514 last year we started 529** Teacher workshop info: uploaded to board file, Welcome back PowerPoint uploaded to board file August 19th Welcome Back for staff at John's house.

Action items:

Approve Sleepy Eye Public School's E-Learning Plan for the 2026-27 school year (there are questions raised on this and it may come before the board again)

Approve updated school lunch prices for the 2026-27 school year

Approve the following open enrollment requests: 1 out to New Ulm 4 in from Springfield

Approve hiring Jordan Rummel as elementary SPED paraprofessional 7 hours at \$16.52/hr

Approve hiring Monica Sellner as elementary SPED paraprofessional 7 hours at \$16.52/hr

Approve the 2025-26 Fall coaching assignments

Approve the following elementary support stipends for Shane Laffen: \$2,000 for elementary building support in the 2025-26 school year, and \$1,000 for elementary principal supervision for 2026-27 school year.

Approve Special Education Service Agreement between SCSC and SEPS

Approve resignation of Tamara Lopez as elementary para

Approve resignation of Yendi Trevino as elementary para

Approve resignation of Cory Haala as softball head coach

Approve hiring Kaitlyn Johnsen as elementary SPED paraprofessional 7 hours at \$16.52/hr

Addendum

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Action Items Continued:

Approve correction on JH reduced fee of \$40

M Dan Marti 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Next meeting is Wednesday September 9, 2026 at 5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 6:10pm M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Dan Marti M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk