



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



Primary Students Celebrate Valentines Day



4th Grade Students on Slide during recess.



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- MARCH 8TH—EARLY RELEASE
- MARCH 13TH—WORK SESSION
- MARCH 17TH—POLAR PLUNGE
- MARCH 27TH—END OF 3RD QUARTER/NO SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- MARCH 28TH—PREK-12 CONFERENCES
- MARCH 30TH—PREK-12 CONFERENCES



- PreK-12 Conferences
4:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 28
Thursday, March 30
- Gr PreK-6 Conferences
4:00-8:00 pm



School Board Minutes
Independent School District No. 2805
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools
High school/Middle School Media Center
Monday, January 30, 2023

Members Present: Angie Bredehoft, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann, Stephanie Miller, Jake Rude and Travis Liffbrig.

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

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Recognition was given to Stephanie Foss for receiving the award of STEM forward Teacher of the Year.

Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the following change to the agenda: School Board Vice Chair Vote. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Ms. Constantine reports a successful 1st semester. She thanked the MSHS Paraprofessionals who were celebrated January 12-27. School Transformation update: Staff has been busy visiting other schools. They will meet as a group on February 1st to discuss their findings and decide which program could be successful at ZM. Mr. Stapleton gave an update on Youth Service.

Mr. Rasmussen reports that Elementary students had the end of Quarter 2 Explorations on January 20. Data day was on January 25, time was used to review assessments, student needs and how to best allocate instructional support. Mr. Rasmussen is finishing the 2nd round of observations for non-continuing contract teachers. 5th grade is busy planning their Eagle

Bluff Trip in March and the first band concert of the year will be February 9. He also mentioned the paraprofessionals stating they are critical people in the buildings.

Mr. Harvey reported on behalf of Ms. Ahern. The Primary held their end of quarter celebration/Holiday event on January 27. Targeting services will start at the primary on January 31st. The Book Vending machine is going strong and has been a positive impeach on the school environment and positive behavior. Congratulations to the Goodhue County Adaptive Bowling Team, they were selected finalists for the Adaptive Team/Athlete of the Year award. They are in the process of completing FastBridge testing and will meet on January 31st to review data. They are reviewing data/needs for the ADSIS grant and are in the process of completing the application. The 2nd grade music concert is scheduled for February 2. Paraprofessionals were also recognized.

Mr. Harvey reported that they will be in need of Special Education Teachers and will be posting for those positions soon. He gave an update on the food service program. ZM will no longer share a director with Pine Island. Each will now have their own director who will also work as operations manager.

Patron Input was received.

Old Business:

2022-2023 School Calendar: Mr. Harvey reviewed the calendar. Jake Rude motioned to remove the Flex Day on August 14, 2023 and make December 22, 2023 a school day. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Policy 209 Code of Ethics: Jason Lohmann motioned to approve policy 209. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2023 Work Session Dates: Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the 2023 work session dates as presented. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Approve Minute: Truth in Taxation, 12-19-2022 and 1-9-2023
2. Approval of Hires: Hailie Quenzer, paraprofessional, effective 1-4-2023, Rebecca Richter, Cougar Care & Bright Beginnings, effective 1-9-2023, Ashley Lake, Food Service Director
3. Approval of Resignations: Brent Lexvold, Food Service Director, effective 1-13-2023, Mattie Blakstad, Cougar Care, effective 1-5-2023, Heather Cutting, Paraprofessional, Sadie Beyer, Cougar Care, effective 2-1-2023, Franki Bremer, Cougar Care, effective 2-7-2023, Laura Schueler, Paraprofessional, effective 2-10-2023
4. Approval of Retirements: Mike Harvey, effective 6-30-2023
5. Approval of Terminations: Yolanda Anderson-Rodriguez, effective 1-30-2023
6. Approval of Childcare Leave : Jennica Hinrichs, January 3, 2023 - June 3, 2023
7. Approval of Lane Changes: Josh Boraas, BA+40/MA to MA +30, Melissa Boraas, BA+40/ MA to MA +30, Megan Ferguson, BA+40/MA to MA +30, Kristi Roth, BA+40/MAMA to MA +30, Kristine Alders, BA+40/MA to MA +30, Ashley Bauer, BA+20 to BA+40/MA, Amber Jentsch, BA+20 to BA+30, Joel Johnson, BA +20 to BA+40/MA, Kelly Fick, BA+10 to BA+20, Amanda Boyum, BA+20 to BA+40/MA, Amanda Braithwaite, BA+10 to BA+20, Megan Nelson, BA+40/MA to MA +10, Susan Peterson, MA+20 to MA+30, , Lisa Nelson, BA+40/MA - MA+10
8. Approval of Bill Consideration :January - Jason Lohmann, February - Stephanie Miller

Math Curriculum search update: Aaron Schumacher presented on Math curriculum search. The current curriculum is aligned with MN standards of 2007. New proposed standards are predicted to be ready in the 27-28 school year. A committee has been formed with K-7 teachers and administrators. Aaron went over the process of the curriculum search and also the potential timeline and cost.

2023 School Construction House Minimum Bid: Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the construction bid of \$385,500.00 with bids due to the District Office by February 24, 2023 at 10 am. Jake Rude seconded the mo-

tion. All in favor. Motion carried.

District Retention Schedule Policy: Mr. Harvey went over the retention schedule. MN historical society would like to be notified when records are going to be destroyed because they may like them. This will be brought back to another meeting.

