



## Building a Bridge to the Future



# ZM MESSENGER

## 2023 Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Jamie Quam and Brad Smith for both being names Zumbrota-Mazeppa Teacher of the Year!

Jamie Quam has taught for 18 years. All of those years have been at Zumbrota-Mazeppa!

Jamie says “I started our volunteering in my own children’s classrooms and working with Nancy in the office. That let me to being the full-time district sub and I was fortunate to have many long-term teaching positions across all grade levels. Eventually I went back to school and now have my own 5th grade classroom”

Brad Smith has taught for 30 years. 27 of those years have been at Zumbrota-Mazeppa.

“I like what I do, and if you like what you’re doing it’s never really work. I like to see the kids be successful. You want to bring your best every day”

“ They aren’t easy jobs, but they are important jobs”

Thank you Jamie and Brad for your ded-

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### WHAT’S COMING UP?

April 29—Prom

May 8—School Board Work Session

May 10—Early Release

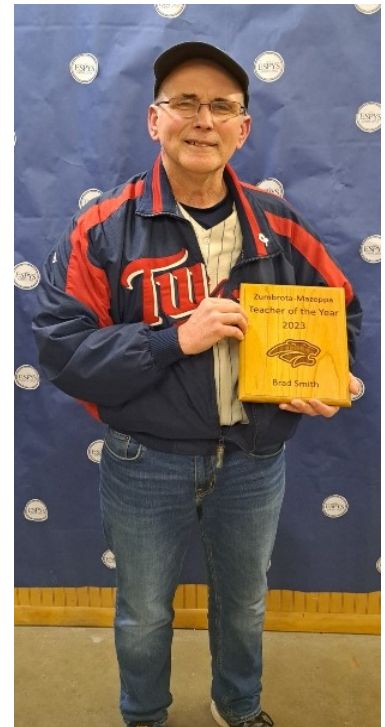
May 22—School Board Meeting

May 29—No School/Holiday

June 1—Last Day of School

June 2—Teacher Work Day

June 2—Graduation





**2023 National Honor Society** 24 New members were inducted into the National Honor Society on Marcy 14th. Congratulations Students!



On March 31st, Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Vocal Music Department attended the Section 1 Solo/Ensemble Music Contest in Medford, MN. Z-M Vocal students competed very well in this contest. Zumbrota-Mazeppa is extremely proud of all the students who participated in this year's competition.  
Also a thank you must go out to our awesome accompanists: Cindy Wilson and Susan Peterson.



**D.A.R.E.**<sup>®</sup>

Congratulations to our 5th Grade DARE graduates. We celebrated them completing the program with a demonstration from Officer Ayres and K-9 Halo. Thank you as well to Officer Kurtii for organizing our DARE program.



**Last day of schools is Thursday June 1st**



The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met for the regular monthly meeting on Marcy 27, 2023.

Member 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. Stapelton, 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.

There was no recognition.

Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the following change to the agenda: Math Curriculum Proposal. 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.

There was no communication.

#### Reports:

Ms. Constantine reports that the Polar Plunge and Blood Drive held at the MSHS during Snow Week was a success. Teachers are preparing for Spring conferences this week. There will be a site team meeting on Wednesday March 29th to set 3 year MSHS Building Goals. ACT and MCA tests will be in April. All Students are encouraged to take the MCA test in order to get a fresh baseline.

Mr. Rasmussen reports that Elementary students are busy with Spring Concerts. 5th Graders recently returned from a successful Eagle Bluff Trip. Teachers are preparing for conferences this week. He has been looking into a fundraiser for the Elementary school, it has been a couple of years since the last one. Getting ready for field trips and planning an end of year movie at the State Theatre.

Ms. Ahern reports that early childhood screening is done for the year, 91 students were screened. Teachers are preparing for conferences this week. Kindergarten registration will be sent out to families. The Kindergarten Passport to Learning Safari will be held on April 26th. She thanked the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Education

Foundation and The Mazeppa Lions Club for their recent donations. ESY will be June 12th - June 28th.

Mr. Harvey recently returned from the ACTE National Conference (Career and Technical Education) in Washington DC. There he met with MN representatives to speak and lobby to continue to receive Perkins funding which helps fund career and technical education programs. 100 ZN Students attended a job fair in Cannon Falls.

There was no Patron Input.

