



**ZM Sports Fans:**

Our fan support is great! Our parking availability, maybe isn't so great? Please help us be good neighbors to all the folks that live near our schools. Recently, we've had several complaints about people parking illegally while attending ZM sporting events. Please obey all posted parking signs, don't block mailboxes and fire hydrants or park in alleys. Do not park in people's driveways (yes this has happened).

We want you to leave our sporting events proud of our great student athletes, coaches and officials - not with a parking ticket.

Thank you for being a good neighbor!

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**WHAT'S COMING UP?**

**MARCH 13TH—EARLY RELEASE**

**MARCH 19 PREK—12 CONFERENCES**

**MARCH 21—PREK-12 CONFERENCES**

**MARCH 25—SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**MARCH 27—END OF 3RD QUARTER**

**MARCH 28—TEACHER INSERVICE/WORK DAY**

**MARCH 29—NO SCHOOL/HOLIDA**

**APRIL 1—COMP DAY/NO SCHOOL**

**APRIL 7—7-12 ONLINE LEARNING DAY**

**REGISTER FOR POLAR PLUNGE!!!**

Join us in supporting Special Olympics MN and our Special Athletes this year and take the Plunge on Friday March 15th!

Sponsored by ZM Unified Class

Register at [zmschools.us](http://zmschools.us)

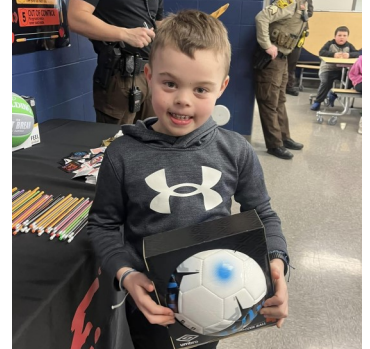
Questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Kennedy or Mrs. Klein!



**REMINDER: APRIL 7, 2024 IS AN ONLINE LEARNING DAY FOR 7-12 GRADE STUDENTS ONLY. PREK—6TH GRADE WILL HAVE A REGULAR SCHEDULE.**

## Dare Graduation 2024

A special thank you to Josh Kurtti and the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office for organizing the event!



## Zumbrota – Mazeppa Staff Spotlight

"Ms. Fick is in her second year here at ZM and has done a wonderful job building relationships with both staff and students. Students are highly engaged in Ms. Fick's classes as she teaches life-applicable lessons that are meaningful and of interest to our students."



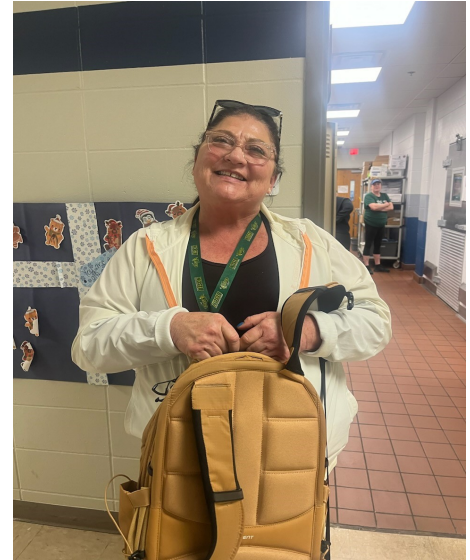
**Kelly Fick**

High School Math Teacher



ZUMBROTA – MAZEPPA  
HIGH SCHOOL

Paraprofessional Recognition Week 2024 was January 22nd—26th. The support and services provided by paraprofessional are integral to student achievement, resulting in more effective and successful Minnesota schools that provide the best education for our students. **Thank you Paraprofessionals!**



I'm a  
Paraprofessional  
what's your  
superpower?



Independent School District No. 2805  
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools  
High school/Middle School Student Center  
Monday, January 29, 2024

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

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

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

#### Reports:

Youth Coding League. Lidia Wallerich and the 5 and 6th grade youth coding league attended and spoke about their season. They presented their 2nd place in the nation coding project.

Mr. Stapleton reports the Southeast Service Coop Career Fair will be on March 5th at the Cannon Falls Field House. ZM Students will have the opportunity to attend. ZM Students had 33 passing tests scores on their CLEP tests totalling 99 college credits earned. Mr. Stapleton mentions that ZM HS offers 45 college credits. He also thanked Ms. Majerus and Ms. Waters for their work on the Toys for Tots Drive.

Mr. Rasmussen reports that students were screened in January using FastBridge, teachers then met on January 22nd to go over the data. 3rd and 4th grade teachers visited Pine Island schools to observe the Bridges Math Curriculum. The newly formed PTO is holding regular monthly meetings. The Elementary is planning for I love to read month. Mr. Rasmussen thanked the Paraprofessionals for all their work they do for our students and also congratulated Lidia Wallerich for being nominated for the STEM Forward Teacher of the year in SE Minnesota.

Ms. Ahern also thanked the paraprofessionals who were celebrated the week of January 22-26 in honor of Paraprofessional week. Fastbridge testing and Data Day are also complete in the Primary building. Primary teachers visited Kasson Mantorville schools to observe Bridges Math Curriculum. Over

200 families attended the Holiday Celebration. Kindergarten registration will be sent out this week with an open house planned for April 10 and Bridge to Kindergarten will be held August 12-15.

Mr. Barnick reports that enrollment numbers are down 30 students from last year at this time. The strategic Task Force met for the first time on January 17th, the next meeting will be February 13th. Mr. Barnick continues to meet with the City of Zumbrota regarding Mill Street construction which is scheduled to start in May 2024 and be completed by August 2025. Brent Lexvold has returned as the Food Service Director. Mr. Barnick has met with Apptegy regarding a new website and plans to meet with a couple more to have the ZM Schools website updated. Mr. Barnick continues to meet with Nexus to wrap up any loose ends on the building project. He thanked the school board members for taking the time to attend the MSBA conference in January.

There was no Patron Input.

#### Old Business:

1. Policy 209 Code of Ethics. Jason Lohmann motioned to approve Policy 209 as presented. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

1. Jason Lohmann motioned to adopt the consent agenda along with the payment of bills. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Minute: 12-18-2023, Truth in Taxation, 1-8-2024 Special Meeting, 1-8-2024 Organizational Meeting
3. Approval of Resignations: Sierrah Hamilton, Paraprofessional, effective January 11, 2024
4. Approval of Childcare Leave: Rachel Dreyer, March 15, 2024 - May 31, 2024, Whitney Seyerfer, May 3, 2024 - January 2, 2025 and Chelsie Lockner, May 17, 2021 - October 16, 2024.
5. Approval of Overload: Cindy Jacob.
6. Approval of CIS (College In Schools) Lynn Albers, Kelsey Bradley, Angela Heitmann, Michael Matuska, Susan Peterson, Brandon Roth and Kate Stone.
7. Approval of Donations: \$9,000.00 from Dan and Bretta Nietz for the 2024 Marching Band Trip and \$1000.00 from Cheryl Rose and Catherine Casseday on behalf of Sharon Hodnick, 7th Grade English Teacher, for Community Room
8. Approval of Teacher on Special Assignment: Grant Voht

1. Approval of Lane Changes: Cindy Jacob, BA+40/MA - MA+10 and Kelly Hanson, BA+10 - BA+20

2. Approval of Bill Consideration: January - Jason Lohmann and February - Stephanie Miller

Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the 2024-2025 Calendar. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the 2023-2025 Food Service Agreement. Jason Lohmann seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jason Lohmann motioned to approve the Staff/Program Reduction Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Rude-yes, Liffri-yes, Bredehoft-yes, Lohmann-yes, Roth-yes, Miller-yes. Resolution passed.

Jason Lohmann motioned to set the School Construction House bid at a minimum of \$390,000.00 with bids due by Friday February 23rd at 10am. Stephanie Miller seconded the mo-

tion. Travis Lohmann questioned if a realtor has ever been used. Jason Lohmann said it has but cost the district more money. Jean Roth said that historically a realtor is not needed. This may be discussed again next year when setting the minimum bid. Rude-yes, Bredehoft-yes, Lohmann-yes, Roth-yes, Miller-yes, Liffri-no. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

Jason Lohmann reported the GCED recently held their organization meeting. He will be serving as the Chair this year.

Jean Roth reported the Southeast Service Coop also had their organization meeting. She encouraged all board members to read the minutes from those meetings.

Angie Bredehoft motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION  
ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA ISD 2805  
HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT CENTER  
MONDAY, February 12, 2024

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

Member's Absent: Jason Lohmann

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

Angie Bredehoft called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Stephanie Miller motioned to approve the following change to the agenda: To change letter B Early Retirement Incentive to an action item. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Stephanie Miller motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Jean Roth seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lidia Wallerich presented the Achievement and Integra-

tion update. It is required by the Minnesota Department of Education to have an A&I Plan. The three goals of the plan are Achievement, Integration and Teacher Equity.

Early Retirement Incentive: Angie Bredehoft motioned to approve Superintendent Barnick to collaborate with the teacher's union and business office to offer a one time additional stipend of \$15,000 to be added to a teacher's Health Care Savings Plan should they notify him by March 1st, 2024 of their intention to retire. This would be an offer only valid for this year above and beyond what is already stated in the contract, and teachers must still meet retirement eligibility as described in Article XI of the teacher agreement. Stephanie Miller seconded the motion. All in favor.

The following policies were reviewed: 606.5 - Library Materials, 301 - School District Administration, 302 - Superintendent, 310 - Elementary School Principal, 311 - Middle School Principal and 312 - High School Principal.

Angie Bredehoft adjourned the meeting at 6:12 PM.

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## **Health offices update:**

Nurse staffing at Zumbrota Mazeppa schools – We have 3 nurses on staff. Two full time Licensed School Nurse (RN) and one full time Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). We have two nurses in Zumbrota; one who covers PreK-2 grades and one who covers 7-12 grades this nurse also covers Christ Lutheran as needed and one nurse in Mazeppa who covers 3-6 grades. The Primary and Elementary nurses rotate schedules between sites so that they work in both buildings and stay familiar with all students.

The health offices continue to be very busy this year with over 5000 student visits. Nurses are managing normal childhood illnesses and injuries, chronic medical conditions, emergencies as well as the infectious disease monitoring required by state of Minnesota. Please be sure to have up to date emergency contact information in the Parent Portal so we can get ahold of you if we have a concern with your student.

We are seeing symptoms of gastrointestinal illnesses, eye infections, respiratory illnesses (Influenza, COVID and RSV), as well as strep throat. Please continue to keep your children home if they are symptomatic and update the office with symptoms.

Please keep nursing updated if your student is diagnosed with any new health condition so we can ensure that they are kept safe and can continue to be successful in school.

### **Immunizations:**

Please check the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus to see if your child is current with school immunizations. Letters have been sent home with 6th and 11th grade students reminding them of immunizations are needed before 7th and 12th grade.

Before 12th grade students are due for their second Meningococcal booster, which is due at age 16 and is now a MN state requirement for 12 grade students before attending school in fall.

**Mrs. Liebenow's kindergarten class and Mrs. Nelson's 2nd grade class collaborate on a fun activity: making Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels!**



**Mr. Cordes discussing erosion and how it impacts different rocks with his 4th**