



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON MAY 14—See page 5 for details

ZM Building Project

On May 14, Zumbrota-Mazeppa District residents will decide whether to invest in continued improvements to our schools. This investment would repair and upgrade our school buildings to meet the needs of today's students and those who will follow for years to come. As a smaller school system that provides BIG opportunities, we work hard to use space wisely. However, we have reached the point where new investments are needed to sustain success.

The school district has spent over three years evaluating our schools' needs and receiving our communities' input to help refine the plan. Thoughtful consideration has been put into correctly identifying the needs in our buildings. ZM will hold two more public hearings in an effort to inform the district residents on the school needs. Meetings will be held at the following sites:



Mazeppa: Wed, May 1 @ 7pm in small gym

Zumbrota: Wed, May 8 @ 7pm in MS/HS Media Center

For more information on this building project, please visit the school website, www.zmschools.us. The proposed artists renderings are available, along with the sample ballot and application to apply for an absentee ballot. If you are unable to attend the public meetings or have questions on the project, a form is available for your convenience in asking questions.



Staff Appreciation Week is May 6-10

A huge thanks to the ZM Staff for their consistent year in and year out hard work for our students and our communities. Everyone benefits from our strong school system!

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2019 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mary Jo Schwartau who was named ZM's Teacher of the Year by her peers. Mary Jo has taught in the ZM School District since 1986, mainly in the primary and elementary. Mary Jo tutors students during the summer and is a wonderful resource to classroom teachers looking for student interventions. She is currently the Title I teacher for both the primary and elementary students.

She is a dedicated, caring teacher and well deserving of this award!





WHOO HOOO!! SUMMER MEALS ARE BACK!!

ZM is excited that the summer meal program will be offered again this year beginning June 3 and running through August 16. Breakfast and lunch will be available to all children, ages 18 and younger, at NO COST! All they need to do is show up and eat. No registration is required. Mazeppa children will be bused to the Zumbrota site for lunch. Bus will pick up Mazeppa children at 11:00 am by the small gym on Third Avenue NE and return children to Mazeppa at 12:00 pm. Parents are welcome to eat with their child if they wish—breakfast will cost \$2.50 and lunch will cost \$4.00. Cash only accepted.

WHERE: ZM Cafeteria, 799 Mill St., Zumbrota

WHEN: June 3-August 16 (closed July 1-5)

WHAT TIME: 7:30 –9:00 am Breakfast &
11:00 am –12:30 pm Lunch

WHAT DAYS? Daily, Monday-Friday

QUESTIONS? Call 507-732-1400

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



LITTLE MORE INFO.....

The summer meal program is open to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at summer sites across qualifying communities in Minnesota. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals are served on a first come, first serve basis.



The USDA program pays for the children's meals—ZM is assisting with the meal site. However, parents and students must understand that this is not a daycare service for students who participate. Participants will be asked to enter the cafeteria by the baseball field doors and exit the building using the same doors when they are finished eating. ZM welcomes all students to participate and appreciate your help with this. Our school buildings are busy in the summer with custodians cleaning, moving equipment, and waxing floors. For safety purposes, we need students in designated areas only.

Keep these meal options in mind when your child is at community education activities, weight lifting, summer camps, or other events at the Zumbrota site. No registration is required. A shuttle bus ride to Zumbrota will be available for Mazeppa children wishing to participate in lunch. Bus will leave Mazeppa at 11:00 am and return children at 12:00 pm. Pick up will be by the small gym on Third Ave NE in Mazeppa.



Student Health Conditions:

Please update the nurse if your student is given any new medical diagnoses during the school year so that we may assist in keeping students safe and healthy in school. Studies have proven that healthy students learn better and it is our job to help students stay healthy and safe.

Medications:

The end of the school year is approaching fast! Any/all medication in the health offices must be picked up by an adult by the last day of school, Thursday, May 30th. Medication will not be sent home with students. If they have not been picked up by the last day of school they will be disposed of. We will **NOT** store medication over the summer. We appreciate your help with this.

Immunizations: Immunizations the school has on record are viewable in Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Students will **NOT** be able to start school in the fall without up to date immunizations records on file with the school.

