

FEBRUARY

COMMUNITY NEWS

*Serving Northern Minnesota Communities
Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara*

2022

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Newsletter:

School Board
Minutes

**Ideas For
Parents**

Hill City
Community News

Community Ed
News/Classes

**Activity
Calendar**

Lunch Calendar

Winterfest ^{Week} February 7-11

Monday - Jersey Day

Tuesday - Cops vs Robbers

Wednesday - Formal Dress
Coronation - High School Gym @ 2:15

Thursday - PJ Day

Friday - PURPLE PRIDE & HAT DAY
DANCE & LOCK-IN



Dance- \$10.00 \\\\ \\\\ \\\\ \\\\
Lock-In - \$15.00 \\\\ \\\\ \\\\ \\\\ Or Both for only \$20.00

OPEN TO 6TH - 12TH GRADERS

Dance is 8pm -11pm
Lock-In 11pm - 6am
Pick your Students up
a 6 AM Sharp!



Hill City School Board

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Committee Assignments for 2022

Committee

MSHSL
 Negotiations Committee

Curriculum Committee
 Community Education Advisory Council
 Meet and Confer

Staff Development
 School and Community Health Team
 Recertification Committee
 Comparable Worth
 Safety/Transportation Committee
 Athletic Advisory Committee

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
 Policy Committee

Representative

Mark Meyer
 Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer,
 (Rich Kingsley, Alt.)
 Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
 Mark Meyer (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
 Bambi Lange and Joell Miranda
 (Ron Saxton, Alt.)
 Joell Miranda and Jay Zapzalka
 Joell Miranda and Ron Saxton
 Bambi Lange
 Jay Zapzalka
 Mark Meyer and Jay Zapzalka
 Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer
 (Rich Kingsley, Alt.)
 Bambi Lange and Mark Meyer
 Bambi Lange and Ron Saxton

For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM
KBAJ	105.5 FM

INSTANT ALERT

Infinite Campus' Voice
 Messenger system will
 call parents between
5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for
 school closings.

TV STATIONS

WDIO/WIRT
 KDLH
 KBJR
 WCCO

Community Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are posted on the website around the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.



Support Within Reach serves Aitkin county residents. Our mission: To reduce the impact and harm of sexual violence in the communities we serve. Free and confidential 24 hour Crisis Line:

Call 218-326-5008 or 1-866-747-5008

MEDICAL/LEGAL SUPPORT & FOLLOW-UP PEER
 COUNSELING COMMUNITY REFERRALS & EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by the Chairman 6:02 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Joell Miranda, Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer, Rich Kingsley and Bambi Lange. Board Members absent: None.

1. Adopted the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Election of November 2, 2021. Attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
2. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.
3. Approved to Adjourn at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joell Miranda, Clerk

Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Joell Miranda, Mark Meyer, Rich Kingsley and Bambi Lange. Board Members absent: Jay Zapzalka. Also present was Superintendent Rendle, Principal Johnson, Paula Nix-Vroman - Union Representative, Tami Meyer - Community Ed, Melaine Mc Neil, Dawn Fairchild and Tara Mattson.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Correction and Approval of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2021.
3. Correction and Approval of the Special Meeting of November 8, 2021.
4. Approved the October 2021 bills as Presented.
5. Approved the Current Bills through November 11, 2021.
6. There was no change in investments and No wire Transfers.
7. Approved October 2021 Receipts.
8. First Reading of Annual Mandatory Policies:
 - 410- Family and Medical Leave
 - 413- Harassment and Viloence
 - 414- Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
 - 415- Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
 - 506- Student Discipline
 - 514- Bullying Prohibition Policy
 - 522- Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process
 - 524- Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
 - 616- School Districts System Accountability
 - 806- Crisis Management Policy
9. There were no comments from visitors.
10. There was No Transportation Report.
11. Curriculum Committee: New Curriculum is coming out next year. We are going to be in need of a transition. Talke is in the progress of making those changes for next year.

12. Policy Committee: None to report
13. School and Community Health Committee: No Report
14. Safety/Transportation Committee: No Report
15. Negotiations Committee: No Report
16. Community Education Report: Open Gym has been going on with an average of about 25-40 people. Volleyball night averages about 20. Archery has started with around 20 students. Make and Take will be coming soon.
17. Early Childhood Report: No Report
18. Building & Grounds Report: None to Report
19. Principal's Report: Conferences start this week. Turkey Bingo will be 11/22, winter formal is coming as well as winterfest.
The senior class has been planning their trip. Staffing coverage has improved immensely. Paraprofessionals are in need but teachers are making it work. Basketball has started. Good turnout from "Storm" groups. Boys Basketball signup is still going on.
20. Superintendent's Report: OSHA emergency temporary standard was discussed. Pre-audit went very well.
21. Motion to rescind posting for EBD Special
Education Long Term Teacher Substitute from November 23, 2021 to January 10, 2022 and approve posting from January 6, 2022 to February 11, 2022 per the HCUE agreement.
22. Approved the HCUE Master Agreement for 2021-2022.
23. Adopted Resolution Authorizing Issuance
of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to perform Other Election Related Duties.
24. Approved the resignation of Nikki Pearson as co-coach of JH Knowledge Bowl for the 2021-22 school year

