



## Building a Bridge to the Future



# ZM MESSENGER

ZM Student Government hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cool School Polar Plunge on Friday, March 17th. Working with local law enforcement, students raised money for Special Olympics Minnesota and were able to jump into a tank of frigid water. As an incentive, at every \$1,000 mark raised, another staff member agreed to take the plunge as well. ZM's goal of \$12,000 was surpassed when we raised \$12,703 with 86 people taking the plunge. Funds raised will go to help students with disabilities, like our adaptive bowling team, participate in Special Olympics sports and activities.



Gage Goranson  
and Oliver Liffbrig



Mr. Raasch and  
Mr. Boraas



Mr. Stapleton



Ms. Constantine

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### WHAT'S COMING UP?

April 7—No School/Holiday

April 10— No School/Comp Day

April 12—Early Release



Wyatt Mulder and Jake Smith



Elementary Students Celebrate I Love to Read Month.



Our ZM Primary students wrapped up their Kids Heart Challenge in mid-February, raising \$16,380 for heart health awareness, research and education! Pictured are the top three donors of each grade level.



Front Row: Felicity Boyum, Kendal Staub

Back Row: JJ Wilwert, Joselyn Albers, Leah Dahlke, Vivienne Schroeder and Joe Peter-Top Donor Overall

Not Pictured: Ryker Schulz and Kreklyn Hein.

## 7-12 Choir News

On Wednesday, March 8th, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Choir and Symphonic Band performed at the Large Group Contest in Pine Island. The Concert Choir performed “Three Madrigals” by Emma Lou Diemer, “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” arranged by John Helgen and “Walkin’ Down That Glory Road” by Mark Hayes. The Symphonic Band performed “American Riversongs” by Pierre LaPlante, and “Prelude on an American Spiritual” arranged by Carl Strommen.

Judges for the vocal contest included Doug Strandell, Stephanie Schumacher, and Sue Franke-Clark. The choir received comments such as “very nice tone throughout,” “blend was very good,” “I heard some fine crescendos and decrescendos,” and “Well done.” The Concert Choir received three Superior ratings, the highest rating attainable.

The Symphonic Band was judged by John Green, Michael Thursby, and Michael Mangan. Some comments they received included, “Incredible rhythmic accuracy and intonation”, “Tough Challenges handled with Poise”, and “A big bunch of WOW!” The band received three Superior Ratings as well as the highest scores on the day.

Congratulations to the ZM Concert Choir and Symphonic Band for their outstanding achievements. All the groups will receive trophies. The Concert Choir is directed by Susan Peterson and the Symphonic Band is directed by Scott Cory.



Mr. Harvey and School Board Members Jason Lohmann and Travis Liffbrig also took the PLUNGE!!





## Notes from the School Nurse.....

**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. This spring we will be completing screenings on 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students reminding them of immunizations are needed before 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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

### Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grader requirements:

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 2022 until we have up to date immunizations on file.

## Superintendent Search Timeline

**April 3, 2023** (6:00 pm, Special Meeting) Board meets to determine finalists, interview questions and procedures; MSBA reviews interview training

**April 10 and April 12, 2023** (4:00 pm and 5:00 pm, Special Meetings) Board conducts first round of interviews

**April 12 or April 14, 2023** (5:00 pm, Special Meeting) Board conducts reference checks and holds second round of interviews; Board selects lone finalist and sets negotiations process

**April 13 or April 15, 2023** Board designee begins negotiations of employment contract with lone finalist

**April 24, 2023** (5:00 pm, Special Meeting) Board meets to approve employment contract

**July 1, 2023** New superintendent reports to work

The ZM School Board met on February 27, 2023 for their regular monthly meeting.

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

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no recognition.

Consider changes to the Agenda: Mr. Harvey is adding a leave of absence request regarding Roxanne Webster. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the changes to the agenda. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

#### Reports:

Ms. Constantine highlighted that the counselors are working on registration for 6th - 11th grade students. She thanked them for their hard work in this process. She gave an update on the School Transformation update: the team traveled to Stewartville HS on February 1st to observe their REACH program. Afterwards the team met at the Zumbrota Library to discuss their findings and discuss goals for ZM graduates and what programs would be right for teachers and staff at ZM. February 6 all teachers, paras and some board members heard from a BARR and AV-ID program representative with mixed reviews. Two surveys were given, one to the Core Team and one to all MSHS Staff and revealed the same result: 90% of those surveyed felt that ZMHS learners could greatly benefit from the REACH program. Over 85% of those surveyed want to pursue some level of a career pathway model.

Ms. Constantine gave a presentation about a REACH Program (Relationships, Education, Accountability, Character, Hard Work) and why it would be beneficial to ZM Students. Senior Ansley Travo helped with the presentation. Reach would be an elective semester class. It would consist of one block for 7-8 grade, 9-10 grade and 10-11 grade. Structured Study Hall would be dropped and incorporated into REACH. Credit recovery will continue. REACH would be budget neutral. This will be put on

the March 13th work session agenda as an action item in order to give staff time to implement this program for the 23-24 school year.

Mr. Rasmussen highlighted the first band concert of the year was held on February 9. The 8th Grade band and HS Choir came to perform for the Elementary students. 5th Grade will go to Eagle Bluff March 8-10. Staff are starting to plan for MCA Testing. PLC Meeting held on February 8th went well and is valuable for teachers as they discuss student needs and the best way to meet those needs.

Ms Ahern reports targeted services started at the end of January, currently there are 21 1st and 2nd grade students attending. ADSIS application is done, thank you to Mr. Schumacher for helping. Kids Heart Challenge raised \$16,335.00 as of Friday February 24th. Ms. Nelson's 2nd grade will be coming to the March 13th work session to give a presentation on their 3D printer. Adaptive Bowling is starting this week, the students travel to Red Wing for this. The census is showing 82 Kindergarten students for the 23-24 school year. Ms. Ahern mentioned this number usually changes for enrollment.

Mr. Harvey reports enrollment remains steady throughout the school year.

There was no patron input.

#### Old Business:

1. School Board Vice Chair Vote: Angie Bredehoft opened nominations for the Vice Chair position. Travis Liffriq nominated Jake Rude. Jean Roth nominated Jason Lohmann. Roll call vote for Jake Rude: Miller-no, Roth-no, Lohmann-no, Bredehoft-yes, Liffriq-yes, Rude-yes. Roll call vote for Jason Lohmann: Miller-yes, Roth-yes, Lohmann-yes, Bredehoft-no, Liffriq-no, Rude-no. Resulting in a split vote. Angie Bredehoft mentioned that District Policy 202 states that the School Board does not need to have a Vice Chair. After discussion by the board it was decided to vote again for the Vice Chair position.
2. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the following policies: 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. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Jean Roth motioned to approve the Achievement and Integration Plan as presented. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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- 4. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the Goodhue County SRO contract as presented. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 5. Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the Covid 19 Safe School Plan as presented. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Angie Bredehoft motioned to accept the bid of \$410,100.00 for the 22-23 School Construction House. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 7. Stephanie motioned to approve the School Board Committee Assignments as presented. Jake Rude seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 8. Stephanie motioned to approve the updates to Policy 213. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 9. Angie Bredehoft motioned to approve the District Retention Schedule Policy. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- MA + 30, Caitlin Miller, MA + 10 - MA + 20, Lidia Wallerich, BA - BA + 10, Kelli Hanson, BA - BA +10 , Amber Jentsch, BA+30 - BA+40/MA

C. Approval of Bill Consideration: February-Stephanie Miller, March-Travis Liffbrig

2. Staff/Program Reduction Resolution. Mr. Harvey reported that Scott Marine will be bringing an updated budget to the March 27th meeting. There may be suggestions for a reduction in staff. Mr. Harvey spoke about how important it is for the school to live within the budget. Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the Staff Program Reduction Resolution. Jean Roth seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Miller-yes, Roth-yes, Lohmann-yes, Bredehoft-yes, Liffbrig-yes, Rude-yes. Resolution passed.

3. Superintendent Search Timeline was reviewed.

4. Extended Leave of Absence: Jason Lohmann motioned to approve Roxanne Webster a 5 year extended leave. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Jake Rude motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

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

A. Approval of Minutes: 1-30-23, 2-13-2023 and 2-13-2023 Special Meeting

B. Approval of Lane Changes: Whitney Seyffer, MA

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Stephanie Miller, Clerk

The ZM School Board met on March 20th for a Special Meeting.

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

Also Present: Amy Jordan, MSBA and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Amy Jordan, MSBA reviewed the Stakeholder survey.

Amy Jordan, MSBA explained the Stakeholder input during the interview process. She gave three options: to rely on the Stakeholder Summary report to represent stakeholder voices throughout the inter-

view process, to create interview committees or to invite stakeholder groups to send one representative to observe School Board's interviews of the finalists and provide feedback. The ZM School Board decided to go with the first option: To rely on the stakeholder Summary report.

Amy Jordan, MSBA went through Interview Training.

Amy Jordan went through sample interview questions. The school board chose 20 questions for the 1st interview.

Angie Bredehoft adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

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Stephanie Miller, Clerk

# 2023 5th Grade Eagle Bluff Trip

