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ZM MESSENGER



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We all want our children to work hard and learn to be responsible members of the community. Every day, our Zumbrota-Mazeppa school board members are leading the way by example. They give hours of their time so our children can have a first-rate education. Thank a school board member today!

Current Z-M School Board Members are: Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Amanda Peters, Jim Wendt, Angie Bredehoft and Stephanie Miller.

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- MARCH 7TH - SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
- MARCH 7TH - 7-12 GRAE CONFERENCES
- MARCH 9TH - EARLY RELEASE
- MARCH 15 & 17 - PREK-6 CONFERENCES
- MARCH 16 - 20 - HS CHOIR TRIP
- MARCH 21 - SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



Monday, March 7th
Gr. 7-12 Scheduled Conferences
4:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 15
&
Thursday, March 11th
Gr PreK-6 Conferences
4:00-8:00 pm

Masks on Buses.

The Federal government has lifted the mandate for masking on school buses. Masks will no longer be required on school district transportation. Students and Staff may wear a mask if they wish.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met on Monday February 7th for a Work Session.

Members present: Mr. Lohmann, Ms. Roth, Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Wendt

Member Absent: Ms. Peters

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Mr. Scott Marine (SMS) and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen

Mr. Lohmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Roth motioned to consider the following changes to the agenda: Open House Considerations, Patron Input Discussion and Action to set the School Construction House minimum bid. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion.

Ms. Miller motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Bredehoft seconded the motion.

Items for Discussion:

1. Policy Review. The Following Policies were reviewed: 534 Unpaid Meal Charges, 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day, 609 Religion, 610 Field Trips, 624, Online Learning Options and 625 Animals in Schools and Classrooms.
2. Language Arts Curriculum: Jessica Holst gave an update on Amplify. Teachers have had 3 training sessions and are seeing positive results from their students. Several teachers spoke about how the students are engaged and retaining the material.
3. Palmer Bus Company Presentation/ Discussion: Palmer Bus Company gave a presentation about the services they would provide the ZM School District. Some of the services they provide are preparing for a DOT Inspection, on-site body shop, bulk purchase fuel oil, full-time recruiter, and safety training program. They will work with local vendors and keep all of the current employees of Kennedy Bus Service. This will be brought back for a vote at the February 28th meeting.
4. School Lunch Program Presentation/ Discussion: Carrie Frank gave a presentation about the benefits of self operation school lunch programs. She said there is an opportunity to change the environment by offering scratch cooking, less processed foods and using farm to school programs. The current kitchen staff would stay. Mr. Harvey and the PI Superintendent will meet again next week and will bring the proposal to the February 28th meeting.
5. Superintendent Contract: Mr. Harvey's 3 year contract is due June 30, 2022. The Negotiations team recommends extending the contract. It will be an action item at the February 28th meeting.
6. Mr. Wendt motioned to authorize electronic transfer to SMS, Scott Marine, Stephanie Clark, Michael Harvey and Carol Glander in 2022. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.
7. Mr. Wendt motioned to authorize SMS, Scott Marine and Michael Harvey to sign for stop payment and revoked documents. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Bank of Zumbrota Corporate Authorization Resolution: Mr. Wendt motioned to remove SMS, Nicole Fitzgerald, and add SMS, Scott Marine and Stephanie Clark. To also remove Jean Roth and add Chair Jason Lohmann, to add Michael Harvey as a signer to the VFW CD and to add Stephanie Clark (SMS) to authorize payroll. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Miller-yes, Bredehoft-yes, Went-yes, Roth-yes, Lohmann-yes. Resolution passed.
9. Budget Update: Scott Marine reports that revenue is currently \$250,303 behind FY21 pace mainly because of federal draws and some clean up/ code that will need to take place. It should be reflected in the February Financial Report. Expenditures are \$537,085 ahead of last year. This is due to the construction and smaller clean up items.
10. Call for Bids for the removal of the house purchased from the Hoeft's. Mr. Harvey is working with Rockne Law Office to put together a document for a call for bids for the structure only. It would need to be removed by June so the parking lot can be started in early summer.
11. Open House Considerations: Mr. Lohmann would like to have an Open House scheduled for the community to see the new areas in the school.
12. Patron Input Discussion: Mr. Lohmann asked the board's opinion about the length of time each patron has to speak during a meeting. The board discussed a variety of options including a minimum/maximum time of 5 minutes per patron, a 1 hour time limit and keep the topic to agenda items. A procedure will be adapted at the next meeting.
13. Ms. Miller motioned to set the minimum bid of the School Construction House at \$449,000 with bids being due to the District Office by March 18th, 2022 at 10AM. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Mr. Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in Favor. Meeting Adjourned.



