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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Jaxon O'Brien



* More Seniors to Come over the next few months

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Committee Assignments for 2021

Committee

MSHSL

Negotiations Committee

Curriculum Committee

Community Education Advisory Council
Meet and Confer

Staff Development

School and Community Health Team

Recertification Committee

ARCC

Comparable Worth

Safety/Transportation Committee

Athletic Advisory Committee

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Policy Committee

Representative

Mark Meyer

Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer,
Rich Kingsley (Sarah Kingsley, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Mark Meyer (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Bambi Lange and Joell Miranda
(Sarah Kingsley, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Sarah Kingsley, Alt.)

Joell Miranda and Sarah Kingsley

Bambi Lange

Sue Kaslow

Jay Zapzalka

Mark Meyer

Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer
(Rich Kingsley, Alt.)

Bambi Lange (Mark Meyer, Alt.)

Sarah Kingsley and Bambi Lange



For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
	93.1 FM
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 usually sent out 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.



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Call 218-326-5008 or 1-866-747-5008
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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Acting Chair at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Bambi Lange, Sarah Kingsley, Joell Miranda and Jay Zapzalka. Board Members absent: Mark Meyer.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Oath of Office for Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer. Mark Meyer oath to the School Board tabled until January Regular School Board Meeting.
3. Adopt Resolution of Filling School Board Vacancy By Appointment of Richard Kingsley. This Motion passed.
4. Review of Board Meeting Standards, Processes and Procedures. (No Action)
5. Jay Zapzalka was Nominated and Elected as Chairman (Formerly Sue Kaslow).
6. Set the Annual Chairman Salary.
7. Sarah Kingsley was Nominated and Elected as Vice-Chairman (Formerly Jay Zapzalka)
8. Joell Miranda was Nominated and Elected as Clerk (Presently Joell Miranda)
9. Set the Clerk Salary.
10. Bambi Lange was Nominated and Elected as Treasurer. (Presently Bambi Lange)
11. Set the Treasurer Salary.
12. Set the Salaries for all of the Board Members (Currently \$60.00/Meeting)
13. Set Salary for filling in for the Chariman and/or Clerk (Currently \$30.00/ Meeting)
14. Discussed Fixed Asset threshold of \$5,00.00 as requested by the Auditors. This Motion

passed.

15. Approved to Adopt Depository Services Resolution for Governmental Entities. ONLY NEEDED WHEN OFFICER CHANGES ARE MADE!!
16. Appointed Mark Meyer to represent the District in the MSHSL.
17. Appointed Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer to serve on the Negotiations Committee. Sarah Kingsley is Alt.
18. Approved to set the Board Meetings to be on the 4th Monday of the Month beginning at 6:00 pm with adjournment time by 9:00 pm at all Meetings. Tentative School Board Meeting Dates Posting and MSBA Date Restrictions are attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
19. Set the mileage rate.
20. Approved to designate John Colosimo and/or the firm of Ratwik, Roszak, Maloney a& Bartel as the school's attorneys.
21. Approved the Posting Places for the Regular and Special Board Meetings: Hill City Post Office, Bulletin Boards at Front and North doors of Hill City School and Fire Hall in Jacobson.
22. Approved the TV and Radio Stations for Emergency School Closings. These are listed in the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
23. Approved Joell Miranda to serve on the Curriculum Committee with Bambi Lange as the Alternate.
24. Approved Mark Meyer to represent the Board on the Community Education Advisory Council with Bambi Lange as alternate.
25. Set the rates for reimbursements for meals and lodging. These are listed in the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
26. Approved Joell Miranda and Bambi Lange to served on the Meet and Confer Committee with Sarah Kingsley as

alternate.

27. Approved Joell Miranda to serve on the Staff Development Committee with Sarah Kingsley as alternate.
28. Approved Joell Miranda and Sarah Kingsley to serve on the School and Community Health Team.
29. Approved Bambi Lange to serve on Re-Certification Committee.
30. Approved no one to represent the Board with ARCC.
31. Approved Jay Zapzalka to serve on the Comparable Worth Committee.
32. Approved Mark Meyer to serve on the Safety/Transportation Committee.
33. Approved no one to represent the Board with the NESC Board.
34. Approved Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer to serve on the Athletic Advisory Committee with Sarah Kingsley as alternate.
35. Approved Bambi Lange to serve on the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative with Mark Meyer as the alternate.
36. Approved Bambi Lange and Sarah Kingsley as members for the Policy Committee.
37. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

These are Unofficial Minutes. 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 by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

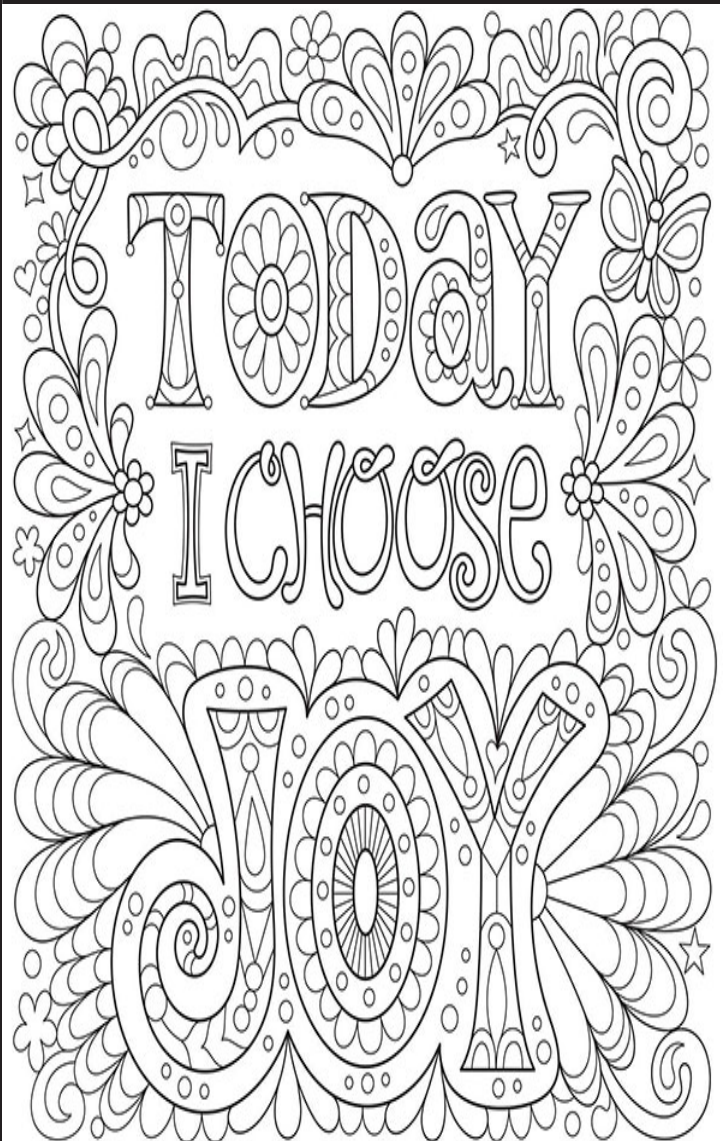
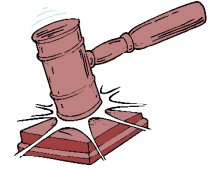
1. Approved Agenda as Presented
2. Oath of Office for Mark Meyer.
3. Correction and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting December 14, 2020. Correction and Approval of Minutes of Organizational Meeting of January 5, 2021.
4. Approved December 2020 bills.
5. Approved current bills through January 11, 2021.
6. There were no wire transfers.
7. Approved the December 2020 Receipts.
8. Recognitions: Paula Nix-Vroman Speech Team.
9. Comments and Requests from Visitors: Presentation of the Senior Class Trip Itinerary.
10. No Transportation Report.
11. Curriculum Committee: Meeting was held on January 14th.
12. Policy Committee: No Report
13. School & Community Health Committee: None
14. Safety/Transportation Committee: Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
15. Negotiations Committee: Letter from the Principal on Intent to Negotiate. Pat Rendle will work with Adam and committee members to set a time and date.
16. Community Education Report: None
17. Building & Grounds Report: Report attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
18. Principal's Report: None to Report
19. Superintendent's Report: None to Report
20. Appointed Representative's to the MSHSL. These are listed on the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
21. Accepted the Resignation from Brandi Caverly, Paraprofessional and Approved

Posting for the position per the AFSCME contract.

22. Accepted the resignation from Cassandra DeLunge as Prom Advisor and approved to Post for the position.
23. Adopt Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and reasons thereof. WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and, WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure and decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 002, as follows: That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.
24. Discussion on preliminary staffing needs for the 2021-2022 School Year.
25. Approved a Cooperative with northland Community Schools for Girls Softball starting the 2020-2021 School Year.
26. Meetings to Attended and Meetings Attended: Regular Board Meeting February 22, 2021.
27. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Joell Miranda Clerk

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ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #15:
Positive
Peer
Influence**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their best friends model responsible behavior.

