



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



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Alyson Lynn Dillon *
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Gage Allen Goranson
Alec Steven Gruhlke

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Samuel Gary Knowlton
Egan Thomas Ladewig
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Ava Marie Mercer
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Cayden Ryan Miles
Kyle Anthony Moyer *
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Lucas Dale Schiell
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Waylon Cain Sibley
Anna Christine Soltau
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Natasha Skye Sortland *
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Torey Lea Stencil *
Joselyn Elizabeth Stensland *
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Gage Dean Tedrick
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CONGRATULATIONS!



SUMMER

2023 *Food Service Program*

All meals served FREE of charge to
children 18 years & younger

BREAKFAST 8:00-8:30 AM

LUNCH 11:00-11:30 AM

Weekdays June 12-August 25

799 Mill St. Zumbrota, MN Door #17

Closed July 3rd - July 7th

Menu subject to change due to product availability.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year and information regarding the Bridge to Kindergarten program has been mailed out. If you did not receive and have a child starting Kindergarten next school year please contact Amy at the Primary School 507-732-7848

The Community Education Brochure is available on the school website.

Enjoy your summer!



Lilly O'Brien, 5th Grader DARE drawing contest winner, at the MN Twins DARE Game!



3-6 Elementary Teachers. Teacher appreciation week was celebrated May 8-12.



On Monday, April 17th, the Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Choir participated in Singing for Life High School Choral Festival. This was a wonderful event at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN with the Dover-Eyota and Kingsland high school choirs as well as the Rochester Choral Arts Ensemble and Cantus.



The Choral Arts Ensemble has been inspiring audiences throughout southeast Minnesota with performances of outstanding choral music since its founding by Rick Kvam in 1985. The auditioned singers of CAE are active community members from a wide variety of professions, including teachers, doctors, medical students, business people, computer technicians, and church leaders, all drawn together to create excellent music and contribute to the artistically thriving life in and around Rochester. ([About Us | ChoralArtsEnsemble](#))

Cantus is a nationally recognized professional singing ensemble out of Minneapolis, MN. The “engaging” (*New Yorker*) low-voice ensemble Cantus is widely known for its trademark warmth and blend, innovative programming and riveting performances of music ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century. The *Washington Post* has hailed the Cantus sound as having both “exalting finesse” and “expressive power” and refers to the “spontaneous grace” of its music making. The *Philadelphia Inquirer* called the group nothing short of “exquisite.” ([Home - Cantus \(cantussings.org\)](#))

The festival day consisted of members of Cantus working with our ZMHS Concert Choir on our set of songs, a vocal technique class for our HS choir, and learning a new round called “Love is Love is Love is Love” by Abbie Betinis.

In the evening, we listened to the other high school choirs, the Chorale Arts Ensemble and Cantus. We performed “Three Madrigals” by Emma Lou Diemer and “Walkin’ Down That Glory Road” arranged by Mark Hayes and then performed the round with all of the evening performers and the audience. Some ZMHS Choir students stated that they really enjoyed listening to adult choirs and singing with them in a huge circle in the sanctuary. “It was neat to know that we can keep singing even as adults.” “It was a fun day.” “Cantus helped us find words to emphasize so that we create a more meaningful vocal experience for the audience.”



4th Grade
Ellis Island
Simulation





The fifth grade Math Masters competition was held in Rochester on Friday, April 21st. There were 149 top math students from twelve different schools around southeastern Minnesota vying for honors. The ten ZMES fifth grade students did very well with the fact drill section by taking home seven of the thirty awards given to the top scorers. Braelynn Rude and Hunter Jasperson won medallions with Brody Schulte, Olivia Chapin, Carson Dilley, Brantley Frederixon and Henry McCormick bringing home ribbons. All ten of the ZMES students scored in the top third of all participants.



The competition then progressed to the story problem phase. The students had ten minutes to finish eight problems such as “The grocery store is having a 50% off sale on steaks. A quarter pound of steak is now \$2. What is the regular price for a half pound?”.

(Ans \$8) After finishing four of these tests, the students then worked as a team of five to complete three similar tests but with more complex questions. There were 33 teams at the Rochester site with all students being the top math students from their school. The ZMES students had a great showing and a very challenging but enjoyable day.

Front row: Olivia Chapin, Brantley Frederixon, Willow Grove, Varahi Patel

Back row: Carson Dilley, Brody Schulte, Henry Stone, Henry McCormick, Hunter Jasperson, Braelynn Rude, Denise Leedham (coach)

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met on Monday April 27th 2023 to approve the contract of new Superintendent Ryan Barnick.

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

Also Present: Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen

Angie Bredehoff called the meeting to order at 4:55PM.

Jason Lohmann motioned to change the original Superintendent contract from 2023-2025, 2 year contract to 2023-2026 a 3 year contract. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the contract of Ryan Barnick as written. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jean motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:56PM. Jake Rude seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.



The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met for their regular monthly meeting on April 17th, 2023.

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

Member Absent: Angie Bredehoff

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

Stephanie Miller 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 changes to the agenda: Approve Water Damage Agreement with EMC and Contractors (Action) Ken Scheuler, Move this to the first item under Old Business on the agenda. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Reports:

Mr. Stapleton reported for the Middle/High School. 74 students in 10th and 11th grade attended a career fair in Cannon Falls focusing on careers in the skilled trades. The 3rd quarter PBIS assembly was a success. He thanked Kwik Trip for sponsoring Pizza Parties. Prom is April 29, 2023. They will be having a Mock Crash that week.

Mr. Harvey reported for the Elementary School. There was a 96% attendance rate for conferences. Mr. Rasmussen has started planning for next year. Lidia Wallerich received a donation from the Mazeppa Lions to purchase Ozobots.

Ms. Ahern reported that there was 98% attendance for conferences. The Book Fair raised \$2650.00 to purchase books. Kindergarten Passport Safari is April 26th. Targeted Services has been well attended and will continue throughout the summer. The 3rd FastBridge testing date for the school year will be May 9th.

Mr. Harvey reports enrollment numbers have stayed steady throughout the school year.

Patron Input was received.

Old Business:

1. Ken Schueler presented the board the Water Damage Agreement with EMC and Contractors. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the water damage agreement with EMC Insurance and Contractors. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. School Board Vice Chair Vote: Stephanie Miller called for nominations for the Vice Chair. Travis Liffri nominated Jake Rude. Jean Roth nominated Jason Lohmann. Jake Rude motioned to table the vote until

all board members were present. Travis Liffri seconded the motion. Jake Rude-yes, Travis Liffri-yes. Stephanie Miller-no, Jason Lohmann-no, Jean Roth-no. Motion failed. Roll call vote for Jason Lohmann: Jean Roth-yes, Jason Lohmann-yes, Stephanie Miller-yes, Travis Liffri-No, Jake Rude-no. Jason Lohmann is elected Vice Chair. Stephanie Miller handed the meeting over to Jason Lohmann.

3. Math Curriculum Purchase: Jean Roth motioned to accept the recommendation for the new Math Curriculum. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. Discussion was had about long range data. After discussion between board members Jason Lohmann called for a vote. Jean Roth-yes, Jason Lohmann-yes, Stephanie Miller-yes, Travis Liffri-no, Jake Rude-no. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Stephanie Miller motioned to adopt the consent agenda including the payment of bills. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Minutes: 3-24-23, 3-27-23 Special Meeting, 4-10 & 4-12 2023, 4-14-2023
3. Approval of Hires: Easton Ahern, Custodian, April 3, 2023 and Michelle Zidlicky, Special Education, August 28, 2023
4. Approval of Bill Consideration: April-Stephanie Miller, May-Jake Rude
5. Stephanie Miller motioned to adopt the revised budget as presented. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Athletic Trainer Information. Tony Brown gave a Winter Sports update then updated the board regarding the Athletic Trainer. Mayo Clinic is significantly raising the price. Tony went over the pros and cons of having a .75 vs. .4 Trainer. Tony Brown recommends a .75 Mayo Athletic Trainer costing \$43,680. He gave multiple ideas on how to offset the cost. Tony will look for more cost savings. This will be an action item on the May 8th work session agenda.
7. GCED Information: Mr. Harvey reports the Superintendent's of GCED are looking at ways to decrease the price of ALC programs and River Bluff Education Center and Tower View. They are looking to combine the programs, possibly adding on the River Bluff Education Center/GCED. More information will be coming on this.
8. Jason Lohmann motioned to call for quotes for Lumber, Earthwork, HVAC and Plumbing quotes for the 2023-24 school construction house. Quotes due to the District office by 10 AM on May 19. Stephanie Miller second the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Policy 516.5 Overdose Medication: Mr. Harvey asked the school board members to review this policy and recommends it be adopted over the summer after legislation acts.
10. The Robotics Presentation will be moved to May.

Stephanie Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Board met on May 8th for their work session.

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

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

Items for Discussion:

1. The following policies were reviewed: 603 - Curriculum Development, 611 - Home Schooling, 613 - Graduation Requirements, 618 - Assessment of Student Achievement and 620 - Credit for Learning.
2. Southeast Service Cooperative: Steve Salee presented to the board and reviewed what services SE Service Coop can provide to Schools.
3. 2024 Marching Band Trip: Scott Cory, Marching Band Director would like to take the Marching Band to Colorado July 1 - 6, 2024. He went over the itinerary and prices of the trip. This will be brought back to the May 22, 2023 School Board Meeting for approval. Mr. Cory was given permission to start talking to students about the trip.
4. 2025 Costa Rica Trip: Ashley Bucholz would like to take a group of students to Costa Rica and Panama during the summer of 2025. She went over the itinerary and prices. This will be brought back to the May 22, 2023 School Board Meeting for approval. Ms. Bucholz was given permission to hold an informational meeting on May 16th 2023.
5. FCCLA: Mae James and Kara Groby, FCCLA Member gave an overview of the service projects and awards FCCLA members have achieved this year. FCCLA and Leo Club work closely with the Lions clubs of Mazeppa and Zumbrota.
6. General Music Curriculum: Katrina Schuneman and Abby O'connor presented the QuaverED 4th-8th Grade Music Curriculum. There currently is not a curriculum for these grades. This is a web based curriculum that they would like to purchase for a 1

year trial. This will be brought back to the May 22, 2023 meeting for approval.

7. LTFM Plan: Mr. Harvey reviewed the LTFM plan. This is a 10 year plan that has to be sent to MDE by June 30th. This will be brought back to the May 22, 2023 meeting for approval.

8. Discussion on District Property Parcel 23.00233.00 in Mazeppa: A resident is interested in purchasing this from the district. Mr. Harvey said the parcel is valued at \$130,000. School Board Members need to decide if the district is interested in selling the parcel and would have to go for bids. Discussion was had. Mr. Harvey will follow up with the resident to see if he would be interested in splitting the property and he will also look into how much a survey would cost.

9. District Insurance Information: The Dental, Life and LTD is up for renewal. Last year a 2 year policy was taken out. No Action is needed.

Item for Approval:

1. Athletic Trainer Contract: Tony Brown was asked at the last meeting to find funding sources for the Athletic trainer Contract. Mr. Brown looked at shuttle services, scoreboard revenue and raising athletic fees. The trainer will be available Monday - Friday, 3-6PM. Discussion was had. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the athletic trainer contract. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. Jason Lohman-yes, Jean Roth-yes, Stephanie Miller-Yes, Angie Bredehoff-No, Jake Rude-No, Travis Liffbrig-No. Motion failed. Discussion was again had. Angie Bredehoff motioned to approve the athletic trainer contract at a .75 with the requirement that athletic fees will be reviewed in July. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jean Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

Stephanie Miller, Clerk