Minutes
Sleepy Eye ISD #84
Board of Education
Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 5:30PM

Call to order: Attendance: Dan Marti, Joleen Dittbenner, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Adam Barka, Sheila Wurtzberger Absent: Brian Nelson Casey left at 5:58

Good News Items: Spring sports are off and running. We had an awesome Grandparents Day

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

Approve Agenda	M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Dan Marti M/C
Approve minutes of March 19, 2025	M Casey Coulson 2nd Adam Barka M/C
Approve financial transactions and reports	M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Reports

Board: Meet and Confer met and reviewed this coming year's calendar. Community Ed met and have some really cool items coming up. Riverbend met graduation is May 20 and training for new teachers is coming up.

Principal: The schedule looks to be complete. Noemi is checking to make sure we have minimized conflicts. I've been conducting interviews for teaching vacancies. We look to have filled the high school vacancies. I attended a region 2A meeting; I sit on this committee. We did MCA testing for reading last week and are completing Math this week and Science next week. Staff spotlight winners from last month are Laura Petersen and Caitlyn Pietig. Senior Awards and Gold Cord Banquet is tonight. There will be a recognition breakfast April 25th at 7:15 (student council, yearbook, newspaper, YES and EXCEL. Minnesota Honor Society will be April 30th at 6:30. Prom will be on May 3rd; Grand March at 7 PM. Commencement is on May 16th at 7 PM.

Superintendent: Completed evacuation drill with local police support. MCA testing is ongoing: each grade level sets a three tier reward system to encourage students to do well. Elementary school faculty met the new elementary principal at our April 16th staff meeting. We have been successful filling our open teaching positions so far. Food Service RFP in progress.

Presentations

Class of 2025 summarization on class trip Caitlin showed us a presentation of the events that they did.

Class of 2026 presentation for proposed trip in 2026. Orlando Florida would be the destination again and hopefully going to a brand new theme park.

Action items:

Approve resignation/retirement of Kathy Ahlrich as Elementary Administrative Assistant effective May 30th 2025. Thank you, Kathy, for 23 great years!!

Approve resignation of Amanda Boomgarden as Business Manager effective 4/11/25. Thank you Amanda!!

Approve hiring Mara Pauling as DCD SPED teacher for the 2025-26 school year @$45,488

Approve hiring of Zoe Macklanburg as HS Social Studies teacher for the 2025-26 school year @$45,488. Great to see former graduates come back to teach.
Approve hiring of Benjamin Westphal as the Elementary Principal for the 2025-26 school year @$90,000
Approve 2025-26 school calendar
Approve Sleepy Eye Public School's Gifted and Talented Handbook
Approve payroll and accounts payable services agreement with School Management Services (SMS) @$65,000 annually starting at April 1, 2025.
Approve Business Management Services agreement with School Management Services (SMS) @$5,833/month starting at April 15, 2025
Approve Sleepy Eye Elementary School fundraiser request
Approve dissolution of boy's tennis cooperative sponsorship
Approve Alisa Mangen as Elementary Administrative Assistant at 7 hrs a day @$17.47 per hr.
Approve resignation letter from Kevin Schneider as Knowledge Bowl coach
Approve hiring Alyssa Stevensen as Knowledge Bowl coach @ $715.00 participation based
Approve resignation/retirement of Pat Stevermer as Community Ed Director effective June 30th 2025
Thank you, Pat, for 55 years of service!! Congratulations!!!!
Approve the following open enrollment requests: 1 in from GFW
Approve 2026 Sr Class Trip request
Approve hiring Alyssa Mitchell as Ag Teacher for the 25-26 school year @ $46,988, Jr High FFA Advisor @ $1,225, 40 summer days @ $10,270.80 for a total of $58,483.80
Approve Read Act Memorandum of Understanding

M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @5:30PM

Adjourn. Time: 6:17 p.m. M Adam Barka 2nd Dan Marti M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk