



Building a Bridge to the Future



ZM MESSENGER



Congratulations to the 2022 PIZM Wildcats Soccer Team for their 2nd Place State finish.

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

- November 4—End of 1st Quarter
- November 7—Work Session
- November 9—Early Release
- November 10—PreK—12 Grade Conferences
- November 17—PreK—12 Grade Conferences
- November 23—Comp Day—No Students
- November 24 & 25—No School/Holiday

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION



The General Election is November 8. Zumbrota Mazeppa will 7 candidates for 3 open vacancies. Bretta Nietz, Jean Roth, Jim Wendt, Derrek Chapin, Travis Liffbrig, Jake Rude and Aaron Stahosky will be listed on the General Election ballot.

The combined polling places and hours to vote are listed on the Notice of General Election on page 3.

Please vote in the upcoming election.

Every Voice Matters



NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.2805

ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA

STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2805 Zumbrota-Mazeppa, State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 8th day of November 2022, for the purpose of electing three school board members for four year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: .

School Board Member

Vote for Up to Three*

Jake Rude

Travis Liffrog

Jean Roth

Bretta Nietz

Derrek Chapin

James Wendt

Aaron Stahosky

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The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

Goodhue County:

- Belle Creek Township at Town Hall, 36500 County 7 Blvd, Belle Creek Township
- Minneola Township at Town Hall, 16004 Sherwood Trail, Minneola Township
- Pine Island Township at Town Hall, 48980 County 55 Blvd, Pine Island Township
- Roscoe Township at Town Hall, 47498 150th Ave., Roscoe Township
- City of Zumbrota, City Hall, W1 & W2, 175 West Ave., Zumbrota
- Zumbrota Township at Town Hall, 21991 County 4 Blvd., Zumbrota Township

Olmsted County:

- Oronoco Township at 115 Second Street NW, Oronoco

Wabasha County:

- Chester Township at Bellechester Community Center, 101 First Street, Bellechester
- Mazeppa Township at Town Hall, 59176 County Road 71, Mazeppa
- Zumbro Township at St. John's Lutheran Church, 80 Third Avenue South, Hammond
- City of Mazeppa at Community Center, 278 First Avenue North, Mazeppa

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: 09/30/2022

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Angie Bredehoft

School District Clerk



Health offices:

The ZM health offices have been very busy

seeing [students](#) for illness, injuries, medication administration and health conditions. Please make sure to have current emergency contact information in the Parent Portal so that nursing staff can get ahold of parents/guardians when needed.

When to Keep Your Child Home:

One of the goals of health services is to assure a healthy environment. Many parents ask about when students should stay home or attend school.

We ask that you keep your student's home if they have the following symptoms:

*If a student has a **fever** of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay home until 24 hrs AFTER the temperature has returned to normal (without the use of a fever reducing medication.)*

*If a student has **diarrhea** or has **vomited**, the student should stay home until symptom free for 24 hrs.*

*If a student has a **rash** that may be related to a disease, or the cause is unknown, please see a doctor before sending the student to school.*

If you are keeping your child home because of an illness, please call the school to report specific symptoms and/or diagnosis.

If your child tested positive for strep, your child should stay home until 24hrs after the antibiotic treatment has started.

COVID symptoms: If your child has a fever 100 degrees or higher; new onset cough or a cough that gets worse; has difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell, please keep your child home and notify the school nurse.

Please report all symptoms your child has to the office when you are calling or emailing to let us know they are staying home ill so that we can use this information for health tracking.

Influenza season is now upon us:

Influenza is a contagious respiratory infection that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Symptoms can vary by age, but can include: fever/chills, sore throat,

cough, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, runny or stuffy nose. Flu can also lead to pneumonia and worsen other medical conditions. Protect yourself and others by getting your influenza vaccine.

Please report the following symptoms to the office to help us monitor influenza-like-illness: Fever of 100 degrees or higher with a sore throat and/or cough. Students may also have fatigue, headache and body aches.

Our Zumbrota/Mazeppa influenza clinic will be held Thursday, November 10th. We will be hosting both student/staff and community clinics that day. See the ZM school website for more information. Immunizations are available at local pharmacies and through your primary care provider.

No Cost At Home COVID-19 Saliva Testing for all Minnesotans:

Every home in Minnesota is eligible to order up to 12 rapid at-home COVID-19 tests for free, while supplies last.

The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Give results within 15 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests

You may order a test here: [Order Your Free At-Home Rapid Tests / COVID-19 Updates and Information - State of Minnesota \(mn.gov\)](#)

Hearing and Vision Screenings:

Hearing and Vision screenings have been completed for the following grades: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 11th. We are currently working on rescreening those students who may not have passed the first time and will be contacting parents/guardians soon if students need to be referred for further evaluation. Remember that you may refer a student at any time during the school year for a hearing or vision screening concerns.



School Board Meeting Agenda
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools
High school/Middle School Student Center
Monday, September 26, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jason Lohmann, Jean Roth, Amanda Peters, Jim Wendt, Stephanie Miller and Angie Bredehoft.

Also Present: Mr. Harvey, Ms. Constantine, Mr. Rasmussen, Ms. Ahern and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen.

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mr. Lohmann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no recognition.

Mr. Wendt motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Peterse seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was no communication.

Reports:

Student Government: Jimmy Suess presented the Homecoming Week events to School Board Members. Homecoming is October 3 -7, 2022.

Ms. Constantine reports that over 100 community members attended the open house on September 17th. Open Campus for Juniors and Seniors in good standing is going well. Counselors are busy, Ms. Hunted invites groups of 7th graders to her office to meet them. Ms. Lockner is busy with College visits with Juniors and Seniors. Ms. Constantine has started a ZM Instagram account. Mr. Stapelton posts on Twitter.

Mr. Rasmussen reports that the before school conference had a 98% attendance. Teachers are doing a great job with PBIS. Sixteen 6th graders are in the Coding League with Ms. Wallerich this semester. Ms. Ziebell and Ms. Bielke volunteered for Lego Robotics this fall.

Ms. Ahern also reports that before school conferences had a 99% attendance. The ZM Ed foundation has donated \$1400 to the Primary to build a new shed to store outdoor recess equipment. They also donated \$4000 to be used towards a Book Vending Machine, they Nibbe Foundation donated \$1400 also. Brittany Conrad was hired as a LPN through GCED. Early Childhood screening will take place in the primary this year. Primary is using their new cafeteria and were able to make lunch 10 minutes later. Mr. Harvey reports that enrollment numbers are steady with last year.

There was no patron input.

Old Business:

Ms. Roth motioned to approve the following policies. 709 - Student Transportation Policy, 801 - Equal Access to School Facilities, 807 - Health and Safety Policy, 901 - Community Education, 902 - Use of School District Facilities and Equipment, 903 - Visitors to the School District Buildings and Sites , 906 - Community Notification of Predatory Offenders. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Brand Review: Mr. Brown added Carolina Blue as an accent color. Mr. Bredhoft motion to approve the Brands. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Reminder: No School November 23, 24 and 25.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES—Cont.

New Business:

Ms. Miller motioned to adopt the consent agenda including the payment of bills. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

1. Approve Minutes: August 22, 2022 and September 12, 2022

2. Approval of Hires

A. Katie Kennedy, Co MS/HS Student Council, Jennifer Klein, Co MS/HS Student Council, Mary Kleese, Retired Teacher, Laura Heitmann, 7th Grade VB (additional coach needed), Kristen Erickson, 7th Grade Boys Basketball, Stephanie Gosse, Assistant to Childcare Coordinator, Sawyer Sheridan, Cougar Care, Reagan Rasmussen, Cougar Care, Lindsey Wiebusch, Paraprofessional, Laura Schueler, Paraprofessional

3. Approval of Resignations

A. Lindsey Wiebusch, Head Cook, Cassie Schaefer, Special Education Teacher, Jane Peterson, Copy Room, Cyntia Bauer, Cook, effective 9-23-2022