#### Old Business

1. School Board Vice Chair. Angie Bredehoft called for nominations for the Vice Chair. Jean Roth nominated Jason Lohmann. Travis Rude nominated Jake Rude. Roll call vote for Jason Lohmann: Rude- No, Liffriq-No, Bredehoft-No, Lohmann-Yes, Roth-Yes, Miller-Yes. Roll call vote for Jake Rude: Rude-Yes, Liffriq-Yes, Bredehoft-Yes, Lohman-No, Roth-No, Miller-No. Resulting in a Split Vote for the Vice Chair Position.
2. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the following policies as presented: 206 - Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy, 208 - Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies, 210 - Conflict of Interest - School Board, 211 - Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee or Student. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. 2024 Budget: Mr. Harvey reviewed the 2024 budget. Revenues have come in for Special Education and the 2023 House Sale. Those revenues have bridged the deficit. Mr. Harvey reviewed Elementary class size at Zumbrota Mazeppa versus other districts in the area, ZM has the smallest class sizes. Mr. Harvey recommends reducing the staff by 1, that person would move to ADSIS, Roxanne Webster's class. Jason Lohmann motioned to reduce 1 FTE in the Elementary School. Jake Rude seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### New Business

1. Jason Lohmann motioned to adopt the consent agenda including the payment of bills. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Approve Minute: 2-27-2023, 3-13-2023 Work Ses-

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New Business:

- Approval of Hires: Dawn Guse, Assistant Track, Amber Jentsch, Assistant Track, Alex Van Osterand, JH Baseball, Savannah Gruhlke, Paraprofessional, effective 2-6-2023, Sierra Hamilton, Paraprofessional, effective 2-6-2023
- Approval of Resignations: Cody Lentz, Custodian, effective March 16th, Alyssa Krause, 8th Grade Volleyball
- Approval of Leave of Absence: Martha Maloney, February 22, 2023 - April 6th, 2023
- Approval of Reassignment: Katie Kennedy, Assistant Softball, Shelby Latusek, JH Softball
- Approval of Childcare Leave: Kendra Dahl, Bright Beginnings, effective 3-10-2023-July 10th 2023
- Approval of Bill Consideration: March - Jason Lohmann, April - Angie Bredehoft

Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the Combined Polling Places Resolution. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Rude - yes, Liffrog - yes, Bredehoft - yes, Lohmann - yes, Roth-yes, Miller-yes. Resolution carried.

Matt Curriculum Proposal: Aaron Schumacher went over the process of choosing Math curriculum. 3 different curricula were reviewed. Bridges in Mathematics, Revival Math and enVision Mathematics. Bridges in Mathematics is the top choice. K-2 would be purchased for the 23-24 school year and would purchase grades 3-4 or 3-5 in the 24-25 school year. Bridges would cost \$33,329.00 which is a one time cost. This will come back at the April 17th board meeting for approval.

Board Comments: Jason Lohmann hopes to have information to provide next month regarding Goodhue County Education District. Jean Roth mentioned Southeast Service Coop has multiple opportunities for students. She encourages administrators and board members to look into these. Jean will invite a representative from SSC to the May 8th work session to speak.

Jean Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

End of the School Year Notes from the School Nurse.....

Student Health Conditions: Please update the nurse if your student is given any new medical diagnoses during the school year or over the summer months so that we may assist in keeping students safe and healthy in school. Studies have proven that healthy students learn better, and it is our job to help students stay healthy and safe.

Medications: The end of the school year is approaching fast! Any/all medication in the health offices must be picked up by an adult by the last day of school, Thursday, June 1st. Medication will not be sent home with students. If they have not been picked up by the last day of school, they will be disposed of. We will NOT store medication over the summer. We appreciate your help with this.

If your child has a medication that will need to be given at school next year (2023 – 2024) and has an appointment with their PCP this summer, request the medication order and drop it off or send it to the nurses via email.

Immunizations: Immunizations the school has on record are viewable in Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Kindergarten 7th grade and 12th grade students will NOT be able to start school in the fall without up-to-date immunizations records on file with the school. Students will not be able to start school on the first day without up-to-date immunizations on file.

Incoming Kindergarten student requirements: DTP—5th dose, Polia-4th dose, MMR– 2 doses, Varicella - 2 doses, Hep B - 3 doses.

Incoming 7th grader requirements: Tdap booster Meningococcal Incoming

12th grade 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.