Incoming Kindergarten student requirements:

- DTP – 5th dose
- Polio – 4th dose
- MMR – 2 doses
- Varicella- 2 doses
- Hep B – 3 doses

Incoming 7th grader requirements:

- Tdap booster
- Meningococcal

Recommendation at 16 years of age:

- Meningococcal booster

If you choose to file exemptions for any immunizations, forms are available on ZM school website under Parents/Health services/Immunizations, or you can contact the school nurse at 507 -732-7848. Students will not be eligible to attend the first day of school in 2019 until we have up to date immunizations on file.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS FOR 2019

National Honor Society bases their requirements for membership on four pillars: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. A committee of teachers go through each application and choose the inductees based on the strict criteria set up by the National Honor Society. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.33 and show service through volunteering in the school and communities. Leadership is shown through their experiences in working with others in a collaborative effort at school and in our communities. A National Honor Society member must have good character and demonstrate high standards of honesty, reliability, courtesy, and respect for others.

This year's new members include: Annika Angerman, Taylor Benson, Alivia Berg, McKenzie Cordes, Tanner Gates, Hailey Grudem, Grant Haferman, Jack Haglund, Soren Hellyer, Logan Jaspersen, Natasha Ludington, Raelyn Stiller, Brielle Stueber, and Sadie Voth. Congratulations to the new members.



"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop." ~Confucius



School Board Minutes

The ZM School Board held numerous meetings during the month of April. On April 2 and 4, two public hearings were held to provide information on the proposed facilities project. Building tours were also conducted so district residents had the opportunity to see what changes are being proposed and to ask any questions they may have of the project.

A work session was held April 8. An unrequested leave of absence was approved for Michele Zidlicky at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Rasmussen was in attendance to discuss the enrollment numbers for the primary and elementary schools. He recommended that first grade have five sections next year due to the needs of this year's kindergarten class. Next year's kindergarten numbers were discussed; more will be known after kindergarten round-up next week. It was also recommended that ZM post for the open second grade position due to a teacher retiring this year.

Brian Wright from Lunchtime Solutions reported on the food service program and the recommended changes for 2019-20.

Other items discussed included:

- Post-issuance debt compliance policy, procedures, and a resolution, this will be on the April 22 agenda for approval.
- The primary gym floor will be redone beginning in July 2019. Bids will be approved April 22.
- Fund balance policy and the commitment of funds
- Board assigned fund balance amounts
- 2019-20 capital budget, which will be approved at the April 22 meeting.
- Possible early start 2019-20 school calendar
- 2019-20 personnel positions were discussed.
- Referendum updates
- Snow make-up day legislation
- Mr. Harvey gave a legislative update
- District policies for review included: #714 Fund Balances, #720 Vending Machines, #901 Community Education, #902 Use of School Facilities and Equipment, #904 Distribution of Materials on District Property by Nonschool Persons, #906 Community Notification of Predatory Offenders, #807 Health & Safety had no changes from MSBA

The regular monthly board meeting was held April 22. The Zoom Robotics team and their coaches, Luke and Missy Mulder, were in attendance to report on their robotics competition and to demonstrate their robot. Mae James and FCCLA members were in attendance to report on the Star Event competition and to report that one member has qualified for national competition in June. They requested permission from the board to fundraise through Kwik Trip car wash cards.

Mr. Anderson submitted his report, noting ACT testing has been completed, along with MCA testing. Registration for 2019-20 is complete and the master schedule for grades 9-12 will be completed by the end of the month. Prom will be held April 27, Community Day May 8, and Senior Scholarship Awards Night will be May 15 beginning at 7:00 pm in the HS Auditorium.

Mr. Rasmussen reported that conference attendance was over 98%. MCA testing is underway and Kindergarten Round-Up was held April 18. Interviews for the first grade position will be held

PERTINENT DATES

- 5/5—FFA Banquet, 6:30 pm, ZMHS Cafeteria
- 5/7—Gr 5/6 Band Concert, 7pm, ZMES Gym
- 5/9—HS Spring Choir Concert, 7pm, Auditorium, Zumbrota
- 5/9—Special Sch Board Mtg for Review & Comment, 6pm, ZMES Media Center
- 5/13—Sch Board Work Session, 7pm, Media Center, Mazeppa
- 5/14—Special Election, 7am-8pm
- 5/17—HS Spring Band Concert, 7pm, Auditorium, Zumbrota
- 5/20—Sch Board Mtg, 7pm, Media Center, Mazeppa
- 5/27—No School/Holiday
- 5/30—Last Student Day
- 5/31—Teacher Workday & Graduation, 7pm

later this week.

Ms. Ahern reported that the ADSIS application has been completed with a request for a 1.0 FTE at both the Primary and Elementary school. April is Autism Awareness month and student government is sponsoring the "wear blue day" on April 25. Paras have been provided with opportunities to make up the snow days hours as per their contract.