- and post for the 2022-23 School Year per the current HCUE agreement.
25. Meetings to attend and meetings Attended: Regular Board Meeting is December 13, 2021. Truth in Taxation Meeting will be held December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Hill City School Community Room #230. Tentatively, November 29, 2021 Special Meeting for Indoor Air Quality report. Phase 1 & 2 Leadership Conference : January 11-12.
26. Approved to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Joell Miranda, Clerk
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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Joell Miranda, Mark Meyer, Rich Kingsley, Jay Zapzalka and Bambi Lange. Board Members absent: None

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Reviewed Audit Report. Was emailed prior and handed out at Meeting. It was given by BerganKDV. Proactivity towards declining enrollment and funding was discussed. Audit was smooth and results were positive.
3. Approved to continue to move forward with current plan for the Esser Fund Air Quality Building Project. Indoor air

quality and dehumidification were discussed for the new gym and food service area. With connections to caption areas in the future. Cost Breakdown and allocation were explained.

4. Approved to rescind the request for the original 60 day notice. Discussion on the December Agenda.
5. Issues with COVID have caused a deficit in sick time for employees of the district. Discussion on where funding was coming from and keeping a balance between health and funds. Approved to accept MOU with changes that were made during meeting.
6. Approved to apply for the MSHSL funds.
7. Approved to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Joell Miranda, Clerk
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CDS takes all forms of insurance.

Children's dental services

NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN ANYMORE!

McGregor School:
Jan 18th & Feb 15th

Rippleside Elementary:
Jan 26th & Feb 16th

Hill City School:
Jan 27th and Feb 28th

NEW: Aitkin High School: Feb 2nd

- Dental exams and x-rays
- Dental cleanings
- Fillings, crowns, and root canals

For more information or to make an appointment, call CDS:
1-612-746-1530



The second graders earned their second class gem, so today they played elimination with Mr. Johnson.

We try to share on our school's Facebook page some of the things the Students are doing during their days here with us! So check it out! You can also go to the "SCHOOL" Calendar to see when things are happening in the school. Also visit our "ACTIVITY" Calendar for sports related adventures!

These are both located on our website - isd002.org

High School Welding students are hard at work finishing up our first shop built drop axle fish house frame. The construction class will take over for a totally custom shack!



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #13:
Neighborhood
Boundaries**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.

46%

*of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.**

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Neighborhood boundaries" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.

* Based on Search Institute surveys of almost 100,000 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States.

Reclaiming the Neighborhood

"Banana Kelly," which refers to the banana-curved Kelly Street in the South Bronx of New York, was probably one of the last neighborhoods anyone wanted to live in. Vacant buildings lined the rubble-strewn streets. The city considered it a hopeless neighborhood and the private sector refused to invest in it. At times people in the neighborhood would have to fill buckets from the fire hydrant because their water lines would get cut off.

Yet Harold DeRienzo had hope for the neighborhood. In fact, as everyone else was moving out, he moved in.

Harold began organizing the neighbors who were left. They learned each other's names and started doing things together. They held street cleanups and block parties, and started planting flowers. Slowly, the neighborhood began to change for the better. "Banana Kelly needs to be viewed as a vehicle for local empowerment," Harold says. "To retain a sense of community, people have to have a sense that they're affecting their own lives."

Helpful Hints

Four steps that make neighborhood boundaries easier:

1. **Get together with other parents on your block. Discuss neighborhood boundaries.**
2. **Find three neighborhood boundaries that everyone agrees on.**
3. **Hold a neighborhood party to report your findings. Get other's reactions.**
4. **Publish the boundaries in a one-page newsletter for everyone in the neighborhood.**



What does this have to do with neighborhood boundaries? Everything. When you ask people why they don't take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior in the neighborhood, they point to fear. They're afraid of the kids. They're afraid of the kids' parents. In essence, they're afraid of their neighbors.

It's easier to have neighborhood boundaries when people perceive their neighborhoods as caring communities. You don't need to be a community organizer to help create a neighborhood where neighbors monitor young people's behavior. All you need to do is to start getting to know the people who live near you. Start with the ones who seem friendly. Get to know the children. Talk with their parents about boundaries they would like for their children in the neighborhood. Then together you can start building this asset.

Ideas for Neighborhood Boundaries

What are some neighborhood boundaries that you might want to consider?