12 Grade Academic Letter Winners

THE POLAR PLUNGE IS BACK!!

- * **When:** Friday, March 18th
- * **Where:** Mobile Plunge in the Z-M Parking Lot
- * **How do you sponsor someone?** Follow these easy steps:
 - Go to plungemn.org/events/zumbrota-mazeppa-cool-school/
 - Click the "Register" button on the top left
 - Create a "new" or log in under an existing account
 - Select our Cool School Plunge at Zumbrota/ Mazeppa on March 18
- * **What are the \$\$ for?** Money raised goes to support Special Olympics and all the activities and athletes they support—like our own Gopher Bowling Team!!

**JOIN US TO HELP FUND
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ATHLETES OF
ALL ABILITIES!!**





11th graders RJ Sylak and Olivia Amsbaugh were chosen as the Z-M school representatives for the MSHS ExCEL awards. Both students were chosen as winners at the state level.

They will be recognized at halftime of the girls AA state championship game in March.

Congratulations to them both!

Sealed bids marked “House Bid” are being accepted in the Office of Superintendent of Schools, Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools, 705 Mill Street, Zumbrota until Friday, March 18, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for the purchase of a residential home located at 620 Mulligan Drive, Zumbrota, MN. Minimum bid accepted is \$449,000. Call 507-732-1400 for additional information.



House for Sale

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools is accepting bids for the moving of a house located at 178 Maple St NE, Mazeppa, MN 55956.

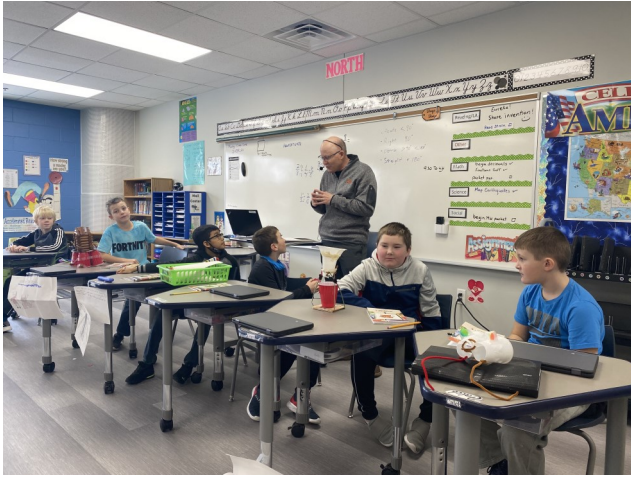
Prospective buyers can view the property on March 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Sealed Bids are due to the District located at 705 Mill Street by 9:00 am Thursday, March 17th.

The winning bidder will have access to the house on May 2nd, 2022, and must have the house removed from the property by June 1st, 2022

Bid documents and additional information will be available during the viewing time and at the District Office up until bids are due. Please contact Superintendent Michael Harvey at the district office 507-732-1400 for additional questions.





4th Grade Inventions!

BinaxNOW OTC Available - The school has a large quantity of BinaxNow OTC test kits that the State of MN sent us for free. We would like to send test kits home with students so that families have a kit at home if needed. Be aware that the expiration date on these kits say they expire this month, however we were told by the manufacturer that the expiration date has been extended. They have a 15-month shelf life and will still be accurate and can continue to be used.

Students in grades 7-12 can stop by the health office in Zumbrota to pick up a test from Sally if you are interested in having a test kit at home.

Students in grades 5-6 can also stop by the health office in Mazeppa to pick up a test kit from Tiffany or Rachel if you are interested in having a test kit at home.

Students in grade K-4 can please email nursing for us to send a test kit home with students in their backpacks if you are interested in having a test kit at home.

Parents may also stop in the office to pick up test kits for their students if they prefer to do it that way instead of bringing them home.

Medications: ALL medications taken at school should be administered through the health office. Please notify the nurse if your child in KG-12th grade needs a medication at school.

Scoliosis Screenings: Zumbrota-Mazeppa schools has brought back the scoliosis screening program in order to identify female students who might have an abnormal curve of the spine (scoliosis). Studies estimate that two to five of every 100 children develop scoliosis, and some require treatment.

Early detection and treatment help prevent or minimize the development of severe spinal problems. Due to COVID our screenings were delayed. We are currently completing the screenings on 5th and 6th grade girls. If you are concerned that a student has an abnormal curve and you would like them assessed, please let the nurses know you would like your child screened at any time during the school year.

Immunizations: Immunizations the school has on record are viewable in Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Letters were sent home with 6th and 11th grade students reminding them of immunizations needed before 7th and 12th grade. Incoming Kindergarten students will have letters sent home soon.

Incoming Kindergarten student requirements:

DTP—5th Dose	Polio—4th Dose	MMR—2nd Dose
Varicella—2 doses	Hep B—3 doses	

Incoming 7th Grader requirements:

MME and Varicella—2 doses	Tdap Booster	Meningococcal
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Incoming 12th grader requirements:

Meningococcal booster

If you choose to file exemptions for any immunizations, forms are available on the 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 2022 until we have up to date immunizations on file

School Board Meeting Minutes

The school met for their regular meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Member's Present: Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann, Jim Wendt, Amanda Miller, Stephanie Miller and Angie Bredehoft.

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Rasmussen, Ms. Ahern, Mr. Brown and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmusen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jason Lohmann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition: Congratulations to Lisa Nelson for being a STEM Forward Teacher of the Year Finalist. This is a great honor to be nominated and selected as a finalist for this award in Southeast Minnesota.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Mr. Wendt motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was no communication.

Reports: Mr. Anderson congratulated 11th graders Olivia Amsbaugh and RJ Sylak for being named recipients of the MSHSL's ExCEL Award recognizing outstanding juniors from the state. The wrestling team finished as the section 1AA runner-up this year. Four wrestlers advanced to the state tournament. The dance team was section 1A champion in jazz and 5th and state. The team also qualified for kick. The Robotics Team state competition will take place April 7-9th. Registration was completed for grades 6-11 in early February. Master schedule building is ongoing. FCCLA and FFA weeks were held throughout February. 7-12 Conferences are scheduled for March 7th. Parents have the option for an in person or Zoom meeting.

Mr. Rasmussen reports that everyone is getting comfortable with their new space and breakout areas are used frequently. Beginning in March the student of the month assemblies will be held in the big gym. 5th and 6th grade had concerts in February. He thanked Ms. Schuneman and the entire music department for a great job. The 3rd and 4th grade will both have concerts in March. 5th

grade will be going to Eagle Bluff. They will be going on 2 day trips and will not be staying overnight this year. 6th Grade will be attending the Kindness Retreat March 4th. 6th Graders have been doing this for a long time. 10th and 11th grade students help with this event. It becomes a great way to introduce the 6th graders to HS students.

Ms. Ahern reports that Adapted Bowling has started. Students are transported to Red Wing Monday and Tuesdays. The Extended School Year will occur in June again this year. Kindergarten enrollment packets will be sent out in March, round up will be scheduled for April. The Primary building is having Monday morning meetings every Monday. They also have a Primary Staff Spotlight to recognize teachers for their outstanding work. Ms. Ahern thanked all staff for their flexibility and teamwork.

Mr. Brown reports winter sports are wrapping up. ZM held their last home game on Friday. He thanked everyone who helped make it a success. ZM's application along with the 5 other HVL schools, was denied by the Three Rivers Conference. HVL Athletic Directors are discussing other possibilities. Mr. Brown shared a proposal to join Red Wing for Boys and Girls Hockey. Golf is anticipating 50 plus students this spring. They are trying to hire another JH Golf Coach. A new scoreboard will be added to the JV Softball Field, it was not cost effective to fix the existing scoreboard. The sidewalk off of West Ave to the Varsity Softball field will be completed this summer. A new wrestling competition mat will be purchased also. Shot Clocks will be required for the 2023-24 Boys/Girls Basketball season. They will be purchased soon so they can be installed and ready for the 2022-23 Season. Shot Clocks require another official at each game and will be mandated by the MSHSL. He also wanted to recognize the ZM Boys Basketball Team. They were involved in a "Why We Play" moment at the Byron Boys Basketball game on Wednesday February 23, 2022.

Mr. Harvey that enrollment numbers are up from last month. Para negotiations will start this week. The federal mask mandate has been lifted for buses. Sheri Johnson from Goodhue County Education and Steve Salee from South East Servie Co-op will be presenting to the School Board in the next couple of months go give an overview of the types of services they offer.

There was no Patron Input.