Public Input Review and Discussion: Jason Lohmann mentioned having public input 1 hour prior to every meeting and not having patrons be limited to only topics that are on the agenda(listening session). Jake Rude wants to give patrons 5 minutes during meetings to discuss any topic during the school board meeting. Angie suggested having 1 hour before meetings. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

Video recording of School Board Meetings. Mr. Harvey said Grant Voth is looking at options to record meetings in the future. This will be brought back when there is a solution. A policy would be adopted. This will be brought back to another meeting.

Superintendent Search: Angie Bredehoft reviewed MSBA's proposal for the superintendent search. She will have Barb from MSBA come to February 14th work session and action will be taken.

School Board Vice Chair Vote: Angie Bredehoft went over options if the board does not come to an agreement of vice chair stating that the Clerk would fill in for the chair in the chair's absence.

Nominations are Jason Lohmann and Travis Liffbrig. Angie Bredehoft called for votes for Jason Lohmann: Jake Rude -no, Travis Liffbrig-no, Angie Bredehoft-no, Jason Lohmann -yes, Jean Roth-yes, Stephanie Miller-yes. Angie Bredehoft called for votes for Travis Liffbrig: Jake Rude-yes, Travis Liffbrig-yes, Angie Bredehoft-yes, Jason Lohmann-no, Jean Roth-no. There is no vice chair elected. This will be brought back to the February 27th meeting for another vote.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk



On Friday, the 8th grade band had an opportunity to work with the 5th grade band kids. They spent some time talking and working on the band music. It was a great chance for the 8th graders to connect to the younger generation of band musicians. The kids all had a great time and it was so awesome to see the positive interactions between these two groups.



THE POLAR PLUNGE IS BACK!!

- * **When:** Friday, March 17th
- * **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!!**

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met on Monday February 13, 2023 for their monthly work session:

The following members were present: Angie Bredehoft, Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Travis Liffri. Jake Rude arrived at 5:02 PM.

Members absent: Stephanie Miller

Also Present: Mr. Harvey and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the following change to the agenda: to approve the Pay Equity Report 2022. Jean Roth seconded the motion. Travis Liffri, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann and Angie Bredehoft in favor. Jake Rude and Stephanie Miller - absent.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Jean Roth seconded the motion. Travis Liffri, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann and Angie Bredehoft in favor. Jake Rude and Stephanie Miller - absent.

Items for discussion:

The following policies were reviewed. 203.1 School Board Procedures: Rules of Order, 203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting, 203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda, 204 School Board Meeting Minutes, 205 Open Meeting and Closed Meetings.

Lidia Wallerich gave a presentation and went over the 4 goals of the achievement and integration plan. This will be brought back to the February 27th meeting for approval.

Goodhue County SRO Contract: The Goodhue County

board of Commissioners would like to have a 1 year contract versus a 3 year contract so they can review and discuss the budgets of each Goodhue County Schools SRO Program. The 1 year price of the contract is the same as the 3 year contract that was previously approved.

Business Manager Scott Marine gave a budget report. Revenues are currently 2.9 M behind FY22 pace because of timing of payments.

Mr. Harvey reviewed the School Board Committee versus administrative committee. Board policy states there are 4 Board Committees: Audit, Policy, Building and Grounds and Negotiations. The following Board Committees will be added to the policy and brought back to the February 27th meeting for approval: Attendance/Discipline, GCED Joint Powers and WETC Joint Powers.

Items for Approval:

MSBA Superintendent Search. Jason Lohmann motioned to approve MSBA to conduct the Superintendent Search. Jean Roth seconded the motion. Travis Liffri, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann, Jake Rude and Angie Bredehoft in favor. Stephanie Miller - absent.

Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the Pay Equity Report 2022 as presented. Jake Rude seconded the motion. Travis Liffri, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann, Jake Rude and Angie Bredehoft in favor. Stephanie Miller - absent.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM. Jean seconded the motion. Travis Liffri, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann, Jake Rude and Angie Bredehoft in favor. Stephanie Miller - absent.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk

The Zumbrota Mazeppa School Board met for a special meeting immediately following their work session on February 13th, 2023.

Member's Present: Angie Bredehoft, Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Travis Liffri, Stephanie Miller and Jake Rude.

Also Present: MSBA Representatives and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen

The meeting started at 5:55 PM

The school board and MSBA discussed timeline, hiring criteria, stakeholder involvement, and procedures for the Superintendent Search.

The meeting ended at 7:19 PM

Stephanie Miller, Clerk



Notes from the School Nurse.....

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 grades 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 that they work in both buildings and stay familiar with all students.

The health offices have been very busy this year with over 5000 student visits. Nurses are managing normal childhood illnesses and injuries, chronic conditions as well as the infectious disease monitoring required by state of Minnesota. 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 gastrointestinal illnesses, respiratory illnesses, as well as strep throat. Please continue to keep your children home if they are symptomatic and update the office with symptoms.

Please keep nursing updated if your student is diagnosed with any new health condition so we can ensure that they are kept safe and can continue to be successful in school.

Immunizations:

Please check the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus to see if your child is current with school immunizations. Letters will be sent home with 6th and 11th grade students reminding them of immunizations are needed before 7th and 12th grade.

Strong Schools = Strong Communities... Thank Your School Board!

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!



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