- Respect each other's property.
- Report any suspicious activity.
- Supervise children younger than 16.
- End parties by 11:00 p.m.
- Talk to neighbors directly about concerns.

Connect, Then Decide

Before you decide on appropriate boundaries for your neighborhood, connect with other neighbors to get to know them. Try these simple ideas:

- **Hold a front-yard, neighborhood barbecue.**
- **Organize all the dog owners to take a walk together (with the dogs) once a week.**
- **Suggest a parent get-together. Ask older youth to supervise and play with the younger children.**
- **Contact your local police department and ask for help in having a block meeting to discuss safety.**

Newsletter Sponsors:

Aitkin Lions Club, Hill City Lions Club,
McGregor Lions Club, Palisade Lions Club,
& Aitkin County Family Collaborative: (Aitkin
ISD #1, Hill City ISD #2, McGregor ISD #4, Mille
Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,
Aitkin County Health & Human Services)

Quick Tip:
Notice daily what happens
in your neighborhood.

More Stuff You Can Use

The Neighborhood Works. This bi-monthly magazine presents articles on creating effective, caring neighborhoods. (Available from The Neighborhood Works, 2125 West North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647; 773-278-4800 ext. 140)

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What are the boundaries of our neighborhood? How do you know?
- Which neighbors seem to notice what you do? How do you feel about that?
- How well do neighbors monitor children and youth in our neighborhood?

Tips for Monitoring

Once neighbors agree on some common boundaries, encourage each other to:

- **Point out boundaries to youth.** For example, if a neighbor hears young people swearing, everyone should support the neighbor saying, "We don't use that kind of language in our neighborhood."
- **Call other neighbors about concerns or questions.** Distribute a neighborhood directory with names, phone numbers, and addresses of neighbors interested in participating.

FINAL WORD

"Participation in shaping the larger world beyond family and friends is a deep human need."

—Frances Moore Lappé, coauthor of *The Quenching of America*

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ONE ACT PLAY PRESENTS: DRIVING

MSHSL Competition Day:
January 29 in Finlayson 12:30

Open to the Public:

\$10.00/ Adult \$5.00/ Student
NO videotaping or Photographing
Concessions and Lunch available

School Performances in Room 225:

February 18 6:00 p.m.
February 19 6:00 p.m.
February 20 12:00 p.m.

REMINDER
Elementary Conferences
February 18th
NO SCHOOL for
Kindergarten - 5th Grade





*Adult
Basketball
Open Gym*

**Join us every
Sunday evening from
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm in
the
Hill City School Gym**

**\$7 per night or \$20 for
the year.**

For more information please contact Tami at
218-697-2394 ext. 172 or tmeyer@isd002.org

Early Childhood Screening

Screening will be held February 16th

If your child will be 3 years of age
by February 16th, we encourage
you to reach out to schedule an
appointment with Cassie DeLung
@ 218-697-2394 Ext. 102

We are also putting together our
Fall Roster for children that are
3 years old prior to
September 1, 2022. Please
contact Brandon Otway for
registration information @
697-2394 Ext. 171

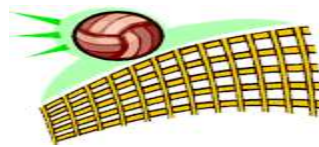
SPEECH
Competitions

February :

5th @ Denfeld

14th @ Hibbing

26th @ Bemidji



*Adult
Volleyball
Open Gym*

*Join us every
Wednesday evenings from
6:45 pm 9:15pm in the
Hill City School Gym*

\$7 per night or \$20 for the year

For more information please contact Tami at:
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Hill City Area Lions Club 23rd Annual

Ice Fishing Contest

Saturday February 12th

2022

Hill Lake Beach, Hill City MN

Entry Fee \$10

Noon—3:00

Over 100 Door Prizes

Given out during the contest

Special door prizes for kids 12 and under

Food and Beverages available

Fish Prizes

Largest Fish—\$200

Second Largest Fish—\$100

Third Largest Fish—\$50

Grand Door Prizes

#1—Ice Fishing package includes: Hummingbird Ice 35 Flasher, Eskimo Quick Fish III Fish House, Eskimo Stingray 8" Gas Auger, Snow Trek sled

#2—ION 40V 8" Electric Auger

#3—Vexilar FLX-12 Genz Pack Flasher

#4—Eskimo Quick Fish III Insulated Fish House

#5—L & M Ice Fishing bag and gear



This event is to help support the Hill City Area Lions Club



Color Me ;)



Leapin' Leprechaun

March 17, 2022

4:30 - 6:00 pm

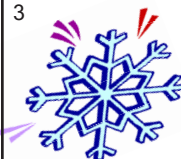

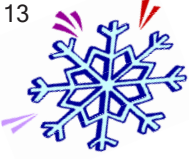
Come join the hunt for the leprechaun's gold at the Hill City School! Families will gather supplies to create their very own leprechaun trap and make St. Patrick's Day crafts!

This event is for families with children age 1 through 4th grade.



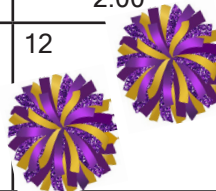



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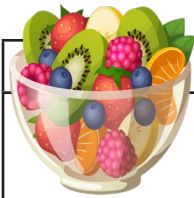
Hey!!
Just a quick head's up...
PROM is April 30th
Details to follow in
later Newsletters

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org		1 BBB vs Nash-Kee AWAY AB, JH 5:45	2 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	3 	4 AB BBB vs Cook County AWAY 4:45	5 AB BBB vs Silver Bay AWAY 2:00 p.m. SPEECH @ Denfeld
6	7 WINTER - FEST WEEK !!!	8 BBB vs Wrenshall AWAY AB, JH 5:45	9 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	10 BBB vs South Ridge AWAY AB, JH 5:45	11 BBB vs Chisholm HOME AB, JH 5:45	12 
13 	14 SPEECH @ Hibbing	15 BBB vs McGregor HOME AB, JH 5:45	16 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	17 BBB vs Northland AWAY AB, JH 5:45	18 NO SCHOOL for Elementary One Act Play 6:00 Room 225	19 One Act Play Performance 6:00 Room 225
20 One Act Play Performance 12:00 Room 225	21 NO SCHOOL	22	23 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	24	25 BBB vs Mille Lacs AWAY AB, JH 5:45	26 SPEECH @ Bemidji
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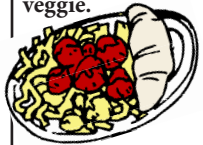
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 GBB vs Aitkin 8th Grade AWAY 4:30	2	3 GBB vs LaPorte AWAY A, 7, 8 5:45	4	5 GBB vs Silver Bay A & B AWAY 2:00
6 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	7 GBB vs Hinkley-Fin AWAY A B 5:45	8 GBB vs Floodwood Varsity Only HOME 6:15	9 Coronation 2:15 Gym A	10 GBB vs Aitkin 7, 8 HOME 4:30	11 Winterfest Dance & Lock-In	12 
13 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	14 GBB vs Ogilvie A, B HOME 4:30	15	16 	17 GBB vs Nevis AB, 7, 8 HOME 5:45 Knowledge Bowl 9:00 a.m.	18 NO SCHOOL for Elementary	19 GBB vs Hibbing 7, 8 AWAY 9:00
20 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	21 NO SCHOOL	22 GBB vs Nor-Kell AB, 7, 8 HOME 5:45	23	24 GBB vs LFBF A, 7, 8 AWAY 5:45	25	
27 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	28 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.					This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org

ISD #2 Breakfast Menu February 2022



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		1 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	2 French Toast	3 Cinnamon Bagel	4 Cinnamon Rolls, Yogurt	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	7 Cereal Bar	8 Muffin, Cheese Stick	9 Breakfast Pizza	10 Nurti Grain Bar	11 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick	12 Fruit, Juice & Milk Served Daily with Breakfast
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	14 Apple Frudel	15 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	16 French Toast	17 Cereal Bar	18 NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY Cinnamon Rolls Yogurt	19
4 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Muffin, Yogurt	23 Breakfast Pizza	24 Strawberry Bagel	25 Cinnamon Rolls Cheese Sticks	26 Menu subject to change at anytime
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	28 Muffin, Cheese Stick					



ISD #2 Lunch Menu February 2022



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		1 Riblet Sandwich, Fries, Peas, Applesauce	2 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Broccoli/Cauli Ranch	3 Hamburger Hot Dish, Green Beans	4 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Peas	
Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch	7 Unbreaded Chicken Patty, Bun, L, T, Sweet Potato Tots, Mixed Veggies	8 Beef & Bean Burrito w/ Fixings, Corn, Rice	9 Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Ham & Cheese, Carrot Sticks	10 Lasagna, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread	11 BBQ Pork Sandwich, Tater Tots, Broccoli	12 Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of
13	14 Stuffed Crust pepperoni Pizza, Veggies & Dip Sugar Cookie	15 Cheese Burger, Bun, Tater Tots, Green Beans	16 Turkey Taco with Fixings, Black Bean Salsa	17 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Corn, Garlic Breadstick	18 NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY Chow Mein w/ Veggies, Egg Roll Rice, Breadstick	19 fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Chicken Poppers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn	23 Chicken Fajita With Fixings, Black Bean Salsa	24 FARM 2 SCHOOL	25 Sub Sandwich with Fixings, Fries	26 5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a
27	28 BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Baked Beans					One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.