Mr. Harvey reported the April enrollment was steady at 1,192. The treasurer's report for the board was available for review.

The board approved the primary gym project scheduled for this summer. Lunchtime Solutions was approved as the food service company for 2019-20, along with the summer food service addendum and a meal increase of 10 cents next year. The district will commit funds for current and future financial needs as follows: retirement benefits - seven teachers at \$20,000 each; vehicle replacement of one per five years at \$170,000; roof repairs at \$400,000; and parking, ballfield, and green space land purchases at \$500,000. This will be added to the #714 Fund Balances district policy. The board approved the district policies reviewed at the April 8 work session as presented.


New hires for 19-20 include Chelsie Lockner, HS guidance counselor; Christina Ryan, SPED teacher; and Brandon Roth, Ind Tech. Tracy Nelson was hired as a para sub for the remainder of this year. Resignations included Jill Hall, 3/27/19; Tony Stensland, Jr Hi wrestling coach; and Anne Idler and Melissa Smith at the end of the current year. Tenure was approved for Joel Johnson, Abby Purmal, Katrina Schuneman, Mae James, Andrea Clement, and Molly Lindhart. Madisyn Timm will be reassigned to a lead teacher position for the three summer months. The FCCLA request for a Kwik Trip car wash fundraiser was approved. Donations were accepted from Goodhue County Electric for FFA and Life Outdoors for robotics. The board adopted a resolution that shows compliance with the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee and issues a vote of concurrence that ZM is compliant the MN statutes. The board directed the district to keep the townhouse for sale for a couple weeks before listing with a realtor. A special meeting for discussion on the state issued Review and Comment will be held May 9 at 6:00 pm in the media center in Mazeppa.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Special Election Ballot
Independent School District No. 2805
(Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools)

May 14, 2019

Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question.

To vote against a question fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

School District Question 1

Approval of School District Bond Question

Yes

No

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 2805 (Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$49,950,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including the construction of secure entrances and security and safety improvements to all schools; the completion of various maintenance projects and environmental systems upgrades and improvements; the renovation, remodeling, upgrading and construction and equipping of improvements and additions to various existing school sites and facilities that will include special education and physical education spaces, flexible academic spaces, student commons areas, early childhood education space, and technical education and trades classrooms?

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU
ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

How do I vote?

Your voice and participation are important. On Tuesday, May 14, ISD 2805 residents will have the opportunity to vote on whether to make this investment in the future of our students and schools.

Where do you vote? Wabasha and Olmsted Counties residents will vote at the Mazeppa Community Center, 278 1st Ave North, Mazeppa and Goodhue County residents will vote at Zumbrota City Hall, 175 West Ave, Zumbrota, MN. Voting hours are 7:00 am - 8:00 pm. If you are not a registered voter, Minnesota allows same-day voter registration.

What is Absentee Voting? If you are unable to get to the poll on May 14, you can vote by absentee ballot in the District Office (Door 15) in Mazeppa during regular school hours, 7:30 am-3:30 pm.

Please bring proof of identification (drivers license, U.S. Passport, or current utility bill. See the MN Secretary of State website for further information) when you vote absentee.

If you would prefer to receive an absentee ballot via U.S. Mail, fill out an [Application for Absentee Ballot](#) and mail to ZM District Office, 343 Third Ave NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956 or scan via email to brendaw@zmsch.k12.mn.us.

HERE ARE THE CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Registration for 2019-20 preschool is now open and it is ONLINE ONLY! Go to the school website, www.zmschools.us under Community Ed for the information you need to register your child for preschool.

The Community Ed summer programs flyer has been sent home with students—registration is now open for the summer programs.

Call the Community Ed office if you have questions—507-732-4244 or check the school website under Community Ed.



Graduation has been moved to Friday, May 31 beginning at 7:00 pm in the ZMMS/HS Gym.



IT'S THE CHOIR & ART SHOW

An evening of musical entertainment awaits you beginning with the high school SPRING CHOIR CONCERT on

Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm

in the high school auditorium.

The annual ZM ART SHOW will be held the same evening with exhibits on display along the catwalk about the ZMHS Gymnasium from 5:30-7:00 pm.



MUSIC CONTINUES.....



Tuesday, April 30,

Grade 7-8 Choir & Band Concert at 7:00 pm

&

Friday, May 17, its the first annual "POPS Concert", beginning

at 7:00 pm. All concerts will be held in the high school auditorium in Zumbrota.