60%
*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. "Positive peer influence" 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.

Photos of Friends: Snapshots of Responsibility

The best way to encourage children to choose positive, healthy relationships is to model them ourselves. Take out an old yearbook or photo album. Look at pictures of the friends you had as a teenager.

Think about the friends who acted in ways you admired. Most people can remember at least one person who always sensed when things weren't going well and called, sent a note, or showed up to find out what was wrong. Often, these are the people who turned out to be lifelong friends.

How about people who weren't such true friends? Was there someone who spread rumors about you, or talked behind your back? Did you ever have a friend who tried to get you to do things you didn't want to do? The pain of these kinds of experiences often teaches young people a lot about how they want to be treated by others.

No one forced you to like people who were



good to you, or feel angry at people who hurt you. You had to make your own choices about who your friends were. In the same way, we can't control who our children choose as friends. They are exploring their world, themselves, and the people around them. Sometimes they're attracted to people we don't approve of (and that, deep inside, they probably don't approve of either). Other times they say the 'good' kids are boring. However, if we model responsible relationships, talk to our children about how others act, and are involved in their lives, gradually they'll see that friends who act, talk, and think in positive ways will bring out the best in them.

Helpful Hints

Tips that encourage your child to choose responsible friendships:

- **Get to know your child's friends and their families. Point out what you like about them.**
- **Get to know the parents of your children's friends. Share your values and rules with them and ask them about theirs.**
- **Don't jump to conclusions based on what friends look like.**
- **Be honest with your child when you're concerned about a relationship.**

time together

Three ways to help your child choose responsible friends:

- 1** *Make sure your kids get to know your friends. The best way to teach is to be a role model.*
- 2** *Include your child's friends in some family activities. Get to know them.*
- 3** *Talk about your childhood friends and why some friendships ended.*



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 Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,
 Aitkin County Health & Human Services)



What's Responsible?

Our children may need our guidance in choosing friends who model responsible behavior. Use this "responsible" checklist with your child to evaluate each friend. Discuss with your child what each word means:

- Reliable**
- Equal**
- Self-controlled**
- Principled**
- Open-minded**
- Nurturing**
- Sensible**
- Intuitive**
- Brave**
- Lovable**
- Ethical**

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Which of your friends do you most want to be like? Why?
- What bothers you about your friends? Why?
- How do you feel when you're with your friends? Do they bring out the best in you?

More Stuff You Can Use

Positive Peer Groups gives information on how to help youth work together to solve their own challenges. (Available from Johnson Institute, 7205 Ohms Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55439-2159; 1-800-231-5165.)

Quick Tip:
 Examine your own friendships before you examine your child's.

Worth a Cheer



We often think of "peer pressure" only as a negative influence, but we can also think of time spent with friends who model healthy behavior as peer pressure. Of youth surveyed by Search Institute, 60% say they experience positive peer pressure, reporting that their best friends do well in school, don't use alcohol or other drugs, and don't get in trouble at school.

Final Word

"A friend is an extension of yourself, without which you are not complete."—Susan Polis Schutz, poet

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Youth Trap Shooting

This youth league will be 8 weeks with 6 scoring weeks and 2 practice or makeup weeks.

SIGN UP: Wednesday, April 7th at 5pm @ the Moose-Willow Sportsman club in Swatara. Parents, please join your youth this night to become familiar with the gun range, learn safety rules and expectations for the league.

SHOOTING DATES: Wednesdays April 14th - June 2nd from 5-7pm

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING: Your own shot gun (20 or 12 gauge) Close toed shoes & weather approved clothing. cost: \$50.00 (Includes 1 round, water and snack every night).

***Must have Fire Arm Safety (FAS) Certification or be in the Youth Fire Arm Safety class* that starts Monday, April 6, 2021 to be qualified to sign up.

Come join us for a fun and exciting shooting league!
 Call or text Sarah Kingsley @ 218-360-5054 with any questions!

*If you are interested in getting your child signed up for the FAS class please call Mark Meyer @ 218-251-2738.



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MR. JOHNSON'S MINUTE...



One year ago, on March 18th 2020, the state ordered that all schools move to something called "distance learning" for the near future.

Schools had to reinvent themselves for two and a half months, delivering meals, using new, online schoolwork, planning all virtual type things.

