

Minutes
Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
September 9, 2026, 5:30PM
Conference Room

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Agenda

Call to order: Attendance: Dan Marti, Joleen Dittbenner (virtually), Brian Nelson, Casey Coulson, Adam Barka, Sheila Wurtzberger

Good News Items: Gym floor is done, finally!! Kids did well at the state fair. Football and volleyball started

Recognition of visitors: Staff and Press

Approve Agenda - M Dan Marti 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Approve minutes of August 12, 2026 - M Casey Coulson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports - M Casey Coulson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Reports

Board: BCPH met Brown County has a 96.1% vaccination rate for measles and a 95% rate for chicken pox, they have a biking program for schools.

Elementary Principal: We have continued to make progress with our paraprofessional staffing. We recently hired a special education Paraprofessional. We continue to have several open positions: Preschool Special Education Paraprofessional, K-6 Special Education Paraprofessional, K-1 ECSE Special Education Teacher, Long-Term Substitute – 5th Grade, beginning after MEA. We are looking for community members and organizations interested in partnering with us for a Hobby Day, with the possibility of hosting the event this fall or spring. Our public Storm apparel order is also currently open. This order provides additional apparel options for families and community members while also serving as a fundraiser for Sleepy Eye School. The Storm Squad system is off to a strong start. Students appear to be enjoying the friendly competition and the new opportunities to earn recognition and rewards through our PBIS system. We are also preparing for Homecoming Week, September 21–25. Elementary students will participate in dress-up days, Storm Squad activities, a pep fest, and other school-spirit activities throughout the week. Wit & Wisdom Module & Lesson Study: September 9 | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | K–8, Understanding productive struggle and why it matters, the importance of deep preparation for effective Wit & Wisdom instruction, Approaches to module and lesson preparation, Classroom setup and creating productive learning environments, Practical examples of preparation strategies being used by educators. I am continuing LETRS for Administrators, which focuses on supporting educators as they implement LETRS learning in their classrooms. The training emphasizes sustainable literacy systems, implementation science, and leadership practices that support scientifically based literacy instruction.

High School Principal: 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. First day with students was August 24th - 7th graders only. First day all students was August 25th. Attended Conference meeting today. 2B Continued presentation September 10th for 10th graders. Coronation will be on September 20th at 6:00. Homecoming Pep Fest September 25th at 1:00. Homecoming football game September 25th at 7:00. Trying to work on hiring for some open positions

Superintendent: Updated enrollment numbers: K-6 271; HS 230 Total 501; last year: K-6 279; HS 229 Total 508; 2 years ago K-6 286; HS 242 Total 528. Gym and roof update: The gym project finally is

complete; We hired a cleaning company that did a fantastic job to get the gym in tip top shape. Kudos to our school cleaning crew, they did an excellent job with everything. The roof project is moving along as planned. We are expecting it to be done by mid-October. We completed the mascot related changes both inside and outside the building. Working with Tyler to determine what is the most effective way to track screen time usage. Discussed business management related expectations and structure with the new CESO ownership.

Action items:

Certify 2026 payable 2027 levy for maximum amount "pending information becoming available from MDE"

Approve open enrollment requests 4 in: 2 (GFW), 1 (Redwood), 1 (Springfield) 3 out: to Springfield, New Ulm and Nicollet

Approve resignation of Molly Riser as ECSE teacher as of 9/4/26

Approve resignation of Noemi Vazquez Cruz as 9-12 Guidance Counselor as of 8/28/26

Approve hiring Amanda Hartson as SPED Paraprofessional 7 hrs/day @\$16.52/hr

Approve Julia Coulson as long-term substitute 33 days @\$31.75/hr total of \$8,382.99

Call for snow removal quotes for 2026-2027 school year

Approve 2nd reading of PFMLA policy

Approve Riverbend Education District amended education district agreement

Approve resignation of Kaleb Walter as Assistant Golf Coach. Thank you, Kaleb!!

Approve McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Compliance Manual

M Brian Nelson 2nd Adam Barka (Casey abstained from F) M/C

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 @5:30PM

Adjourn. Time 5:58 p.m. M Brian Nelson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk