

Sleepy Eye ISD #84

Board of Education

November 10, 2020, 5:30PM

Conference Room

Call to order: Attendance: Jeremy Domeier, Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Bryan Sellner, Sheila Wurtzberger

Good News Items: We are still able to attend school

Recognition of visitors Facebook visitors

Approve Agenda M Brian Nelson 2nd Jeremy Domeier M/C

Approve minutes of October 14, 2020 M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Bryan Sellner 2nd Jeremy Domeier M/C

Reports:

Board: Meet and Confer met; Provide better guidelines for coaches pay, season basis as we need to hybrid learning was discussed along with adding days off. Riverbend is doing well but they have a lower student body

Principal attended a law meeting, finished up teacher meetings

Superintendent: Covid Update: Brown County cases are rising exponentially. We expect 14-day county rates to be in the 70s. We are very concerned about community spread. We still believe schools are doing a good job. School cases relate to activities and family spread. We have not seen school spread so far. Our case information: Elementary school: Isolation:1 Quarantine: 16 HS: Isolation: 1 Quarantine: 28 plus 2 staff. Continue to work in cooperation with Brown County Public Health to determine the school learning model. At this time, we believe schools should continue to operate the same learning model elementary in-person, HS hybrid. BCPH and area schools will be meeting this week to further evaluate the situation. Food service received a \$54,000 grant Plan to have a Thanksgiving and Christmas meal distributed to the community as a thank you for all the support during the distance learning, it would be a drive thru pickup for Turkey and Ham more information will be coming. Round two teacher observations are ongoing. He is pleased to see what is happening and he is very happy with the new teachers. MNSHSL Covid fee: we have not received the bill yet however we are waiting for clarification about the inequity toward small schools.

Discussion:

High School Hybrid Program: Belief is that the kids are not learning as much with the hybrid model and wants to add curriculum added for the other days, feedback was received and the teachers were surveyed, our failing list was a concern, but seems to be consistent or slightly higher than previous

years, and accountability for the opposite days where students are either working or something else that is taking them away from their schoolwork. The teachers feel that this is the way that we should go and continue with the current model. We need to find a way to connect with the struggling students. The teachers' comments were that of concern they did not offer a lot of solutions. Board feels that Shane and John will assess the situation until the December Board meeting and then go from there. John believes that this is the right option but says there is room for improvement. There are a lot of stressors out there and mental health seems to be becoming a problem for both students and teachers.

Discussion on additional 30-minute prep time for teaching staff, this is an executive order it was not well delivered and we will deal with it. There are about 3 options that we can look at such as starting later or releasing students early, or early outs It seems that early outs once a week would be the way to go and this will go until we no longer have to do it.

#### Presentations

Dashir Annual Report-Doug D. he thanked Mary Maas for getting this ready for him he could not do it without her. This is the 18th year that Dashir has been working with us, and the 14th year that Doug Domeier has been with us. Purchased a new van, redid the kindergarten bathrooms, new folding chair racks, made a lot of changes for Covid. New flooring was installed in the choir room that is durable and easier to clean. All motion sensed paper towel holders and hand sanitizers outside all classrooms, they seem to be an issue with draining batteries. Isolation room has 10 cots for students that are experiencing symptoms. New risers were purchased. Coaches office was redone, just updated and put in new flooring that we had left over. Snow removal off the football field. Karen Okerman painted a new hall painting. We have a roof replacement plan in place. A lot of good people help keep our school and grounds in tip-top shape. They do a great job and we receive a lot of compliments on how clean our school is. We appreciate everything that Dashier does for us.

FY 2020 Audit draft Presentation-Eide Bailly, Becca Thomlison was presenting the results. There were no issues and we received a "clean" audit option. Thank you Becca!!

M Casey Coulson, 2nd Bryan Sellner introduced the following Resolution of School Board supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation and moved its ratification.

Whereas, the Minnesota State High School League Foundation was formed to provide support for Minnesota high school youth to participate in athletics and fine arts;

Whereas, the District 84 School Board recognized the value of student participation in extracurricular activities; and

Whereas, the MSHSL Foundation is offering grants and funding to assist school districts in recognizing, promoting and funding extracurricular participation by high school students in athletic and fine arts programs.

Therefore, Be it resolved , that the Sleepy Eye School Board supports the Districts application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for a FORM A grant to offset student activity fees.

Roll Call: Jeremy Domeier, Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Sellner, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Bryan Sellner and Sheila Wurtzberger

M/C

### Action Items

Approve rental agreement of Brackenridge and 4th street school district property between ISD #84 and Rodney Sanchez at \$450/month.

Approve FY 2020 Audit as presented

Approve open enrollment request: 3 in (New Ulm,)

Approve ECFE fundraising requests

Approve the following donations: \$131.73 toward Covid-19 needs by the class of 1973, CAF America 19.41 for the benefit of Elem. Field Trip, 19.41 for the benefit of HS PBIS. Thank you for your donations!!

Approve Sarah Rossing as homebound instructor 1 hr a day 5 days a week for 6 weeks

Approve resignation of Antonia Wiechmann as HS paraprofessional as of 11/6/20

Set Thursday, Nov. 12th at 5:30pm for Special Board Meeting for the purpose of Canvassing Return of Votes of School District General Election and Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election

M Casey Coulson, 2nd Joleen Dittbenner to approve the fore mentioned action items. M/C

The next regular meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 5:30PM regular meeting (truth and taxation 6:00PM)

Adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion by Jeremy Domeier, 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger, Clerk