

Minutes  
Sleepy Eye ISD #84  
Board of Education  
November 8, 2023, 5:30PM  
Conference Room

Call to order: Sandy Gonzalez, Joleen Dittbenner (virtual), Brain Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson arrived at 5:31 pm, Adam Barka, Sheila Wurtzberger

Good News Items: The United Football team finished their inaugural season losing to Springfield. The Volleyball season ended with a loss to St. Mary's. We are incredibly proud of both of these teams for their hard work and dedication. The play was awesome and very well attended, thank you George Hirschboeck & all the students that performed in the play.

Recognition of visitors: Staff, students & Press

Approve Agenda

M Brian Nelson 2nd Sandy Gonzalez M/C

Approve minutes of October 11, 2023

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports

M Casey Coulson 2nd Adam Barka M/C

### Reports

A: Board: Facilities met discussed a few minor updates, the solar panels are up and working.

B: Principal: Parent teacher conferences were not very well attended, and he is considering a change for next fall. They are seeing the parents come that their students are doing well but not seeing the parents that should be attending. 7th & 8th after school program is up and running and well attended. ARISE is going well. Staff spotlight.

C: Superintendent: Curriculum: Sarah Morrison and a couple other curriculum specialists provided curriculum training to the entire staff in the morning of 10/18. Staff had breakout sessions in their core subject areas in the afternoon. We scheduled additional subject area curriculum work for staff as well. Mascot: We have received several suggestions already through our survey. The survey will be open until the end of the year. We will start the selection process in January by reviewing all the suggestions. Literacy grants: Sleepy Eye was awarded two grants to train middle and high school level staff per Read Act. Unfortunately, we were not awarded the pre-K through 5 grant. We still need to train our K-5 staff using local staff development funds. Thanksgiving Break: November 22-26, School is back in session on Monday November 27, 2023

### Presentation

FFA Convention presentation by Mary Hoffmann, Katie Emmett & some of the students that attended the conference. Highlights included 16 students attending the convention, they are a 3-star National Chapter which is the highest award. They were a Model of Excellence Top 10 Finalist. 13 FFA members competed in the National Quiz Bowl with Kayden Klein placing 4th out of 133 individuals. Lucia Martinez was a member of the National FFA chorus. 15 of the members worked with the KNUJ Media Booth. They did some sightseeing which included a trip to the Exotic Feline Rescue, Ozark Fisheries, the Indiana Caverns and the Rodeo. They said they had a great time. They thanked us for our continuous support and thanked the boosters.

Dashir Management by Andrew Petty showed us projects that have been completed along with the work that they did to combine the football teams and showed us projects that are coming up. The bell will be quoted out to make it look better and track resurfacing needs to be done or at least an evaluation and working on a quote for the elementary basketball area outside. Will look at painting the outside windows to make them look updated.

#### Action Items

- A: Approve Education Identity and Access Management Resolution
- B: Approve snow removal quote provided by S and J Construction
- C: Approve resignation of Austin Wyman as Assistant Track coach
- D: Approve resignation of Karliana Clement as Assistant Track coach
- E: Approve resignation of George Schwint as Assistant Golf coach
- F: Approve resignation of Cory Haala as JH Softball coach
- G: Approve hire of Cory Haala as Softball Head coach
- H: Approve Hire of Nicole Schroepfer as JH Softball coach
- I: Approve resignation of Stephanie Hanson as ESL Para effective 12/22/23.
- J: Approve non-union support staff salary and benefits for the 2023-2025 school years
- K: Approve service proposal of Brih Design to provide functional behavior assessment and follow up training and consultation
- L: Approve contract services agreement with Sheila Mertzner
- M: Approve open enrollment requests: 2 in from Springfield 1 in from GFW 1 in from Comfrey
- N: Approve the following donations: \$1000 by the Sleepy Eye Lions Club to fund the Biztown transportation costs; \$1000 anonymous donor to the FFA program; \$1000 by Travis and Beth Braulick toward the SE United football sound system; \$1200 by Mike and Emily Petersen toward the SE United football sound system; \$1000 by First Security Agency toward the SE United football sound system; \$1000 by Brian and Rhonda Mathiowetz toward the SE United football sound system; \$1000 by Chad and Cortnie Mathiowetz toward the SE United football sound system; \$1000 by The Arneson family toward the SE United football sound system; \$1000 by Rodney and Tammy Domeier toward the SE United football sound system; \$1000 by Denny and Chris Mangen toward the SE United football sound system; Thank you to all these donors, your donations are greatly appreciated.

#### Addendum

- 10. Approve donation of a drum set to the band program from the Faith United Methodist Church in Sleepy Eye. Thank you for the donation.
- 11. Resolution to approve Form B for the MSHSL foundation.

M Brian Nelson 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 5:30PM regular meeting (truth and taxation 6:00PM)

12. Adjourn. Time: 6:07 p.m.

M Sandy Gonzalez 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk