



2023-2024 ZM Kindergarten Class

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October 2nd—6th - Homecoming Week

October 18th - Early Release

**October 19th and 20th - No School
EM Conference**

October 23rd—School Board Meeting

Zumbrota-Mazeppa Homecoming Week

October 2-6

2023 Homecoming Dress Up Days

Monday - Toga/Dressing Day

Tuesday - Anything But a Backpack/Jersey day

Wednesday - Barbie vs. Adam Sandler

Thursday - Color War Day

Friday –Cougar Spirit Day

Friday—Tailgate Party 4-7 pm

7PM—Football Game



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SOME THINGS TO KNOW

www.zmschools.us: The school website, along with Facebook and Twitter, will keep you up to date and in the know about daily school happenings. Through the website portal parents can pay fees, deposit money in their child's account, or register for Community Ed classes. Check www.zmschools.us often!

Infinite Campus: Parents are strongly urged to sign up for the Infinite Campus Parent Portal where lunch accounts, report cards, and other vital information is available. The permission form is available on the school website under the Parents tab along the top ribbon. Fill out the permission form and return it to a school office. For security sign-up purposes, parents must bring their photo ID when they return their forms. If you have previously set up your portal rights, it is not necessary to do so again.

Messenger: The Messenger component of Infinite Campus will be the provider for instant alert messaging during the school year. As long as you have a current phone number in Infinite Campus, you will receive emergency alerts from the school. Your child's school office secretary can answer any questions you may have regarding these emergency alerts.

Meal Payments: Meal payments can be made online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This real-time service enables parents to see their child's meal account balances and activity on a daily basis. Questions should be addressed to Ashley Lake, Food Service Director. Phone number is 507-732-1400 ext 1201.

Attendance Policy: Please notify your child's school office before 8:00 am if your child will be absent. You may also email the office secretary. Students who wish to be excused during the day must present a written notice or parents must call prior to 8:00 am on the day they are to be excused. Please check in at the school office when you pick up your child. They



WANT TO HOST A HOMECOMING TAILGATE ACTIVITY?

If your
company/group/organization
would like to host an activity
booth at the
Zumbrota-Mazeppa
Homecoming Tailgate Party
October 6th from 5-7pm

Reach out to
maej@zmsch.k12.mn.us
by September 25th.



News from the School Nurse: September 2023

The school year is off to a great start! We are so happy to be back together!

Please help us to keep your kids safe while at school:

If your child needs to take ANY medications (self-carry or to be administered by a nurse) or has a health need that would require an emergency health plan at school please make sure to get the correct paperwork filled out and returned to the health office as soon as possible. Forms are located on health services page of the ZM website. www.zmschools.us Location: Parents tab, Health Services - choose either Health Conditions or Medication.

Please call Tiffany, Britney or Sally with any questions.

Cold and flu season is just around the corner!

Contact the office and report illness symptoms and ask to talk with the nurse about necessary next steps.

When to keep your child home:

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

Updated ZM Schools COVID Preparedness Plan is available for all to see on the ZM website www.zmschools.us Location: Parents tab, Health Services - COVID Preparedness Plan. Our school district will continue CDC guidance for isolation. If your child tests positive for COVID please keep your child home and notify the school nurse.



Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools
Monday, August 28, 2023

Member's Present: Angie Bredehoft, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann, Stephanie Miller, Jake Rude and Travis Liffbrig.

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

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 7PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports:

Mr. Barnick reported for Mr. Stapleton, MSHS Principal. Mr. Stapleton has visited both historical societies in Zumbrota and Mazeppa and hopes to get students involved. He has been working on the Student handbook and held cell phone discussions with Plainview and Byron about their policies. He is working on a Meat Processing Class and CNA Course.

Mr. Rasmussen thanked the custodians for getting the building looking great. He has been busy working with PLC facilitators, CPI Trainings and other meetings. Mr. Rasmussen explained a change in legislation that recess cannot be taken away from students for missed work. Parents will be given an option to give permission their child can miss recess in order to make up missed work.

Ms. Ahern gave an overview of Targeted Services and ESY and has been busy meeting with PLC Coordinator, Facilitator and Site Team meetings. Building Goals were reviewed and created for the school year. Bridge to Kindergarten was a success again this year. Ms. Ahern also mentioned that all SPED Positions are currently filled.

Mr. Barnick reported on enrollment numbers. He has been working with the Zumbrota Park board to move the State Champion Sign by KwikTrip so it is more visible. All doors will be numbered in the school by the time school starts. Mr. Barnick Thanked the Zumbrota VFW for donating a 10X15 Flag for the Gymnasium wall; he has reached out to

the Mazeppa Legion to see if they are interested in donating a flag for the Mazeppa Gym.

There was no Patron Input.

Old Business:

1. LP Gas Bids: Feils Oil - \$134.07, Matthees Oil - \$1.15. Jason Lohmann motioned to accept the Matthees Oil bid at \$1.15. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Jean Roth motioned to accept the following policies as presented: 410 Family and Medical Leave Policy, 413 Harassment and Violence, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Adults and 522 Title IX Sex and Nondiscrimination Policy. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Primary and Elementary, Middle School/High School, Staff Handbook and Activities Handbook. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Jason Lohmann motioned to continue to send the meeting agendas and minutes to the News Record. Stephanie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Naming Rights to the Gym: Mr. Barnick said he has visited Kasson Mantorville and Byron who have recently given naming rights to a business for their Gymnasium. He would recommend a 10X10 foot space for advertisement and would open this up for bids with the hope of a local company being interested. Jake Rude motioned to approve Mr. Barnick to move forward looking for sponsorship for naming rights to the gymnasium. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Stephanie motioned to adopt the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. Angie Bredehoft thanked Dan and Brett Nietz for the \$5000 donation to the Community Room and Cougar Caring Account. Motion carried.

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1. Approve Minute: July 24, 2023, July 31, 2023 and August 14, 2023
2. Approval of Hires: Heather McConnell, Early Childhood Para, Jennifer Olson, Primary Para, Alex Van Ostrand - JH Football Coach, Laura Heitman - JH Volleyball Coach, Stacy Liebenow - JH Volleyball Coach, Mindi Arendt - Assistant Volleyball Coach and Gretchen Forbes-JH Volleyball Coach
3. Approval of Resignations: Emily Klapperich, Early Childhood Paraprofessional, Easton Ahern, Custodian, effective August 14, 2023, Mindy Robertson, Cougar Care/Bright Beginnings, effective August 18, 2023, Angela Heitmann, Junior Varsity Volleyball and Brooke Jensen, Cougar Care
4. Approval of Reassignment: Tom Ersland. Head Speech to Assistant Speech and Jessica Whitlock, Assistant Speech to Head Speech
5. Approval of Lane Changes: Brenda Debner, BA+40/MA - MA + 10
6. Approval of Childcare Leave: Anne Thompson, November 5th 2023 - January 19th 2024
7. Approval of Donations: \$5000.00 from

Dan and Bretta Nietz for the Community Room and Cougar Caring Account
 8. Approval of Bill Consideration : August - Stephanie Miller and September - Travis Liffriq.

2. Land Purchase: Mr. Barnick stated that 147 West 12th Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992 is going to be listed at \$241,000. The property lines up with the softball field and would make a parking lot. Jean Roth motioned that Mr. Barnick to enter into a purchase agreement for 147 West 12 Street, Zumbrota, MN 55992. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor.

3. Policy 801 Equal Access to Schools: Discussion was had about access to school facilities for Clubs/Groups and Organizations. This will be brought back to a future meeting.

Board Comments: Jean Roth said she met the 1968 Zumbrota graduation class recently and gave them a tour of the buildings.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk

SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
MONDAY, September 11, 2023

Member's Present: Angie Bredehoft, Jean Roth, Jason Lohmann, Stephanie Miller, Jake Rude and Travis Liffriq

Also Present: Mr. Barnick, Mr. Stapleton and Board Clerk Secretary Amber Rasmussen

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 7PM.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Jason Lohmann motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Items for discussion:

1. Policy Review. The following policies were reviewed: 910 Parent Input for Classroom Teachers, 911 Childcare, Alternative School Hours , 714 Fund Balances, 720 Vending Machines and 721 Uniform Grant Guidance. Mr. Barnick mentioned that Mr. Harvey's name is still on #8 of policy 714. He also reviewed the minimum fund balance between 10-15%. Jean Roth

questioned if the school board needs to be involved in Policy 720 Vending Machines. These will be brought back to the September 25th meeting for approval.

2. District Goals. Mr. Barnick reviewed the 22-23 District Goals. He suggest that goal #3 only states "The District will ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment that embraces and welcomes students. This will be brought back to the September 25th meeting for approval.

Items for approval.

1. Jason Lohmann motioned to remove Mike Harvey from #8 on Policy # 714 Fund Balances and add Ryan Barnick. Jake Rude seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Angie Bredehoft motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephanie Miller, Clerk



Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Ms. Flaaen joined our Cougar family this past summer and we are so grateful she chose ZM! Nikkole has brought a tremendous amount of experience to our Ag program here at ZM that will benefit our students greatly!"



ZUMBROTA - MAZEPPA
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



Nikkole Flaaen

Ag Instructor / FFA Advisor
Work Based Learning Instructor

Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Julia is in her second year at Z-M Elementary School and teaches on our 3rd Grade Team. Ms. Anderson is dedicated to student learning and brings a positive energy to the classroom each day. We're grateful Ms. Anderson has chosen ZM!"



ZUMBROTA - MAZEPPA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Julia Anderson

Teacher: 3rd Grade

COUGARS
ZUMBROTA - MAZEPPA