



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

Zumbrota Mazeppa Students, Staff and Community Members took the Plunge on Friday, March 18th. Together they raised over \$8000 for Special Olympics!



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

March 25, 2022, No School

April 13, 2022, Early Release

April 14, 2022, No School

April 15, 2022, No School/Holiday

April 18, 2022, Comp Day/No School

May 11, 2022, Early Release

May 27, 2022, Graduation

May 30, 2022, No School/Holiday

June 2, 2022, Last Student Day



The Z-M School Board met for their monthly Work Session on Monday March 7th, 2022 at 7 PM.

Jason Lohmann, Amanda Peters, Jean Roth, Jim Wendt, Stephanie Miller and Angie Bredehoft were present.

Also present were Mr. Harvey and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

Ms. Bredehoft motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Peters seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Items for discussion:

1. The following policies were reviewed: 640 Teaching Assignments, 641 Instructional Resources, 642 Pupil Staff Ratios, 643 Controversial Issues and 646 Educational Choice Programs.
2. Science Curriculum Presentation: Ms. Holst along with 3 Teachers gave a presentation on the Science curriculum that was purchased last year. The curriculum has a 3 dimensional approach. It is inquiry based learning, Every lesson has a STEM connection. Teacher report that they like the curriculum as do students.
3. Selling of outdated 2008 Chrysler and 2010 Suburban. These vehicles can no longer transport students. This will be brought back to the March 21, 2022 meeting for approval to list and accept bids on these vehicles.
4. Special Education Van purchase for the 2022-23 school year: This will be brought back to the March 21, 2022 meeting for approval.
5. GCED Billing Information: Mr. Harvey went over last month's invoice from GCED. He explained what funding sources are used to pay for the services received from GCED.
6. Building Level Administrative Report. Mr. Harvey asked the board if they would like to continue to receive monthly reports from building

administrators. The board would like to continue this.

7. School Board Recordings: Mr. Voth will be ordering more microphones. Board Members need to speak into a microphone in order for the recording to pick up their voices. We will have to use YouTube or Google as the platform for the videos so they can be viewed. A protocol will be set up outlining how long to archive videos.
8. 9-12 Office Support: Mr. Harvey will meet with Administration and Ms. Bremer to find out what the support job would look like. This will be brought back to a future meeting.
9. Creation of Community Trust: There has been a generous donation by a community member establishing a trust to help teachers buy school supplies.
10. Fall Open House: Will be scheduled late summer before school starts. Almost all construction will be done by then.
11. Science room and Construction Settlement with IEA and Envirobate: Last summer Envirobate mistakenly removed countertops from the Chemistry room. IEA and Envirobate have settled and will cover the cost of the work.
12. Construction House Lot purchase: Mr. Wendt motioned to approve the purchase of Parcel 723930070 for \$60,000.00. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Hockey Co-op with Red Wing: Ms. Miller motioned to accept the contract with Red Wing Schools for hockey. Ms. Bredehoft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The School Board went into closed session to discuss the pending litigation related to water damage caused by contractors.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Ms. Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Angie Bredehoft, Clerk

7-12 Choir News



Left to Right: Emerson Bengston, Bobbie Rage Benson and Makayla Rodriguez

The Annual Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, IA was held on March 14th, 2022. Three Zumbrota-Mazeppa students were selected to attend: Bobbie Rae Benson, Makayla Rodriguez, and Emerson Bengtson. The students rehearsed Monday in sectionals and also as a full choir on their mixed choral pieces with director, Andrew Last. Andrew Last chose vocal pieces for the choir which included “Singers, Arise!” by Victor C. Johnson, “Love: Then and Still” by Susan LaBarr and Charles Anthony Silvestri and “There’s Gonna be a Homecomin’” by Kyle Pederson. That evening, the Festival Grand Concert was held at 7pm. At the concert, the Luther College Nordic Choir and the High School Festival Choir performed at this wonderful concert.



Zumbrota-Mazeppa Middle School Choir Students Accepted into the MN 7-8 ACDA Honor Choir

Congratulations to Zumbrota-Mazeppa Middle School students, Charlotte Haley, Zaynah Paider, and Ambriel Johnson. They were selected into the Minnesota American Choral Directors Association State 7th and 8th grade SSA Choir. They will sing in the ACDA State Honor Choir on Saturday, May 7th in Mahtomedi, MN.



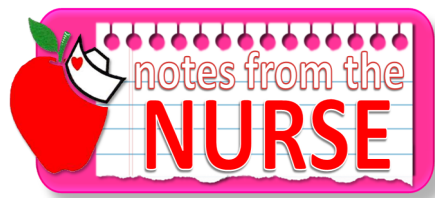
Left to right: Ambriel Johnson, Charlotte Haley and Zaynah Paider

The middle school vocal students are taught by Susan Peterson.



Health Offices update:

Nurse staffing at Zumbrota Mazeppa Schools—We have 3 nurses on staff. Two full time Licensed School Nurse (RN) and one full time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). We have two nurses in Zumbrota; one who covers PreK-2 and one who covers 7-12 grades. This nurse also covers Christ Lutheran as needed and one nurse in Mazeppa who covers 3-6 grades. The Primary and Elementary nurses rotate schedules between sites so they work in both buildings and stay familiar with all students. The health offices have been very busy this year with managing normal childhood illnesses and injuries, chronic conditions as well as all the additional COVID-19 related tracking. Please be sure to have current emergency contact information in the Parent Portal so we can get ahold of you if we have a concern with your student.



We are still seeing symptoms of respiratory illnesses, strep throat and the stomach illnesses. Please continue to keep your children home if they are symptomatic and update the office with symptoms.

Immunizations:

Please check the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus to see if your child is current with school immunizations. Letters have been sent home with 6th grade students reminding them of immunizations are needed before 7th grade.

Letters have been sent home to 11th grade students who need their Meningococcal booster, which is due at age 16 and is now a MN state requirement for 12th grade students before attending school in the fall of 2022. 12th grade students in the fall of 2022 will need this immunization before starting school.

and stay familiar with all students.



Both 2021 and 2022 students were inducted into the National Honor Society on March 22.

Congratulations ZM Students on your hard work and dedication!



School Board Meeting Minutes:

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met for their regular meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022.

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

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Rasmussen, Ms. Ahern, Officer Josh Kurti, Scott Marine, SMS and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

There was not recognition.

Ms. Roth motioned to accept the following changes to the agenda: Consider Adding a full time Special Education Teacher and to remove Item E from the agenda as we did not receive any bids to move the Mazeppa house. Ms. Peters seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

There was no communication.

Mr. Anderson reports the Polar Plunge was a success. Over \$8000 was raised for the Special Olympics. He has started hiring for the 2022-23 school year and thanked staff for helping in the interview process. ACT Testing will be offered on April 5, 2022. ASVAB testing will be April 12, 2022 and MCA's will be April 19-21 and 27-28. The 2022-23 Master Schedule is close to final. There is a major furniture install this week that will continue for several weeks. Band addition continues to progress. Tentative moving into the new addition is around May 1.

Mr. Rasmussen reports the Elementary has received all of the furniture for the 6th grade break-out space as well as STEAM collaboration area. The Elementary had 97% conference attendance. The 5th grade Eagle Bluff trip went well despite the cold weather. Planning has begun for MCA testing. Mr. Sand's 5th grade class won the HyVee squat challenge in the state of Minnesota. As a result on March 23 they will have an assembly with Nordy, the Wild Mascot. Students will receive some prizes and ZM Elementary will receive \$300 to use on Playground Equipment.

Ms. Ahern gave a Special Education overview. There are currently 220 students receiving services. There were 7 early childhood screening dates. A total of 80 students were screened. Extended School Year (ESY) will be June 13 - June 30 this year. Kindergarten enrollment packets and Kindergarten Round Up invite will be sent out this week. The Primary had 99% conference attendance and the book fair was a huge success.

SRO update: Officer Kurti reported that he started the school year with AIICE Training and resupplied AIICE buckets in all classrooms. He works with Mr. Schumacher to keep up with the AIICE drills. He helped organize the bus drop off and pick up area and continues to be outside both morning and afternoon. He also attends sporting events and dances and assisted with setting up the Polar Plunge this year. A seatbelt challenge is being planned before Prom. Officer Kurti will also be attending a DARE training this summer. He hopes to implement that next year.

Mr. Harvey reports that enrollment has stayed the same this month.

Old Business:

The following policies were approved: #640 Teaching Assignments, #641 Instructional Resources, #642 Pupil Staff Ratios, #643 Controversial Issues and #646 Educational Choice Program.

Mr. Wendt motioned to sell the 2008 Chrysler and 2010 Suburban as they can no longer transport students. Ms. Bredehoft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Miller motioned to approve the purchase of a Special Education Van. Ms. Bredehoft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Wendt motioned to accept the bid of \$471,000 for the Construction House. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Roth motioned to adopt the revised budget that was presented by Scott Marine, SMS. Ms. Peters seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Ms. Miller motioned to approve the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Mr. Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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School Board Minutes Cont.

1. Approve Minutes: 2-28-2022 Special Meeting, 2-28-2022, and 3-7-2022
2. Approval of Hires
 - AJ Yusten, CTE, beginning 2022-2023 school year
 - Kelly Fick, 9-12 Math, beginning 2022-2023 school year
 - Emily Klapperich, JH Golf
 - Tyler Smith, 9-12 Math
3. Approval of Resignations
 - Casey Adamson, Paraprofessional, effective 3-1-2022
 - Todd Stockmo, C squad Boys Basketball, end of 21-22 Season
 - Ellen Hinck, MS/HS Language Arts, end of 2021-22 School year
4. Approval of Retirements
 - Monica Dohrn, effective August 31, 2022
5. Approval of Tenure
 - Karl Jacobsen, HS ALP and Spanish
 - Jena LeTourneau, 4th Grade
 - Tessa Nobach, Pre School
 - Jake Kostel, Title I
 - Kristi Roth, 1st Grade

- Ashley Bauer, Kindergarten
6. Approval of Childcare Leave
 - Heather Decker, effective March 14, 2022 - June 4, 2022
7. Approval of Terminations
8. Approval of Fundraisers
9. Approval of Donations
10. Approval of Grants
11. Approval of Lane Changes
12. Approval of Bill Consideration
 - March - Ms. Miller
 - April - Ms. Peters
13. Ms. Miller motioned to approve the Combined Poling Places Resolution. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Roth - Yes, Ms. Peters - Yes, Mr. Wendt - Yes, Ms. Miller - Yes, Ms. Bredehoft - Yes, Mr. Lohmann - Yes
14. Ms. Roth motioned to approve one full time SPED Teacher whom would be .5 in Zumbrota and .5 in Mazeppa. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion. All in





5th Graders
at Eagle Bluff

