



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER

ZM RECOGNIZES OUR PARAS

January 25-31 is Paraprofessional Recognition Week in Minnesota. There are over 20,000 paras in Minnesota who help students along with their teachers to succeed in school and life every day. ZM is fortunate to have thirty-three hard working paras performing various duties throughout the days, all focused on keeping students on task and striving to meet their daily goals. ZM is thankful for the dedication and service these hard-working educators perform each day.



Above—Primary Paras: Jordan Thompson, Tracy Nelson, Sarah Jackson, Cindy Billman, Stephanie Gosse, Courtney Hammes, Chanda Peens, Elizabeth Ramer, Jody Ayres. Not pictured Toni Pegram.

Elementary Paras: Back Row: Terin Olson, Kathy Flotterud, Shelley Speltz, Mindy Robertson, Pam Keller, Brooke Donkers. Front: Michelle Matthees, Kristie Langfield, Monica Dohrn, Mary Cordes, and Michelle Storey. Missing is Josh Ronningen



Cougar Care Paras Sarah Nygaard, Nicole Morgan, Robin Stutz



Middle/High School Paras:

Back row: Jacquie Morrow, Sue Scheffler, Jodie Thompson, Deb Floan, Sara Hoven, Gary Bryant. Front: Amber Haviccan, Tiffany Clemenson, Matthew Bryant, and Krista Boelter



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- 2/8—SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION, 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM
- 2/10—EARLY RELEASE DAY
- 2/15—NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
- 2/22—SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

ZM Vocational Construction House

Are you interested in a quality-built home? The ZM Vocational Construction Class is building a three bedroom home on 450 Lancaster Blvd in Zumbrota. Interested parties are invited to discuss project details with advisor, Brandon Roth, or to call 507-273-2992. Bid booklet available at www.zmschools.us or by calling 732-2400.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The school board held their organization meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021. The Oath of Office was read and administered to re-elected board members, Stephanie Miller, Jason Lohmann, and Angie Bredehoft. There were no changes to the agenda.

The board nominated and elected Jean Roth as chair; Jason Lohmann, Vice-chair; Angie Bredehoft, Clerk; and James Wendt –Treasurer.

The board meetings were set as follows:

Regular school board meeting dates for the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the sites alternating between Mazeppa and Zumbrota except during the Covid 19 pandemic when meetings will be held via ZOOM. The following meeting changes will be implemented:

1. Due to construction in 2021, all board meetings and work sessions in June, July, and August will be held in the Primary Media Center.
2. There will be one meeting in April and December with the April work session and regular meeting on April 12 and the December work session, Truth in Taxation Hearing/ Adoption, and regular meetings held on December 20.
3. The December board meeting will be moved up one week to avoid a holiday conflict.
4. July work session is cancelled.

5. Any regular meetings that cannot be held at the scheduled time due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances will be held the next day at the same time, eliminating the three-day notice required for meeting notices.

Regular Meetings: NOTE that all meetings during Covid pandemic are held via ZOOM

Mon., Jan 25, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Feb 22, 2021 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., March 22, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Apr 12, 2021 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., May 24, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., June 28, 2021 7:00 pm ZMPS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., July 19, 2021 7:00 pm ZMPS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., Aug 23, 2021 7:00 pm ZMPS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., Sept 27, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Oct 25, 2021 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., Nov 22, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Dec 20, 2021 Follows tax hearing ZMMS/HS Media Cen-

ter, Zumbrota

Special Meetings: NOTE that all meetings during Covid pandemic are held via ZOOM

Mon., Jan 4, 2021 Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Dec 20, 2021 Tax Hearing/Adoption 6:30 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., Jan 3, 2022 Organization 6:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa

Board Work Sessions: NOTE that all meetings during Covid pandemic are held via ZOOM (Board reserves right to cancel a monthly session if deemed unnecessary)

Mon., Jan 4, 2021 Follows Organization Meeting ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Feb 8, 2021 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., March 3, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., May 10, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., June 14, 2021 7:00 pm ZMPS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., Aug 9, 2021 7:00 pm ZMPS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., Sept 13, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Oct 11, 2021 7:00 pm ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota
Mon., Nov 8, 2021 7:00 pm ZMES Media Center, Mazeppa
Mon., Dec 20, 2021 Combined with regular meeting ZMMS/HS Media Center, Zumbrota