To be honest, I hadn't used Zoom on March 18th last year. In the course of a week and a half, the Hill City staff reinvented itself to do everything it could do to help out the students. Students and families had to change how they lived and learned. We graduated the Class of 2020 at their homes with firetrucks, buses, police cars, and a trailer. Over the course of the summer, MDE and MDH created new rules with "hybrid" rules and had schools reinvent themselves again. All teachers created Google Classrooms or Seesaw classrooms to interact with students. The school purchased hotspots for students to access the internet. We moved bus routes, changed how students move classes, changed lunchroom procedures, and about one hundred other things.

A year later, on March 18th, 2021, Hill City Schools is continuing to improve and do it's absolute best to truly be the Gem of the North. Our staff continues to do everything possible for it's students, both as learners and as people. Our students continue to challenge themselves to continue to get better. Our community continues to do everything it can to help us stay in school. That's what is so special about this school.

When a situation arises, Hornets rise to the challenge to do their absolute best. I am so proud to be the principal of this school; The staff is incredible to work with, our students are kind, generous, respectful, great people, and our community is truly something special to be a part of. There will always be challenges in schools, but at Hill City Schools, we find a way to move through these challenges and succeed. That is why we are truly the

Gem of the North.





ISD #2 Breakfast Menu April 2021



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
				1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	
4 <u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Maple Pancakes	7 Cereal Bar	8 Cinnamon Bagel	9 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	10 Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
11	12 French Toast Loaf	13 Oatmeal, Cereal or Graham Cracker	14 Muffin, Cheese Stick	15 Breakfast Pizza	16 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	17
18	19 Cereal, Graham Cracker	20 Chocolate Chip Pancake	21 Muffin, Cheese Stick	22 Strawberry Bagel	23 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	24
25	26 Maple Pancakes	27 Oatmeal, Cereal or Graham Cracker	28 Cereal Bar	29 Breakfast Pizza	30 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Lunch Menu April 2021

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	5 NO SCHOOL	6 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Veggies, Tater Tots, Applesauce	7 Ham/Salami Sub Baked BBQ Chip Mixed Fruit, Dip Carrot Sticks	8 Wild Rice Soup, Turkey/Cheese Broccoli w/ Dip Pears, Kiwi	9 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit	10
5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	12 Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Carrots, Applesauce, Blueberries	13 Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn Roll, Pears	14 Turkey & Cheese Bagel, Chex Mix, Applesauce	15 Chicken Ala King w/ Peas, Biscuits Peaches, Kiwi	16 Beef Taco w/ Fixings, Black Bean Salsa, Corn, Mixed Fruit	17 Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	19 Breaded Chicken Patty, Bun, Green Beans, Potato, Apple	20 Sloppy Joes, Potato Wedges, Mixed Veggies, Corn, Beans, Oranges, Pears	21 Salami & Turkey Sandwich, Peppers & Ranch, Applesauce	22 Taco Soup, Tortilla Chips, Veggies & Dip, Applesauce	23 Chicken Chow Mein, Rice, Noodles, Green Beans, Pears	24
25	26 Chicken Fajita w/ Fixings, Rice, Pineapple, Orange	27 Hamburger Hotdish Grilled Cheese, Mixed Veggies, Apples, Pears	28 Ham & Cheese, Baked Chips, Carrot Sticks, Pears	29 FARM 2 SCHOOL	30 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit	Menu subject to change at anytime

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ISD #2 ACTIVITIES APRIL 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All games are subject to change at any time	Baseball & Softball Practice Schedule & HOME Field	(Hill City or Northland) info available on our Website :	isd002.org ACTIVITIES CALENDAR	1	2	3
4 OPEN GYM Basketball 6-8	5	6	7 OPEN GYM Volleyball 7-9	8 Softball vs Deer River AWAY 4:30	9 BB vs McGregor HOME 4:30 SB vs LaPorte HOME 4:30	10
11 OPEN GYM Basketball 6-8	12 BB vs Nevis HOME 4:30 SB - Cromwell HOME 4:30	13 Softball vs Floodwood HOME 4:30	14 OPEN GYM Volleyball 7-9	15 Softball vs Nevis AWAY 4:30	16 Baseball vs Carlton AWAY 4:30	17
18 OPEN GYM Basketball 6-8	19 Softball vs Chisholm HOME 4:30	20 Softball vs McGregor HOME 4:30	21 OPEN GYM Volleyball 7-9	22 Softball vs Wrenshall AWAY 4:30	23 Baseball vs Isle HOME 4:30	24 Baseball Tourney Deer River
25 OPEN GYM Basketball 6-8	26	27 Baseball vs Nashwauk HOME 4:30	28 OPEN GYM Volleyball 7-9	29 	30 Baseball vs Onamia HOME 4:30	