Old Business:

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Mr. Wendt Motioned to approve the following Policies: 534 Unpaid Meal Charges, 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day, 609 Religion, 610 Field Trips, 624 Online Learning Options, 625 Animals in Schools and Classrooms. Ms. Peters seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller motioned to approve the 2022-2025 Superintendent Contract. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendt motioned to transfer the current bus contract from Kennedy Transportation to Palmer and approve a plus 2 year contract to Palmer. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mr. Wendt motioned to change to a Self Operating Lunch Program and contract with Carrie Franke Consulting. Ms. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Miller motioned to accept the following change to the Patron Input *“Comments from patrons must be informational in nature and not exceed five (5) minutes per individual patron and sixty (60) minutes of total input per regular meeting. Time may be changed based on the number of individual patrons requesting input, but will not exceed 60 minutes. Patron input must be related to an item on the current meeting agenda. The board cannot engage in a discussion or debate in those five minutes, but will take the information and find answers, if that is appropriate. As part of board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public board meeting.”* Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. Wendt motioned to adopt the consent agenda including the payment of bills. Ms Peters seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Harvey and Mr. Lohmann both thanked the group of retirees for their years of service to the ZM School District.

1. Approval of Minutes: January 24, 2022, February 7, 2022
2. Approval of Hires, Casey Adamson, Paraprofessional
3. Approval of Resignations
4. Approval of Retirements

Scott Paukert, 4th Grade Teacher, Effective end of
Mary Kleese, MS/HS Special Education Teacher
Dawn Guse, High School/Middle School Social Studies.

Anne Solberg, 6th Grade Teacher

William Rauen, High School/Middle School Mathematics

5. Approval of Tenure
 6. Approval of Childcare Leave
- Stephanie Gosse, Bright Beginnings/Cougar Care, May 18, 2022 - August 29, 2022
7. Approval of Terminations
 8. Approval of Fundraisers
 9. Approval of Donations
1. \$1623.00 from United Redeemer Lutheran Church to be used towards Student Needs
 2. Drum Set valued at \$350 donated by Brett Whetstone
9. Approval of Grants
 10. Approval of Lane Changes
1. Ashley Bucholz, MA + 10 - MA + 20
 2. Nathan Warneke, MA + 20 - MA + 30
12. Approval of Bill Consideration
1. February - Mr. Wendt
 2. March - Ms. Miller

Discussion and Action on Adding a CTE Teacher starting 2022-2023 School Year. Mr. Anderson reports there is a growing need in the CTE Department. He would like to add 5 more CTE Classes. Mr. Lohmann motioned to hire an additional CTE Teacher. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendt motioned to approve the Head Building and Grounds Contract. Ms. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Construction Lot Purchase and proposal information. Parcel 723930070 by the golf course is priced at \$60,000. Mr. Harvey said the school district currently owns 3 lots including the one that will be used next year but mentioned having building lots already purchased would be good to have available. This will be brought back to the March 7th Work Session for approval.

Red Wing/Zumbrota-Mazeppa Hockey Co-op Proposal. This is a 3 year agreement. It will cost ZM families an additional \$175 versus the contract with Dodge County. This will be brought back to the March 7th Work Session for approval.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. Ms. Bredehoft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.



The ZM School Board met for a Special Meeting on Monday February 28th, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 6PM.

Student Government from ZM High School and Middle school treated the school board to pie in honor of School Board Appreciation week, February 21st-25th. The Students spoke to school board members about what clubs they are in and what clubs they would like to see at ZM Schools.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

1st Row: Siddha Hunt, Natasha Sortland, Danika Smith

2nd: Stephanie Miller, Jean Roth, Logan White, Kyler Moyer

3rd: Amanda Peters, Jason Lohmann, Jim Wendt, Angie Bredehoft



Zumbrota-Mazeppa Vocal Student Sings at Orchestra Hall.

Kyle Moyer, a Zumbrota-Mazeppa Junior, was accepted into the Minnesota All-State TTBB Choir in May of 2021. In August, he attended a five-day summer camp at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. During the summer camp, each student participates in five to six hours of rehearsal each day, split between large group rehearsals and section practices. Enrichment activities for the week include master class sessions, professional performances, a recording session and opportunities for performing in small ensembles. The week culminated with a free public performance on Saturday, August 7th that can be viewed on this link

<https://youtu.be/65CUqi6oG28>.

On February 19th, [Kyle Moyer](#) had the honor to sing as a Bass 1 in the Minnesota All-State TTBB Choir at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. The conductor for the 2021-2022 TTBB All-State Choir was Dr. Mark Potvin from Luther College. Kyle stated "I am honored to be given this opportunity and I'm looking forward to auditions for next year. I would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Peterson for helping me prepare for this amazing experience."