The 2021 bill review schedule was approved as follows:

January/July - Mr. Lohmann April/October - Ms. Peters
February/August - Mr. Wendt May/November - Ms. Roth
March/September - Ms. Miller June/December - Ms. Bredehoft

The board designated the official district bulletin boards at the Superintendent's Office (this location may move during the year due to construction), ZMHS Main Door on Mill Street, and ZMPS Main Door on Mill Street.

The Bank of Zumbrota was named the general depository and investment sites named included First State Bank of Red Wing at Mazeppa, Bank of Zumbrota, Liquid Assets, Edward Jones at Zumbrota, and Ehlers. Nicole Fitzgerald of School Management Systems, and Carol Glander were authorized to conduct electronic transfers in 2021. The superintendent, chair, and treasurer were authorized to invest surplus funds and Michael Harvey and Nicole Fitzgerald from School Management Systems were authorized to sign for stop payment and revoked documents for the school district.

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C.A.R.E. CLINIC

The Dental Clinic is open 4 days a week!

Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday

Where: 906 College Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066 Door #1

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The Clinic accepts qualifying uninsured patients and Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees (Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare, including South Country Health Alliance).

Did you know the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that a child goes to the dentist by age 1 or within 6 months of when their first tooth erupts?"



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The treasurer and superintendent were authorized access to the bank safe deposit box #503 at the Bank of Zumbrota downtown office. The Rockne Law office, Zumbrota; Ratwik, Roszak, Maloney, P.A.; and Dunlap & Seeger, P.A. were designated as the school attorneys with the superintendent and board chair authorized to contact the attorneys.

The News Record of Zumbrota was designated as the official school newspaper. The superintendent was authorized to enter into contracts and approve payments on behalf of the school district. The Mayo Clinic Health Systems—Zumbrota Clinic and the Goodhue/Wabasha Health Service was designated as the general school clinics.

The board designated Michael Harvey, Superintendent, to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for ZM Schools. The resolution reads as follows: The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board (PELSB), and Office of Higher Education (OHE) require annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for each local education agency that uses the Education Identity Access Management (EDIAM) system. The IOWA is responsible for authorizing, reviewing, and recertifying user access for their local education agency in accordance with the State of Minnesota Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The IOWA will authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure systems in accordance with the user's assigned job duties and will revoke that user's access when it is no longer needed to perform their job duties.

Board director compensation for 2021 was set as follows:

1. 2021 annual per diem \$2,500
2. \$15 per hour for board members required to attend meetings on legal issues/negotiations during the workday
3. Chair per diem \$300 per year
4. No per diem for Clerk or Treasurer
5. \$30 per session for negotiators
6. No other committee per diem in 2021
7. Meals/lodging allowance for attending workshops and conferences set at \$12 for breakfast, \$15 for lunch, and \$22 for dinner

8. 2021 federal mileage rate

The following board committee appointments for 2021 were approved:

- Attendance/Discipline (1) Ms. Miller, Mr. Wendt, Alt.
- Board Policy Manual (2) Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters
- Buildings/Grounds - all areas (3) Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt, Ms. Bredehoft
- Community Education Board (2) Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller
- District Advisory Committee (3) Ms. Roth, Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Lohmann
- GCED Joint Powers (1) Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth, Alt.
- Legislative Com/Net (1) Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters, Alt.
- Meet & Confer (3) Ms. Roth, Ms. Peters, Ms. Bredehoft, Alt.
- Negotiations (3) Mr. Lohmann, Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Wendt
- MSHSL/Extracurricular (2) Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Miller
- Technology (2) Ms. Peters, Ms. Roth
- Vocational Advisor-School to Work (3) Mr. Lohmann, Mr. Wendt, Ms. Roth
- WETC Joint Powers (2) (alternate required) Ms. Bredehoft, Ms. Roth, Ms. Miller, Alt.
- Education Foundation (2) Mr. Wendt, Ms. Peters, Ms. Roth, Alt.
- Budget Committee (2) Ms. Bredehoft, Mr. Lohmann

The board adopted the school board preamble as presented. Board members wishing to attend the virtual MSBA Winter Conference should let Brenda know as soon as possible for registration. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and the board work session was opened immediately following the organization meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Items for discussion included:

1. Policy Review. The following policies were available for board review and adoption at the January 25 meeting:
 - #430 Recruitment and Selection
 - #431 Appointment of Personnel
 - #432 Dress
 - #433 Compensation Insurance

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Message From the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very happy to have all student's Pre-K-12 back in the buildings in person. Having 7-12 students in classrooms twice a week is good for their academic and mental health. We continue to follow the Minnesota Department of Health guidance and update safety procedures as MDH comes out with new guidelines. This week our staff participated in a Covid 19 testing option that will now take place every two weeks. New shortened quarantine procedures will be implemented for staff and students. We continue to meet with public health to monitor what is happening at the State and County levels to make sure we are being as

safe as possible while carrying out the goals of education for your children.

We have a few pieces of information that is of interest to parents:

- Free Meals: The USDA has extended Free Meals for students through June 30th. It originally was through Dec. 31st, but will now carry through this school year.
- Quarter 3/Semester 2 Model Choice: Parents have been allowed to select Distance Learning for their children this school year. This is continuing but we are now coming up on the quarter/semester end. At this time parents who wish to have their children come back to in person learning should contact the Primary, Elementary, or 7-12 Office. If your child is currently coming to school, you will not need to do anything at this time for this continued model. If you are sending your child back to in person from distant learning or wish to go distance learning you must contact the office of the school your child attends by Tuesday, January 12th. This gives the district and teachers time to safely balance class numbers. Students will have another chance to come back to in person learning at the end of quarter 3, which is in March.

Michael Harvey, Zumbrota-Mazeppa Superintendent of Schools



ZM Schools is offering free breakfast and lunch for children ages 0-18 through a state waiver program. This program is similar to the Grab 'n Go meal program that ran this past summer. The waiver for the free meal program will only be in effect until December 31, 2020 or earlier if funds are exhausted. Meals are free to any child age 0-18. ZM requests that the distance learners (NOT the hybrid students) also use this form for ordering meals. (Students currently in school, including hybrid students, are already covered under the free meal program explained in the article above).

To order breakfast and lunch for the week, parents/guardians should complete and submit the form each **Monday by 8:00 a.m.** Meals will be available for pick up by an adult or child/student between 1:30-2:00 p.m. each Wednesday at Door 1 in Mazeppa or the Primary School Door in Zumbrota. It is important that the meals are picked up promptly between the required time frame. Questions? Call 507-732-1400.

Note that the parent/guardian needs to submit a new order form each Monday to ensure an accurate count for Wednesday pick up. **The form is available on the school website (www.zmschools.us) under the "What's Happening".**

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A sign with a blue and white background. The text reads: "Did you bring your lunch? Add a veggie, fruit and milk for FREE!" Below this, it says "It's as easy as..." followed by three numbered steps: 1. a red apple, 2. green broccoli, and 3. a carton of milk. The sign also states: "Even if you bring your lunch to school, you can receive fresh fruit, veggies and a milk for free at any location served by Lunchtime Solutions!" and "Through the end of this school year, the USDA waiver to schools for free meals also allows students who bring their own lunch to supplement it with fresh and healthy choices. All you have to do is go through the lunch line and select a fruit, a veggie and a milk!" The LSI logo is at the bottom.

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"If you think that something small cannot make a difference - try going to sleep with a mosquito in the room." –Unknown

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- #435 Physical Examinations
- #436 Use of School Property
- #437 Professional Growth
- #438 Staff Meeting Attendance
- #439 Travel
- #440 Additional Compensation for Extra Work

2. Covid 19 Update. Mr. Harvey updated the board on the current Covid 19 county numbers and the shortened quarantine guidelines. The grades 7-12 returned to hybrid learning January 4. Eighty staff members have signed up for the saliva tests that will be offered every two weeks free of charge from the state of Minnesota. The Covid committee will meet again on Thursday to review the current updates. Mr. Harvey thanked the ZM staff, including the nursing staff, for their hard work during this difficult year.

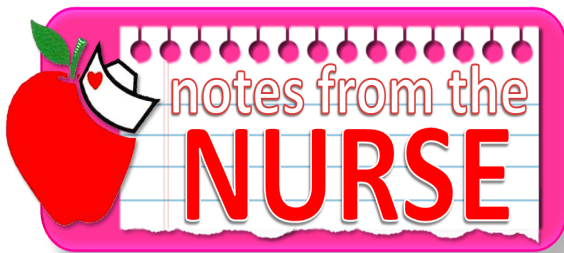
3. Construction Update. Mr. Harvey informed the board that the server room in the high school was dismantled for construction over the holiday break. When construction begins at the high school, the north driveway will be moved five feet, so it is not infringing upon the St. Francis property. The river property owned by the school will be exchanged for property by the school park for construction

in Mazeppa. A conditional permit from the city of Mazeppa will be needed for the construction of a parking lot on the site of the house that the school intends to purchase.

4. 2021-22 Proposed Calendar Review. The proposed 2021-22 draft calendar was presented to the board for their review. It will be on the January 25 agenda for approval if the board has no questions.

5. Obsolete Equipment Policy. Mr. Harvey would like to put together a list of obsolete items from the school for board review and post on the Public Surplus site for sale. He informed the board that there are many items that are no longer used in the school or classrooms but might be valuable to someone else. Mr. Wendt also suggested using the local online auction sites.

6. Other Items. Ms. Roth invited board members to participate in the Southeast Service Cooperative walking challenge in January. Ms. Miller asked if students were eating in the cafeterias and if they were able to social distance. Mr. Harvey said grades 3-6 are in the cafeterias and six primary classrooms are currently eating in their classrooms since the high school has returned. The Family First Coronavirus leave which ended December 31, 2020 has been extended through March 31, 2021.



We want to remind all parents and students but particularly students in grades 7-12 that in some situations you may not have much choice in being quarantined based on the situation you are in. However, there are also many situations that are avoidable based on general behavior. Older students, unlike younger elementary students do have more unstructured time and freedoms where personal choice can play into increasing your risk of illness or quarantine. Please remind your children that free time before school, at lunch, and after school can pose an increased risk if proper distancing is not taking place. It does not mean a student cannot be with their friends. They can simply physically distance during conversation.

Staff can give reminders to students, but those who continue to not distance increase their own risk of quarantine or illness.

Updates in School COVID-19 Planning Guidance:

Face coverings:

- Consistent with Executive Order 20-103, face coverings must be worn at all times during indoor physical activity (e.g., when exercising in a gym, fitness center, or during recess), regardless of the level of physical exertion. Previous guidance allowing face coverings to be removed during high exertion activities is no longer applicable.
- Medical exemptions are still allowed.

Social Distancing:

Lunch for elementary students (K-6). The updates state that student mealtimes should be held in the classroom if 6 feet of physical distancing between students cannot be accommodated in the cafeteria and cohorts cannot be clearly separated within the cafeteria.

- We are doing both some eating in the cafeteria (6 feet apart) and in the classrooms as well due to spacing.

Transportation:

Updates were made to the transportation guidance which will help us to not have to quarantine an entire bus route if it is over 30 minutes. With the new guidelines if we have a positive person who rides a bus we would need to quarantine the two seats in front, behind and possibly the 2 seats across as well who were there for more than 15 minutes cumulative.

- All persons driving or riding in a school transportation vehicle must wear a face covering.

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- Driver will be spaced 6 feet from the riders.
- We are working on assigned seating for routes and shuttle buses.

Updates to the COVID-19 Decision Tree: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>. The Decision Tree was updated to align with the shortened quarantine options.

- They added that even if you shorten quarantine you should be watching for symptoms for the full 14 days. During your 14 days if you have even 1 symptom “less common” or “more common” you will need to stay home, be evaluated by an MD and/or have a negative COVID test before returning to school. Siblings will be sent home/must stay home if quarantined student has 1 symptom during this time period.
- The close contact section was also updated. If you are a household member you are not able to shorten quarantine.