4. Approval of Tenure

5. Approval of Overload

6. A. Joel Johnson

6. Approval of Childcare Leave

7. Approval of Terminations

8. Approval of Fundraisers

9. Approval of Donations

A. ZM Ed Foundation, \$1400 - Shed to store Primary outside recess equipment, ZM Ed Foundation, \$4000 and Nibbe Family Foundation, \$2000 - Book Vending Machine, Primary

10. Approval of Grants

11. Approval of Lane Changes

A. Amanda Braithwaite, BA - BA+10, Danielle Kelley, BA - BA+40MA, Shelby Latusek, BA+10 - BA+40/MA, Whitney Seyffer, BA+20 - BA+40/MA, Anne Thompson, BA+20 - BA+40/MA, Joel Johnson, BA - BA+20, Amanda Boyum,

BA - BA+20 and Ashley Bauer, BA - BA+20

12. Approval of Bill Consideration

A. September - Ms. Miller, October - Ms. Peters

Mr. Wendt motioned to approve the Assurance of Compliance. Ms. Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to accept the Levy to the Maximum. Ms. Roth seconded the motion.

There was no Patron Input for the Covid Preparedness Plan.

Mr. Lohmann motioned to accept the Covid Preparedness Plan. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Miller motioned to accept the change in the National Convention Policy for Travel and Lodging to \$3000.00. Ms. Bredehoft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

D.A.R.E. Program: Officer Kurti presented program details. He will meet with 2nd and 5th grade classes. 2nd grade will meet 1x/week for 8 weeks and 5th will meet 1x/week for 10 weeks. The curriculum meets national standards and is developed for all grades. Officer Kurti attended 80 hours of training. There will be a graduation upon completion of the program

Ms. Roth motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Mr. Wendt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Angie Bredehoft, Clerk





Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA is selling fruit, meat, and cheese. You may order through an FFA member directly or place an online order. **Orders are due November 3.**

Use the following website link to order: <https://sales.minntexcitrus.com/>

Customers will select “Zumbrota-Mazeppa” from the drop down menu. Click “submit”

- Select the items you’d like to order
- At check-out, fill out all contact information. If you are not ordering from an FFA member, select “Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA/Mrs. Siewert(no student order form)”. Any fruit not ordered from an FFA member will need to be picked up the day it is delivered. Fruit is expected to come in the week of December 6. An email will be sent out about a week prior to deliver (as soon as the fruit company schedules our delivery date). Pick-up location is to be determined based on construction at school—pick up location will be included in the email sent out the week prior.
- Credit cards must be used for online payment and customers must pay at the time of the order.

If you have any questions, please contact FFA Advisor Andrea Siewert at andrea@zmsch.k12.mn.us

W.I.L.D. WILL BE USED THIS YEAR AGAIN

We want to remind parents that we will be implementing Weather Impacted Learning Days (WILD) days again this year. In the event that weather keeps us from having school, the first day will not be a WILD day. Please have your child check Schoology for assignments on WILD days or in the case of younger students have them complete the predetermined activities.

Although the type of learning looks different for different age groups, Online Learning remains a good option for a majority of our students when traditional face to face learning cannot take place.

Parent Choice: Often times predicting weather and road conditions is not a one size fits all decision. Parent opinions on the topic vary from: we should never shut down to, call it off at the first flake of snow. The district weighs a lot of circumstances when making the decision. As a parent, you also weigh in on decisions when weather becomes questionable. If you have a young driver, have them ride the bus and if you ever question the safety of travel in your area of the school district, you as a parent can decide to keep your child home. Our district covers several municipalities and many townships. If the majority of these roads are plowed and a few are not, we may hold school. This is where we rely on you to make the best decision based on your circumstances.

School Notification: In addition to Text Messaging, E-mail, and Facebook, school notifications will also go out via WCCO, KTTC, KMSP, KARE , KAAL.

Elementary Schools new **GAGA BALL PIT!**



ZM Volleyball—HVL Conference Champs!