**Tuesday,
May 14**

**Polls open at 7 am
and close at 8 pm**

Combined Polling Place:

- * Mazeppa Community Center, 278 1st Ave North, Mazeppa. This combined polling place serves all territory in ISD 2805 located in Chester Township; Zumbro Township; Mazeppa Township; the City of Mazeppa; Wabasha County, MN and Oronoco Township, Olmsted County
- * Zumbrota City Hall, 175 West Ave, Zumbrota, MN. This combined polling place serves all territory in ISD 2805 located in City of Zumbrota, Ward 1 and 2; Belle Creek Township; Minneola Township; Pine Island Township; Roscoe Township; Zumbrota Township; Goodhue County, MN

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

FFA Teams to Compete at State

The FFA chapter had six teams and one individual qualify for the state convention this year. They will compete at the 90th annual Minnesota FFA State Convention April 28-30, held at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Twelve out of the eighteen members from our chapter who have qualified are 8th and 9th graders, which is a huge accomplishment to qualify for state convention when they are competing against 11th and 12th grade FFA members in our region. In addition to competing in their Career Development Events, while at state convention FFA members will attend general sessions where they will hear state officers give their retiring addresses, watch the state talent show, hear from keynote speakers, and watch state awards being presented. FFA members will have opportunities to attend leadership development workshops and attend a career fair, as well.

The competing members at state include: Caryn Miklas, Ashlyn Miklas, Natalie Clemenson, Kayla Gilbertson, Waylon Sibley, Brynn Karstens, Emily Haugen, Kyra Nichols, Casey Dykes, Olivia Amsbaugh, Emma Nelson, Alyson Dillon, Bobbie Rae Benson, Addie Voxland, Sid-dha Hunt, Hailey Schliep, Brenna Thomas, Ally Beckman, Makayla Arendt, Lexi Borgschatz, and Sydney Higley.



Extemporaneous Speaking



Soils Team



Milk Quality Team



Dairy Judging Team



Best Informed Greenhand Team



Farm Business Management Team



Small Animal Team

Annual FFA Banquet



- ◆ Sunday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ ZM Middle/High School Cafeteria & Neuman Auditorium, Zumbrota
- ◆ There is no cost to attend.
- ◆ RSVP to Advisor, Andrea Clement, 732-7395, ext. 1169 or email andrac@zmsch.k12.mn.us by April 24—include name & number of people attending.

Evening includes meal, awards, and installation of new officers. Community supporters are welcome to attend and help members celebrate their accomplishments this past year.

Building *Bridges to the Future*

ZMHS Students Prepare Spring Cleaning Buckets for Zumbrota Area Food Shelf

As part of the Youth Service program, ZM High School students recently spent time organizing cleaning supplies into 5 dozen plastic pails. The pails and cleaning supplies were purchased by the Zumbrota Area Food Shelf and will be handed out to families in the area.



Youth Service is a service learning program offered to ZM high school students. Many students serve in classrooms, assisting teachers and students. Some students serve in other ways, such as organizing the cleaning buckets, counting and organizing Box Tops for Education™, and preparing the recently discontinued Milk Moola™ bottle caps and bag tops for reimburse-

HS CHOIR TRAVELS TO BRANSON, MO

March 20-25 was an exciting time for Mrs. Peterson's choir students as they traveled to Branson to perform and visit the sites. Students sang in the College of the Ozarks recital hall and on the Grand Staircase of the Titanic Museum. Their last performance of the trip was with the Hughes' Brothers Show where students were invited backstage for rehearsal and touring. In addition to the performances,



students visited Silver Dollar city, The Ralph Foster Museum, Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery, Dewey Short Visitors Center and Table Rock

ZOOM ROBOTICS

Zoom Robotics is a second year team with nine members who recently competed in Minneapolis at the North Star Robotics State competition. The team completed the competition with a record of 5 -4-0 or 27th place out of 60. They ended up chosen to on an alliance and play in the playoffs. It was a great competition and an enjoyable year.

Team members include Soren Hellyer, Quinn



Mulder, Xander Novek, Griffin Hinrichs, Rosa Perrotti, Bridget Downes, Megan Davis, Ashlyn Miklas, and Joe Hadler.

Dam. The last show students attended was the Haygoods Music Show. A special thank you to the ZM School Board and administration for their support of this trip and to the Education Foundation for sponsoring many of the shows students attended. Students also wish to thank the school communities for their support of vocal education.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: Zumbrota-Mazeppa ISD 2805 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Superintendent Michael Harvey, 343 Third Ave NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956. Telephone: 507-732-1400.