

Minutes

Sleepy Eye ISD #84

Board of Education

June 10, 2026, 5:30PM

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Agenda

Call to order: Attendance: Dan Marti (virtually), Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Adam Barka (arrived at 5:42 pm), Sheila Wurtzberger

Good News Items: The Baseball team finished their awesome season with a loss to Madelia and came in Section 2A runner up, 2 lady golfers as well as the boy's golf team are playing in the state tournament today. The boys finished in 5th place. We graduated our last set of "Indians". Summer School starts Monday.

Recognition of visitors: Press and Staff

Approve Agenda M Casey Coulson 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Approve minutes of May 13, 2026 M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Brian Nelson M/C

Approve financial transactions and reports M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Presentation:

2026-27 budget presentation: Todd Netzke, Carle Hoffman; deficit of around \$209,000.

Ehlers LTFM Roof Bond Sale report by Jen Chapman Aaron Bushberger Jen reported on the bond sale

LTFM plan review by Tim Harbo

Reports

Board: Transportation Committee met and went over what the contract should look like, BCPH met and discussed that Ebola and Hantavirus are not really a concern and went over what new and returning programs are doing. Riverbend ended the year. 25 kids graduated.

Elementary Principal: Finished the 25-26 school year with lots of FUN and activities for the students and staff that included Grade-level picnics and fishing trips, Field trips - Twins game, Science Museum, State capitol visit, Farm Camp, Hospital tour, Wow Zone, and New Ulm rec center. 6th grade recognition ceremony was held on May 20th. Recognized "graduates" and handed out the academic awards for 3.0 - 4.0 GPAs. Spring Concert for 5th and 6th graders (choir and band) on May 20th. End of the Year School Assembly on the last day of school - Fri, May 22nd. Pride tickets were drawn for prize giveaways. Final staff meeting of the school year on May 20th, the Staff was introduced to next year's structure of "houses" and revamping PBIS systems and efforts, Greater emphasis on using teachable moments for skill-building, positive reinforcement of good behaviors, and aligning schoolwide on a management system (Consistency = success). Houses can span across K-6 to build more community, encourage peer role-modeling and team-building activities, and introduce younger students to upcoming staff members earlier. New special education caseloads finalized and given to teachers, some adjustments made and parents notified. Using the summertime for summer school, room cleanings, moving around rooms, and planning for next school year. Summer School will occur from June 15th - July 16th, Break from June 29th - July 2nd. New staff starting to come into the building now. Sleepy Eye Community Theater's production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will be held on 7 pm - June 25, 26, and 27, 2 pm - June 28, 2026.

Principal: Band and Choir concert on 5/20 went well. Master schedule completed and schedules for next year handed out to students. Commencement went well; graduated 31 seniors this year.

Organizing summer school; currently 24 students total (down about 10 from last summer). Principals conference next week. Reviewing handbooks for 2026-27 school year

Superintendent: New Principal oversight: all elementary principal related oversight protocols (evaluations, routine issues etc...) has been assigned to Mr. Laffen. Legislative update
Key funding and policy provisions, Read Act and School linked behavioral health grants were in this agenda. Compensatory funding changes for Sleepy Eye: Our number prior to law changes: \$547,367
New law with some hold harmless: \$352,688 Loss of funding for Sleepy Eye: **\$194,679**
Gym floor: being replaced as scheduled over the summer. Mascot related changes: all Indian mascot related items are being removed and replaced by Storm items by 9/1/26. Transportation Contract: I called Tim Schieffert about needing to meet and discuss the transportation contract we had this meeting today. Darla Remus won the Outstanding Service Cooperative Award

Action items:

Approve McKenzie Wagelie as Elementary Principal for the 2026-27 school year @\$90,000.

Approve 2026-27 budget

Approve Molly Riser as ECSE teacher for the 2026-27 school year @\$46,488

Approve 2026-27 resolution for membership to the Minnesota State High School League Roll Call:

Approve \$250 donation from the Knights of Columbus toward SPED programming. Thank you for your donation.

Resolution adopting the School District's Fiscal Year (FY) 28 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten Year Plan for FY26-36 M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson Roll Call Yes votes: Dan, Joleen, Brian, Darla, Casey, Adam, Sheila No votes 0 M/C

Approve the "Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election" M Casey Coulson 2nd Brian Nelson Roll Call: yes votes: Dan, Joleen Brian, Darla, Casey, Adam, Sheila No votes: 0 M/C

Approve Kathy Haala as JV Girls Volleyball Coach as discussed for a 1-year position to replace Breanna Kelly during her maternity leave @ \$2093.00.

Addendum Sleepy Eye, ISD #84 Board of Education June 10, 2026

Action Items Continued:

Approve 2026 Summer staff

Approve post issuance compliance policy for ISD # 084 Sleepy Eye, MN

M Dan Marti 2nd Joleen Dittbenner M/C

Adopt the Resolution Awarding the Sale of the General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2026A" M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Adam Barka Roll Call: Yes votes: Dan, Joleen, Brian, Darla, Casey, Adam, Sheila No votes: 0

M JoleenDittbenner 2nd Adam Barka M/C

Next meetings: Next board meeting tentative dates: Board retreat July 14 at 5:30PM at Mark Thomas;
Board meeting will be on July 22, 2026

Adjourn. Time: 6:25 p.m. M Joleen Dittbenner 2nd Casey Coulson M/C

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/Clerk