



**Reminder: Winter Break is
December 25th 2023—
January 1st 2024.**



Small Business

Entrepreneurship

The Small Business Entrepreneurship class traveled to Nelson Screenprinting, owned by Luke and Pattie Nordquist. The learned about their business, screen printed shirts, and observed the embroidery machine. It was fun to see how the shirts they designed are made.

Ms. Bauer's Classroom on Halloween

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

DECEMBER 13—EARLY RELEASE

DECEMBER 18—TRUTH IN TAXATION 6:30 PM-

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 1—WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 2—SCHOOL RESUMES



W.I.L.D. WILL BE USED THIS YEAR AGAIN

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 safety 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, KTTC, KMSP, KARE , KAAL.



Coding League

ZM 5th and 6th Grade coding team placed 2nd in the nation during their fall coding season!

They will begin the post season soon. Look for opportunities to vote for their projects soon!

Good Luck!

Independent School District No. 2805
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools
High school/Middle School Student Center
Monday, October 23, 2023

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

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Reports:

Mr. Stapleton gave results of a recent cell phone survey: 68.1% of students feel the year has gone as well or better than last year, 73.9% of students feel the same amount or more connected to teachers, 74.8% of students feel they have the same or more focus this year compared to last. The PBIS Card it up and running for the year thanks to Ms. Stone and Ms. Majerus. Rachel Krinke has been named a Commended Student in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. Mr. Stapleton is the Spotlight Principal in the MASSP September Newsletter.

Mr. Rasmussen thanked Zumbrota Ford for arranging the Viking SKOL Line, Victor the Viking and cheerleaders for the Homecoming Pepfest and also the homecoming court for visiting the Elementary School. The 3-6 kids were excited. Youth Coding League and Logo Robotics are going well. The first Alice Drill was conducted on October 18th. The also thanked Knobelsdorff Electric for books and other donations to our district. K - Books, 1st - activity (s'more oven), 3rd - Solar Fountain activity, 12th toolkits.

Ms. Ahern reports that FastBridge testing is complete. 2nd Grade students will be starting the DARE program soon. There will be a PTA meeting on October 25. Ms. Ahern thanked the Zumbrota Mazeppa Community on behalf of Katie Kennedy, SW for the generous donations received. The Primary will be having a Halloween parade on October 31st. Parents are welcome to attend and the ZM Ban will perform a short concert for Primary Students.

Mr. Barnick reports that enrollment is slightly down from this time last year. He has met with Palmer Bus co to discuss the start of the year. He has met with both Zumbrota and Mazeppa City Councils to discuss school collaboration opportunities going forward. Mr. Barnick has attended the following meetings this month: MN Association of School Administrators, Region 1 Superintendent Fall Session and HVL meetings. The school calendar committee will meet this week. Mr. Barnick has spoken with the insurance representative, saying insurance rates will rise 8% this year.

New Business:

1. Angie Bredehoft thanked the Mazeppa Lions Club, Strike Tool and Stabilize Zumbrota-Mazeppa Families for their generous donations. Angie Bredehoft motioned to adopt the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Minutes: 9-25-2023
3. Approval of Hires: Laura Young, LTS Paraprofessional
4. Approval of Donations: Mazeppa Lions Club, \$650.00 Snack Cart Donations, Strike Tool (Cannon Falls), 6 Bollards (\$300), Mazeppa Lions Club, Dictionaries for 3rd Grade, Stabilize Zumbrota-Mazeppa Families, \$2300 Snack Cart Donation
5. Approval of Bill Consideration: October - Angie Bredehoft and November - Jake Rude
2. Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the Goodhue County Education District LTFM. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the Combined Polling Place Resolution. Jean Roth seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Bredehoft-yes, Roth-yes, Miller-yes, Lohmann-yes, Liffbrig-yes, Rude-yes. Motion carried.

Board Comments:

Jean Roth thanked the teachers who were present and appreciates seeing them at school board meetings. Jean also recently attended a conference through Southeast Service Cooperative. Jason Lohmann mentioned the 5 Rivers Online is fully staffed. They have 486 students currently enrolled.

Angie Bredehoft adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk

HVL All Conference Band /Choir Concert

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Students participate in Hiawatha Valley Honor Band and Choir concert took place at Pine Island High School Gym on Monday, November 6th at 6:30 pm.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa students selected to participate in the HVL Honor Choir included Kaylee Nichols, Kaylee Peterson, Rachel Krinke, Alexandra Ebertowski, Raymond Li, Tommy Helfer, Brody Hovel and Jimmy Sues. The choir performed "Sisi ni moja" by Jacob Narverud, "Sing Gently" by Eric Whitacre, "North" arr. by George Chung, and "The World Will See" by Kyle Pederson. The Honor Choir was directed by Guest Conductor Doug Strandell.

Zumbrota-Mazeppa students selected to participate in the HVL Honor Band included Landon Berg, Isabel Schulte, Ben Helfer, Megan Jasperson, Sommer Post, Britta Stiller, Riley Redepenning and Colet Bannitt. The Band performed four selections including "Flourishes" by William Owens, "Autumn" by Cait Nishimura, "Country Gardens" by Grainer/edited by Brant Karrick, and "Lightning Field" by John Mackey. The Band was directed by Jusin Zanchuk (College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University).



Choir Picture Front: Kaylee Nichols, Kaylee Peterson, Alexandra Ebertowski and Rachel Krinke.

Back Row: Raymond Li, Jimmy Sues, Tommy Helfer and Brody Hovel.

Band Pic Front: Isabel Schulte, Riley Redepenning, Sommer Post, Megan Jasperson and Britta Stiller

Back: Landon Berg, Cole Banitt and Ben Helfer

Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Madi joined us this year as our new Speech Language Pathologist and her transition to ZM has been seamless! We are excited to have Ms. Green with us this year and look forward to her working with our students!"



Madi Green
Speech Language Pathologist



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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.

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INFLUENZA

Influenza season has arrived! 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>

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.

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.

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 8 rapid at-home COVID-19 tests for free, while supplies last. You can order tests once per month, even if you have ordered tests in the past. Remember to check the expiration date on your test kit before using it and do not use tests that are expired.

Note: Some tests have been granted extensions on their expiration dates, so you may be able to use it for longer than it says on the box.

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: [Home - Say Yes! To Covid Test \(sayyeshometest.org\)](https://sayyeshometest.org)

Feel free to contact Tiffany Boraas (PreK – 6) or Sally Rude (7-12), Licensed School Nurses with questions or

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805
MONDAY, November 13, 2023

Member's Present: Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Travis Liffrig, Jake Rude, Stephanie Miller-arrived at 7:02.

Member's Absent: Angie Bredehoft

Also Present: Mr. Barnick, Mr. Stapleton, Ms. Ahern, Mr. Schumacher and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

Jason Lohmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There were no changes to the agenda.

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

Action Items

1. Gymnasium Naming rights. Mosaic Chrysler bid \$8500/year for 5 years. Mr. Barnick has spoken with them and they have chosen a spot in the gymnasium for advertising and will also have a Mosaic Arena advertisement in all sports programs. Jean Roth motioned to accept the bid of \$8500/year for 5 years as of December 30, 2023 and concluding December 30, 2028. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Items for Discussion.

1. The following policies were reviewed: 212 School Board Member Development, 214 Out of State Travel, 230 Board of Education Election, 516 Student Medication, 516.B Essential Oil and Aromatherapy and 518 DNR. Policy 516 Student Medication will have the following change- trained health clerk, principal or teacher will be replaced with any trained staff. These policies will be brought back for approval at the November 27, 2023 meeting.
2. Teacher and Non-Certified Seniority List. This will be brought back for approval at the November 27, 2023 meeting.
3. Special Education Overview. Wendy Ahern gave an overview of the Special Education program. There are currently 209 ZM Students receiving special education services. The SEA program recently took 10 students to Florida to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Wendy will ask them to present to the board at the next meeting.
4. World's Best Workforce: Aaron Schumacher reviewed the World's Best Workforce report. He went over goals that were and were not met in the 22-23 school year and the proposed goal for the 23-24 school year. Mr. Schumacher also shared where ZM Ranks with regional school districts. This will be brought back to the November 27, 2023 meeting for approval.

Jean Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk

Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Mrs. Boyum is Kindergarten teacher at ZM that is certainly one of the best! She brings a strong work ethic to school each day and utilizes creative methods in her classroom to build strong relationships with students. We are extremely lucky to have Amanda at ZMI "



Amanda Boyum
Kindergarten Teacher



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