Minutes
Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
October 14, 2026**,** 5:30PM
Conference Room
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Agenda

Call to order: Attendance: Joleen Dittbenner (virtually), Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Adam Barka arrived at 5:36, Sheila Wurtzberger. Absent: Dan Marti, Brian Nelson

Good News Items: The Mamma Mia musical was awesome and very well attended, congrats to all the cast and crew, you all did a fantastic job!! Thank You George!! Homecoming was great.

Recognition of visitors: Staff and Press, Todd

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

Approve minutes of September 9, 2026-M Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

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

Reports

Board: Facilities met, Meet and Confer met and respect was discussed. Riverbend met and did Strategic Planning and communication seems to be a concern; they are short staffed but doing quite well.

Elementary Principal: Fall R & R Day planning in the works will be on Friday, Oct 30th with Classroom Halloween parties as well. 4/7 first round observations complete for non-tenured staff the rest of them are scheduled for Oct. Walkthrough of all gen ed classroom teachers first round complete, will be doing Wit & Wisdom Fidelity walkthroughs with Michelle end of Oct. Staff Development Oct 7: Math data review, digital day planning, conference prep, para de-escalation training. Parent Survey sent out due this Wednesday. Hiring Sped paras - 1 PK and 1 elem filled. Field Trips: 4th grade- US Bank, Kinder- Fire Station, 2nd grade- Berkner Farms (sunflowers & pumpkins) Upcoming: Biztown 5th grade, Science & Nature Conference 4th grade. Long term sub hired for Tim end date TBD end of Jan? SST meets weekly to discuss elementary behavioral and academic concerns. Implemented a behavior flow chart for major/minor behaviors. The Leadership Team is doing staff culture events: Sept was dirty sodas, Oct will be a coffee bar. PBIS Storm Squad Excitement is high still, kids are enjoying the storm store, monthly reward for leading squad, students will all participate in R & R Day at the end of the month as a quarterly reward. Will be doing Halloween door decorating for Oct Storm Squad Activity on Friday Oct 23rd. Met with Justin McGuiness for training on conducting fidelity checks in math classrooms. Attended Riverbend Strategic Planning Session 1. John would like a para meeting with the elementary principal as well as the teacher meeting. Darla would like to see more farm to school produce.

High School Principal: Attended a conference meeting. I attended a student discipline conference. Coronation was on September 20th, with Homecoming on September 25th. Attended a MSHSL Region 2 meeting. Met with Justin McGuiness for training on conducting fidelity checks in math classrooms. I attended my principal's division meeting and school law conference. Finishing up the first round of performance evaluations with non-tenured teachers. Conducted our 3rd fire drill of the school year. Conducted our 3rd lockdown drill of the school year; the elementary practiced evacuating. Early out on October 7th for professional development. The musical ran October 9th, 10th and 11th. Parent -

Teacher conferences from 3:30 to 8:00 on October 13th. Early out on October 14th for professional development. Staff Spotlight winners from last month were Troy Vangsness and Deb Reinarts
Superintendent: Minnesota Permanent School Trust Fund Constitutional Amendment. Cabinet meeting took place on October 12th. Discussions took place on the Future of NWEA, Update on how transition is going from high use of technology and screen time, Grooming Laws and Mandatory Reporting expansion FY 28. Anonymous School Threat Reporting Mandate: FY 28 All public school districts and charter schools in Minnesota are required to maintain an anonymous threat reporting system accessible 24 hours a day via a mobile app, website, and toll-free hotline.
Action items:
Approve open enrollment request 3 out 12 in: out to Comfrey (1), New Ulm (1), and Cedar Mountain (1), in from St. James (5), Comfrey (1), Butterfield (2), Cedar Mountain (1), Morgan (3)
Approve paraprofessional staff hours for the 2026-27 school year (Adam abstained)
Approve ECFE/School Readiness staff hours for the 2026-27 school year
Approve hiring Mindy Berkner as head JH knowledge bowl advisor $715 and Troy Vangsness ($612) and Zoe Macklanburg ($612) as Assistant JH knowledge bowl advisor based on participation
Approve resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A and B application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation
Approve resignation of Gabriela Rodriquez as ECFE staff as of 9/29/26
Approve Lucy DeVaan as elementary SPED paraprofessional 7 hrs/day @$16.52/hr
Approve work agreement with Ann Christensen for the 2026-27 school year
Approve Liberty Nelson as long-term substitute for ECSE 117 days @ $$29,721.51
Approve resignation of Kylie Koerner as JV girls basketball coach
Approve hiring of Kylie Koerner as varsity girls basketball coach for the 2026-27 school year @$4,717
Approve hiring of Joseph Corley as JV girls basketball coach for the 2026-27 school year @$3,599
Approve resignation of Kylie Koerner as 5th grade Math Masters advisor
Approve Mindy Berkner as homebound instructor for 6 hours at $52.65 an hr.
Approve 3rd and final reading/adoption of PFMLA policy
Approve Sleepy Eye LIEP Plan
Approve Sleepy Eye Language Access Plan
Approve resignation of Gabriela Rodriguez as SPED Para as of 10/06/26
Approve Hannah Olson as long-term sub for Tim Hoffman for 83 days at $21,082
Approve snow removal quote as received
Approve Trent Weicherding as Head Softball coach for the 26-27 school year at $4,259
Addendum-Sleepy Eye, ISD #84-Board of Education-October 14, 2026
Action Items Continued:
Approve Shae Peterson as PK SPED Para at $16.52 contingent on returning background check
Approve Meagan Ramos as SPED Para at $16.52 contingent on returning background check
Approve MSHSL Application of Dissolution of St Mary's Cooperative Sponsorship of Boys Wrestling with New Ulm Public
M Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C
Next meeting is Wednesday November 11, 5:30PM
Adjourn. Time 6:26 p.m. M Adam Barka 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger, Clerk