MDH has updated the Parent Attendance Guide and the Home Screening Tool for families to align with the shortened quarantine guidelines.

Parent Attendance Guide: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/attendance.pdf>

Home Screening Tool: We ask that you continue to answer these screening questions each time you are going to send a child to school, childcare, or to youth programs. If you answer “yes” to any question, the child should stay home <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/homescreen.pdf>

Youth Sports: In alignment with the governor’s executive orders. We are starting to resume youth sports practices here at ZM following all the new guidelines. Including the following face covering requirements: The temporary removal of face coverings during sports or physical exertion is no longer allowed. There are exemptions for certain sports. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sportsguide.pdf> High School Winter Sports practices also resumed on 1/4/2021.

Thanks again for all your support and cooperation during this challenging COVID time. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. Take care, Tiffany Boraas, RN Licensed School Nurse District COVID-19 Coordinator tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us 507-732-1411

Meningococcal Immunization Information:

Students are due for a booster at age 16 to provide protection when they are at the highest risk.

By fall of 2021 all Minnesota schools will be required to report to the state how many high school seniors have their second Meningococcal immunizations.

What is meningococcal disease?

▪ Meningococcal disease is a rare, serious illness caused by a bacteria (*Neisseria meningitidis*). It can cause meningitis, which is an infection of the brain and spinal cord, and it can also cause blood infections.

How does meningococcal disease spread?

- Meningococcal disease is spread by contact with secretions (saliva or spit) from the nose and throat.
- It can be spread through kissing, sharing silverware, drinking directly from the same container, sharing a cigarette or lipstick, and having close social contact (living in the same household).
- It is not spread through casual contact, such as being in the same room or touching the same object.

Who is at risk?

- In general, the risk of becoming infected with meningococcal disease is low, but anyone can get it. However, some people are at increased risk, such as:
 - First year college students who live in residential housing.
 - People who have an immune disorder called complement component deficiency or who take Solaris (eculizumab).
 - People with a damaged spleen or whose spleen has been removed.

When should my child be vaccinated?

All 11 to 12 year olds should be vaccinated (since Sept. 1, 2014, changes to Minnesota’s Immunization Law required this immunization for all students entering 7th grade). Older teens need a second shot when they are 16 years old so they stay protected when their risk is the highest. Teens who got meningococcal vaccine for the first time when were 13, 14, or 15 years old should still get the booster shot when they are 16 years old. If your older teen didn’t get the meningococcal shot at all, you should talk to their doctor about getting it as soon as possible.

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.

School Board Meeting Minutes

The ZM School Board held their monthly meeting via Zoom on Monday, January 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roth.

Reports: Mr. Anderson reported for the middle/high school. He gave an academic overview of Semester 1 along with the results of a student survey. Winter sports began January 4 and registration will begin after the 2021-22 school calendar is approved.

Mr. Rasmussen reported for the elementary school. FASTbridge testing is nearly completed and the new science curriculum is up and running. Sixth graders recently received their computers and Grant and their teachers have been working on getting them set up for the students.

Mr. Harvey read the primary report in Ms. Ahern's absence. The primary construction is on time with final furniture delivery scheduled for the first week in March. FASTbridge assessment window is currently open until February 5. There are currently two paraprofessional openings in the primary. All three principals noted it was Paraprofessional Recognition Week and thanked ZM's paras for their service to our students and staff.

Mr. Harvey reported that enrollment was currently at 1,266, holding very steady this entire year.

There was no patron input.

Old Business: The board approved the 2021-22 school calendar as presented.

