



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL!

Winter Break is December 23rd 2022—January 2, 2023. School resumes January 3, 2023.

Lidia Wallerich, STEM Instructor and Coach for the Zumbrota Mazeppa YCL team of 5th/6th graders, has stewarded her students into a top scoring team with #1 standing in the country - yes, in the country. Eight states, 61 school districts and 1,000 students participating and our rookie team from Zumbrota Mazeppa is #1! YCL Teams Standings Youth Coding League (youthcodingleague.com)



Now we need to cheer them on as they form teams to compete at the next level.

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WHAT'S COMING UP

- DECEMBER 7—EARLY RELEASE
- DECEMBER 23—JANUARY 2—WINTER BREAK
- JANUARY 3—SCHOOL RESUMES
- JANUARY 11—EARLY RELEASE
- JANUARY 16—NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
- JANUARY 20—END OF 2ND QUARTER
- JANUARY 23—NO SCHOOL/TEACHER WORK DAY

Help us spread some holiday cheer

FCCLA-Leos

Are Now collecting gently used winter gear & New Toys for ZM Students in need

Please bring your donations to the high school office

November 14-30th

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Students in
Hiawatha Valley Honor Band and Choir Concert

The annual HVL All-Conference Honor Band and Choir concert took place at Cannon Falls Gym on Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa students selected to participate in the HVL Honor Choir included Emerson Bengston, Cecelia Kimber, Rachel Krinke, Alexandra Ebertowski, Jayvion Stanton, Tommy Helfer, Kyle Moyer, and Jimmy Suess. The choir performed “Lead with Love” by Melanie Demore, “Requiem” by Eliza Gilkyson, “Viva!” by Mozart/Liebergen, and “City Called Heaven” Arranged by Poelinitz. The Honor Choir was directed by Guest Conductor Mark Potvin (Luther College).

Zumbrota-Mazeppa students selected to participate in the HVL Honor Band included Collin Klassen, Olivia Amsbaugh, Toby Donovan, Ryan Lexvold, Zane Angerman, Kacey Scholl, Noah Kevan, and Makayla Rodriguez. The Band performed four selections including a concert overture titled “Awakening Hills”, by Saucedo, a lyrical selection by Frank Ticheli entitled “Earth Song”, a contemporary selection, “Earth Song”, by Brian Balmages and finally a Roy Phillippe arrangement of “The Magnificent 7”, from the famous movie of the same name. The band was directed by Steven Amundson (St. Olaf College).



Choir pic: Back row left to right: Jayvion Stanton, Tommy Helfer, Jimmy Suess, Kyle Moyer



Band Pic: Collin Klassen, Ryan Lexvold, Kacey Scholl, Toby Donovan, Noah Kevan, Makayla Rodriguez, Zane Angerman, Olivia Amsbaugh.

The ZM School board met for a special meeting to canvass the 2022 election on Monday, November 14th

Members present: Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller
Members absent: Ms. Peters

Also present: Mr. Harvey and Board Clerk’s Secretary, Amber Rasmussen

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 am by Jason Lohmann.

There were no changes to the agenda.

The Abstract of Votes Cast at the November 8th, 2022 General Election was reviewed. There were a total of 6214 persons voting in the election. The summary total was as follows:

- Travis Liffriq - 2007
- Jake Rude - 1875
- Jean Roth - 1438
- Bretta Nietz - 1424

- Aaron Stahosky - 1397
- James Wendt - 1326
- Derek Chapin - 416
- Write In - 21

Travis Liffriq, Jake Rude and Jean Roth were elected to four-year terms on the school board beginning the first Monday in January of 2023.

Bredenhoft/Lohmann motion to adopt the resolution canvassing Return Votes of the School District General Election. Roll Call Vote: Roth - yes, Wendt - yes, Miller - yes, Lohmann - yes, Bredenhoft - yes. Motion carried 5:0.

Wendt/Miller motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of Certificate of Election. Roll Call Vote: Roth - yes, Wendt - yes, Miller - yes, Lohmann - yes, Bredenhoft - yes. Motion carried 5:0.

Lohmann/Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 AM. All in favor. Motion carried.



The ZM School Board met on Monday, October 24th for their regular meeting

Member's Present: Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller, Ms. Bredehoft and Ms. Peters.

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Ms. Constantine, Mr. Rasmussen, Ms. Ahern, Mr. Brown, Ms. Lohmann, Scott Marine and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no recognition.

Ms. Bredehoft motioned to accept the following change to the agenda, MSHSL Foundation Form A. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

There was no communication.

Reports:

Ms Constantine reports that Homecoming was a huge success and thanked Mr. Stapelton and everyone else who made it a success. Mr. Schumacher lined up a virtual speaker, Keith Deltano, who presented to 7-12 grade students. 11th grade American Politics teachers Mr. Fuchs and Mr. Boraas joined classrooms to discuss the Bill of Rights, Officer Kurti was invited to reenact a mock arrest. High School teachers continue to be career and postsecondary focused in their instruction.

Mr. Rasmussen reports the 6th grade coding league lead by Ms. Wallerich is currently in first place nationally. Literacy night was held on October 13th. Teachers are starting to prepare for conferences. On November 3rd the Elementary will be having a reward day for PBIS and are planning exploration stations with multi-age students that are typically life long activities. The job trailer was removed from the front of the building, punch list items are ongoing. The Gaga Ball Pit should be finished soon.

Ms. Ahern reports FastBridge Assessments and Data meeting were a success. The Primary has PBIS meetings every Monday morning. Thank you to the Zumbrota Fire department for teaching Primary students about fire safety. The 1st graders enjoyed a trip to the community garden. The Halloween parade will be at 9am on Halloween. Parents are again invited! Ms. Ahern also thanked the nurses for all the work to make Vision and Hearing screening a success.

Scott Marine gave a FY 23 Finance Update. Revenues are currently 1.7 M ahead of FY22 Pace, this is because of early FY Payments made in FY23. He hopes to present the audit at the November 21st meeting. December 19th is the Truth and Taxation presentation.

Mr. Harvey reports that enrollment numbers are steady.

There was no Patron Input.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

1. Ms. Peters reviewed the bills and they are in order. She motioned to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Minutes: 9-26-2022
3. Approval of Hires : Dawn Bufford, Cook, Kaitlin Suk, Cook, Shanna Fearer, Cook
4. Approval of Resignations: Vicky Banitt, Cook, effective 10-06-22, Dawn Bufford, Cook, effective 10-12-22 , Chrisite Langfield, Paraprofessional
5. Approval of Bill Consideration: October - Ms. Peters , November - Ms. Bredehoft

Southeast Service Cooperative Board Nomination: Ms. Roth would like to serve on the SE Service Coop board for another term. She spoke of her role as a board member. Mr. Wendt motioned to Nominate Jean Roth to the SE Service Coop Board. Ms Peters seconded. 5 were in favor. Ms. Roth abstained. Motion carried.



We want to remind parents that we will be implementing Weather Impacted Learning Days (WILD) days again this year.

In the event that weather keeps us from having school, the first day will not be a WILD day. Please have your child check Schoology for assignments on WILD days or in the case of younger students have them complete the predetermined activities.

Although the type of learning looks different for different age groups, Online Learning remains a good option for a majority of our students when traditional face to face learning cannot take place.

Parent Choice: Often times predicting weather and road conditions is not a one size fits all decision. Parent opinions on the topic vary from: we should never shut down to, call it off at the first flake of snow. The district weighs a lot of circumstances when making the decision. As a parent, you also weigh in on decisions when weather becomes questionable. If you have a young driver, have them ride the bus and if you ever question the safe-ty of travel in your area of the school district, you as a parent can decide to keep your child home. Our district covers several municipalities and many townships. If the majority of these roads are plowed and a few are not, we may hold school. This is where we rely on you to make the best decision based on your circumstances.

School Notification: In addition to Text Messaging, E-mail, and Facebook, school notifications will also go out via WCCO 4, KTTC 10, KMSP 9, KARE 11, KAAL 6.

Oct 24 Notes cont.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to set the meeting date to Canvas the School Board Election at 6:30 am on Monday November 14, 2022. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Went motioned to approve the Combined Polling Place Resolution. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

DHS Child Care Stabilization Grant. Ms. Lohmann presented to the board the criteria of the Grant and how she plans to disburse the funds.

Broadcasting and Advertising Policy. Mr. Brown presented to the board his idea of a broadcasting and advertising policy. The Wrestling Booster Club would like to start broadcasting matches this season. Booster clubs would be responsible for having their own laptop and microphones. They will be able to use cameras already installed to livestream. Booster Clubs would receive 60% of the revenue and the District would receive the remaining 40%. This will be brought back at the November 21st meeting for approval.

Palmer bus service has proposed a 3% increase to Special Education Transportation for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Roth motioned to approve the increase. Ms. Peters seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Harvey went over Open Enrollment #'s for the district. 132 students are open enrolling in other districts. 139 students are open enrolling to ZM.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to approve the increase to MSHSL HVL Admission to \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. This has been approved by the HVL Committee and forwarded to the school board for action. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Harvey gave an update on the PEIP Heal Insurance Renewal. He is expecting a couple of bids. The insurance committee will look at all options so a decision can be made by the end of November.

Teacher Supervision MOU. Add to the contract language on how to compensate teachers for extra supervision due to staff shortages. This will be brought back to a future meeting for approval. Mr. Wendt motioned to approve the MSHSL Foundation Form A, which will reimburse ZM Schools for fees. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Wendt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Angie Bredehfof, Clerk.

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805
Monday, November 7, 2022

Members Present: Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Jim Wendt, Amanda Peters and Stephanie Miller.

Members Absent: Angie Bredehoft.

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Ms. Ahern, Mr. Schumacher, Mr. Brown, Ms Constantine, Mr. Stapelton and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

Mr. Lohmann called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Ms. Roth motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Action Items

1. Health Insurance. BCBS and SE Coop both put in bids. The ZM Teachers voted for BCBS. Mr. Wendt motioned to accept the bid as presented by BCBS. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. Mr. Lohmann motioned to accept the Teacher Supervision Pay MOU that was presented at the October 24th meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Items for Discussion:

1. The following policies were reviewed. 722 - Public Data and Data Subject Requests, 101 - Legal Status of the School District, 102 - Equal Education Opportunity, 201 - Legal Status of the School Board, 202 - School Board Officers, 203 - Operation of the School Board - Governing Rules.
2. The Teacher and Non-Certified Seniority Lists were reviewed and will be approved at the November 21, 2022 meeting.

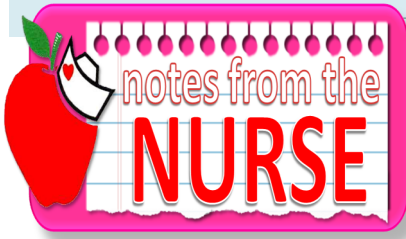
3. Wendy Ahern gave an overview of Special Education. Currently ZM employs 14 SPED Teachers, 24 SPED Paraprofessionals including 2 interveners who work with deaf and blind students, and 10 General Education paraprofessionals. 1 Speech Therapist on site for PreK - 2nd grade and using Presence Learning for 3-12 grade students. 205 ZM Students are currently receiving Special Education services.

4. Tony Brown gave an Activities Director report. The PASS Program started this fall. Ms. Roth and Mr. Bryant are before and after school supervisors. 2 students attended regularly in the first quarter. Quarter Grades will be used instead of Semester grades. Mr. Brown pointed out that the PASS Program is open to all students. He shared a Student Activity/Fundraising Spreadsheet to keep track of what each is using for. EDIAM report has been filed for the 21-22 school year.

5. Aaron Schumacher reviewed the World's Best Workforce Report. It is a required report for the State of MN. Aaron proposes the 22-23 Identified Areas of focus to be: Continued focus on MTSS (Interventions), innovation, Equity/Inclusion/Diversity, meaningful contribution to society, Review, research, and purchase a new Math curriculum. The report will be back for school board approval on November 21, 2022 and will be available to view on the ZM School Website.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 PM. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Angie Bredehoft, Clerk



News from the
School Nurse: No-
vember 2022

Health offices:
The health offices
continue to be quite

busy with over 2,000 visits so far this school year. We are seeing quite a bit of respiratory illness as well as Gastrointestinal illness (vomiting/diarrhea). Please review infinite campus information to make sure emergency contact information is up to date so that we can get ahold of you when your child is not feeling well.

INFLUENZA

Influenza season has arrived and is on the rise in MN – Last week 195 Minnesota schools reported influenza outbreaks, this was following 97 reported outbreaks the week before. K-12 schools report an outbreak of influenza-like illness (ILI) when the number of students absent with ILI reaches 5% of total enrollment or three or more students with ILI are absent from the same elementary classroom.

It is not too late to get the flu vaccine! Vaccination helps prevent the severe outcomes of influenza.

What are the symptoms of influenza?

