



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



Congratulations to Olivia Amsbaugh and RJ Sylak for being selected as ZM's representatives for the MSHSL's ExCEL award.

Congratulations to senior Maddie Fredrickson on being selected as the Z-M representative for the MSHSL's Triple A award, recognizing seniors who excel in academics, arts, and athletics.

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

12/23-1/2/21 - Holiday Break

1/3/2 - School Resumes

1/3/21 - Organization and Work Session Meetings, 6:00 p.m.

1/12 - Early Release

1/17 - No School/Teacher Workday

1/24—School Board Meeting

Happy Holidays & New Year from ZM!!

2021-22 Calendar Changes:

January 18th-Extend Semester Break to Tuesday the 18th. No School for Staff and Students on the 18th.

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Snow Days for this year only, the first five are traditional Snow Days- no online learning. Cougar Care would be the only thing operating on these days.

Events scheduled for these days will still take place unless weather does not permit.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The ZM School Board met on December 20th for the Truth in Taxation Meeting followed by the Board meeting.

The following members were present: Mr. Lohman, Ms. Miller, Ms. Peters, Ms. Roth, Mr. Wendt and Mr. Fitzgerald.

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Rasmussen, Ms. Ahern, Ms. Fitzgerald, Mr. Brown and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen

Ms. Roth called the TNT tax meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Ms. Fitzgerald gave a presentation of the audited balance as of June 30, 2021 and the fund balance projection as of June 30, 2022 was reviewed. The comparison of the proposed pay 2022 tax to the adopted pay 2021.

Mr. Lohman and Ms. Miller motioned to adopt a resolution that the levy to be levied in 2021 and collected in 2022 is set at \$5,971,759.78 and the school board clerk is authorized to certify the proposed levy to the county auditor of Wabasha County, Minnesota. Motion carried by Roll call vote.

Ms. Roth and Ms. Bredehoff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Ms. Roth called the board meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition and Congratulations was given to Maddie Fredrickson, MSHSL Triple A Award and to Olivia Amsbaugh and RJ Sylak, MSHSL ExCel award.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Mr. Wendt/Mr. Lohman motion to adopt the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports

Mr. Anderson reports he has hired a long term sub for 10-12 counseling and 8-12 agriculture. The site team gathered input from staff for the semester 1 finals schedule. The site team voted to keep the end of semester as a regular day schedule. Teachers can give exams if they choose. He also congratulated Maddie Fredrickson, Olivia Asbough and RJ Sylak on their awards.

Mr. Rasmussen reports students enjoyed the snow while it lasted. The new addition is looking great, they will be continuing construction over winter break. PLC day went well, teachers discussed the data they are using to determine what students' needs are. He also thanked the staff for all they do.

Ms. Ahern reports the primary watched "Viktor Quest S.T.O.P Bullying" by the MN Vikings. 1st grade will continue to eat in their rooms to allow more space for Kindergarten and 2nd grade for lunch. Each grade will have a Winter Break activity. Ms. Ahern also thanked staff for all they are doing.

Mr. Harvey reports that enrollment continues to be steady.

Patron input was received.

There was no old business.

Ms. Bredehoff/Ms. Miller motion to adopt the consent agenda including the payment of bills as follows.

1. Approval of Minutes: 11-22-2021
2. Approval of Hires
 - Stephanie Fremstad, Long Term Substitute, Counselor
 - Tyffanie Heublein, Long Term Substitute, Agriculture
 - Larry Liffrig, Custodian
 - Cody Lentz, Custodian
3. Approval of Resignations
4. Approval of Tenure
5. Approval of Childcare Leave
 - Kelli Hanson, March 21, 2022 - June 3, 2022
6. Approval of Terminations
7. Approval of Fundraisers
8. Approval of Donations
 - Zumbrota Drive Train, \$400, Snack Cart Donation
 - Ruby's Pantry, \$265, Snack Cart Donation
 - Firebrick Bread, Wood Fired Pizza Restaurant Playset, Ms. Nelson Preschool Classroom
9. Approval of Grants
10. Approval of Lane Changes
11. Approval of Bill Consideration
 - Ms. Bredehoff-December
 - Mr. Lohman-January

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Three Rivers Conference Letter: Mr. Brown recommends ZM moves to the Three Rivers conference. This would go into effect the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Bredehoft/Ms. Miller motioned to approve the application to the Three Rivers Conference. All in favor. Motion carried

Calendar Adjustments-Mr. Harvey presented the following calendar adjustments.

- January 18th-Extend Semester Break to Tuesday the 18th. No School for Staff and Students on the 18th. The 17th remains a workday, but staff could use the 17th or the 18th as their semester workday.
- Friday March 25th- Already a no student day and a staff inservice day. Move this to a no student- no staff day.
- Thursday April 14th- Move from a school day to a no school day for staff and students.
- Snow Days for this year only, the first five are traditional Snow Days- no online learning. Cougar Care would be the only thing operating on these days.

Ms. Roth/Mr. Lohman motion to approve the calen-

dar adjustment. All in favor. Motion carried

Substitute Pay Rate and Workforce Crisis Stipend: Mr. Harvey suggest to raise the pay rate of substitute teacher and paraprofessional to the following:

- Recommend starting January 1st, 2022 to add a Workforce Crisis Stipend of \$20 for a half day and \$40 for a full day to our daily teacher substitute pay through the 2021-22 school year. Long Term substitutes would get an additional \$20 a day from January 1st, 2022 through the 2021-22 school year.

• Increase our paraprofessional substitute pay from \$15.78 to \$18.23 per hour. Mr. Wendt/Ms. Miller motion to increase the pay of substitutes in the district. Ms. Bredehoft-yes, Mr. Wendt-yes, Ms. Peters-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Mr. Lohman-yes. Ms. Roth-abstained. Motion carried.

District Covid Protocol:Ms. Bredehoft/Ms. Miller motioned to adopt the November 8th proposal as presented. Ms. Bredehoft-yes, Mr. Wendt-no, Mr. Lohman-No, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Peters-no, Ms. Roth -no. Motion failed Mr. Wendt/Mr. Lohman motioned to move the positive covid threshold to 10% per grade level or building to fully mask and must be below 5% to unmask. Ms. Bredehoft-no, Mr. Went-yes, Mr. Lohman-yes, Ms Miller-no, Ms Peters-no, Ms. Roth-yes. Motion failedMr. Lohman motioned to implement the November 8th proposal for the Preparedness plan as read and add a 10% threshold of positive covid cases per grade or building to fully mask and positive cases to be 3% or below to unmask and to implement a Covid Dashboard. This will be revisited by the board at the next regular meeting or before if needed. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion: Mr. Lohman- yes. Ms. Miller- yes. Ms. Peters-yes. Mr. Wendt-yes. Ms. Bredehoft-no. Ms. Roth-yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Roth/Ms. Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM.



First Grade completed a Pajama Drive for their community project. We collected \$65, 54 books, 27 Girl Pajamas, 18 Boys Pajamas, 37 Toothpastes, 97 Toothbrushes, 1 set of slippers, and one baby stuffed animal blanket. Thank you for your support First



Zumbrota Mazeppa Senior High Choir and Jr. High performed the winter concert on December 2, 2021.



National Honor Society

Pictured above: NHS students at Feed My Starving Children. They donated \$500 to their organization.

Pictured right: NHS Students bought toys and other items for the Goodhue County Toys for Tots and the Women's Shelter in Red Wing, MN.





News from the School Nurse:

Influenza season has arrived and is on the rise in MN – right now majority of MN cases are Influenza A. It is not too late to get the flu vaccine! Vaccination helps prevent the severe outcomes of influenza.

What are the symptoms of influenza?

Fever of 100 degrees or higher with a cough and/or sore throat.

May also have fatigue, headache and body aches.

Check out the Influenza screening tool for parents:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/school/parentscreens.pdf>

The health offices continue to be quite busy with over 2,000 visits so far this school year. Please review infinite campus information to make sure emergency contact information is up to date so that we can get ahold of you when your child is not feeling well.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

Per the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidance, your child will be recommended to test for COVID-19 or see a medical provider for an alternate diagnosis before returning to school if they have the following symptoms:

- Your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Your child has a new-onset cough or a cough that is getting worse
- Your child is having difficulty breathing
- Your child has a new loss of smell or taste

If you choose to not test for the above symptoms students will be asked to stay out of school for the 10 day isolation period. If you have questions, please reach out to the school nurses.

We have the BinaxNOW OTC test available for students who are symptomatic or identified as close contacts to a positive case of COVID.

The previous school illness rules still apply as well for when to keep your child home:

- A fever of 100 degrees or more, stay at home until 24 hours after the temperature has returned to normal (**without the use of a fever-reducing medication.**)
- Diarrhea or vomiting, stay home **until symptom free for 24 hours.**

If you are keeping your child home because they are ill, please call/email the school to report specific symptoms and/or diagnosis. We are tracking illnesses and need up accurate information.

Human Growth and Development Classes:

The school nurse will be working with the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers to complete the Human Growth and Development Classes. The school website has been updated with information on the classes and links to the videos. For those interested, you can view the materials on the school website. If you would like to view them in person you can contact the school nurse and come to the school to view them. If you do NOT want your child to attend the class, please send a note to the office stating so. The classes will be held in February. A letter will be coming home to parents in January. Please call Tiffany Boraas, LSN at 507-732-1420 or email tiffanyb@zmsch.k12.mn.us with any questions or concerns.

Meningococcal Immunization Information:

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

School Nurse cont.

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.



Mrs. Ferguson's First Grade Pajama Drive

Mrs. Nelson's 2nd Graders and Mr.s Liebenow's Kindergartners working together to buld the strongest Thanksgiving Table out of 5 sheets of paper!