The following district policies were reviewed at the work session and approved at this meeting:

1. #430 Recruitment and Selection
2. #431 Appointment of Personnel
3. #432 Dress
4. #433 Compensation Insurance
5. #435 Physical Examinations
6. #436 Use of School Property
7. #437 Professional Growth
8. #438 Staff Meeting Attendance
9. #439 Travel
10. #440 Additional Compensation for Extra Work

New Business: The consent agenda, including payment of bills, was approved as follows:

1. Approval of minutes: Truth in Taxation, 12/21/20 Regular Meeting, 1/4/21 Organization Meeting, and 1/4/21 Work Session
2. Approval of hires:
3. Nathan Warneke, Assistant Track Coach, 2020-21 School Year
4. Josh Ronningen, Assistant Baseball Coach, 2020-21 School Year
5. Amber Rasmussen, Administrative Assistant, beginning 2/16/2021
6. Approval of resignations:
 - Mara Els, Paraprofessional, effective 1/7/21
 - Elle Jensen, Cougar Care, effective 12/30/20

Ryan Gingerich, Paraprofessional, effective 1/19/21

7. Approval of tenure - none
8. Approval of reassignments - none
9. Approval of childcare leave - none
10. Approval of terminations - none
11. Approval of fundraisers - none
12. Approval of donations - none
13. Approval of grants - none
14. Approval of lane changes
 - Michelle Zidlicky - BA to BA+10
 - Melissa Boraas, BA+10 to BA+20
 - Shannon Johnson - MS+10 to MS+20
 - Chelsie Lockner, MA to MA+10
 - Jamie Quam - MS+10 to MS+20
15. Approval of bill consideration: Mr. Lohmann - January reviewer/Mr. Wendt - February reviewer

Mr. Harvey presented information on the Extended Deadline for Leaves Granted by the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act resolution. The leave act expired December 31, 2020 and it is possible to extend the leave until March 31, 2021. However, there is a cost to this, and many employers have not extended this leave. The current cost to the school this year has been \$44,000. The board requested more information before they made a decision so Mr. Harvey will bring more data to the February work session.

Mr. Harvey updated the board on vaccination roll-out. ZM was only given four vaccine opportunities last week while other districts seem to be getting their vaccines through their county. He is concerned this is an equity issue between schools and has been in contact with various organizations such as MSBA, MREA, and the counties regarding this. He encouraged board members to contact their legislators for information and answers. The state will be issuing P-EBT cards to families that have qualified for free or reduced meals this school year based on the learning model the students were in. The Covid-19 committee met last week and there have not been any major outbreaks, but there are a few quarantines as of this meeting date. The current learning model will stay for now.

The board discussed the minimum bid for the 2020-21 construction house. The house is basically the same as last year with a few add-ons. It was noted that construction prices have risen this past year and supplies are more difficult to come by. The board set the minimum bid at \$327,900.

The board approved the roofing contract for the middle/high school construction project from McPhillips Bros. Roofing in the amount of \$675,000.

Mr. Harvey informed the board that the second-grade classes were nearing capacity in student numbers to allow for social distancing. He recommended that the board consider hiring another teacher to ease the class numbers. He said there was a possibility that the cost of a teacher might be covered through state GEARS and ESSER funds. The board approved the hire of an additional second grade teacher.

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Board Comments and Reports: Mr. Harvey thanked the teaching staff, custodians, food service, and everyone else who works at the school and has made this year work so far. Ms. Roth also added her thanks and appreciation. She reminded the board that MSBA has their winter conference videos online yet if they wish to listen.

Minutes were available from the Wasioja Education Technology Cooperative and the Goodhue County Education District. There were no minutes from the Southeast Service Cooperative.

- Pertinent Dates:
 - 2/8 - School Board Work Session, 7:00 p.m.
 - 2/10 - Early Release
 - 2/15 - No School/Holiday
 - 2/22 - School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Future agenda items include the resolution for the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



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ZM SENIORS MOVE FORWARD



ZM seniors, Annika Angerman and Soren Hellyer, have been named Subsection Four/Section 1A Triple A winners. The Triple A award is a Minnesota State High School League award that recognizes seniors who are exemplary in academics, arts, and athletics. The Section 1A winners will be announced January 27, 2021. Best wishes to these two outstanding seniors!



THIS IS HOW YOU LAUNCH A SNOWMAN IN GRADE 3

Mrs. Sjolander's third graders used their imagination to make snowmen snowball launchers in class recently. It was "snow" much fun!!