Fever of 100 degrees or higher with a cough and/or sore throat.

May also have fatigue, headache and body aches.

Check out the Influenza screening tool for parents:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf>

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

RSV causes infections of the lungs and respiratory tract. RSV symptoms are mild and typically mimic the common cold. Most people who get an RSV infection will have mild illness and will recover in a week or two. We typically see this virus in children under the age of 2. We are seeing it this year in older children and adults, and we are seeing it much earlier in the season than we usually do.

Some people are more likely to develop severe RSV infection and may need to be hospitalized. Examples of severe infections include bronchiolitis (an inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia. RSV can also make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma may experience asthma attacks as a result of RSV infection, and people with congestive heart failure may experience more severe symptoms triggered by RSV.

Older children with mild cases of RSV can be treated at home with over-the-counter fever-reducing medications and by drinking plenty of fluids.

If your child is struggling to breathe, wheezing or dehydrated, it's time to see a health care provider, as those are signs of more serious cases.

VOMITING/DIARRHEA/DEHYDRATION:

We have seen a lot of students with gastrointestinal illness in the past 2 weeks in the health offices. Here is some helpful information regarding these illnesses. Please remember that students are to stay home until they have been vomit/diarrhea free for 24 hours.

Vomiting:

Mild: 1 - 2 times/day

Moderate: 3 - 7 times/day

Severe: Vomits everything, nearly everything or 8 or more times per day Severity relates even more to how long the vomiting goes on for. At the start of the illness, it's common to vomit everything. This can last for 3 or 4 hours. Children then often become stable and change to mild vomiting. The main risk of vomiting is dehydration. Dehydration means the body has lost too much fluid. Watery stools with vomiting carry the greatest risk for causing dehydration.

Diarrhea:

Mild: 3-5 watery stools per day

Moderate: 6-10 watery stools per day

Severe: Over 10 watery stools per day . The main risk of diarrhea is dehydration. Frequent, watery stools can cause dehydration. Loose or runny stools do not cause dehydration.

Dehydration: Helpful things to know Dehydration means that the body has lost too much fluid. This can happen with vomiting and/or diarrhea. Mild diarrhea or mild vomiting does not cause this. Neither does a small decrease in fluid intake.

Vomiting with watery diarrhea is the most common cause of dehydration.

Dehydration is a reason to see a doctor right away.

Nurse Notes Cont:

These are signs of dehydration:

Decreased urine (no urine in more than 8 hours) happens early in dehydration. So does a dark yellow color. If the urine is light straw colored, your child is not dehydrated.

Dry tongue and inside of the mouth. Dry lips are not helpful.

Dry eyes with decreased or absent tears

Fussy, tired out or acting ill. If your child is alert, happy and playful, he or she is not dehydrated.

A child with severe dehydration becomes too weak to stand. They can also be very dizzy when trying to stand. They can also be very tired/lethargic.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

One of the goals of health services is to assure a healthy environment. Many parents ask about when students should stay home or attend school.

We ask that you keep your student's home if they have the following symptoms:

- ✦ *If a student has a **fever** of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay home until 24 hrs AFTER the temperature has returned to normal (without the use of a fever reducing medication.)*
- ✦ *If a student has **diarrhea** or has **vomited**, the student should stay home until symptom free for 24 hrs.*
- ✦ *If a student has a **rash** that may be related to a disease, or the cause is unknown, please see a doctor before sending the student to school.*
- ✦ *If you are keeping your child home because of an illness, please call the school to report specific symptoms and/or diagnosis.*

✦ *If your child tested positive for strep, your child should stay home until 24hrs after the antibiotic treatment has started.*

✦ *COVID symptoms: If your child has a fever 100 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse.*

Please report all symptoms your child has to the office when you are calling or emailing to let us know they are staying home ill so that we can use this information for health tracking.

No Cost At Home COVID-19 Saliva Testing for all Minnesotans:

Every home in Minnesota is eligible to order up to 12 rapid at-home COVID-19 tests for free, while supplies last.

The tests available for order:

Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR

Can be taken anywhere

Give results within 15 minutes (no lab drop-off required)

Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms

Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines

Are also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests

You may order a test here: [Order Your Free At-Home Rapid Tests / COVID-19 Updates and Information - State of Minnesota \(mn.gov\)](#)

Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas, Licensed School Nurse at any of the health offices with questions or concerns @ tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us