

December



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

2021

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2021

Sports Teams



Record of 8-2

9 Man North - South

Sub-District Champions



4 RUNNERS

RAN THEIR P.R. AT THE
SECTION MEET



Co-Northern Lakes
Conference Champions



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HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Quarter 2021-2022

Grade 12

A

Ruby Booth
Jonniya Borders
MacKenzie Casper
Thorin Dunham
Ava Klennert
Tyrell Lego
Julia Nordquist
Dari Okerstrom
Cayleb Shelby

B

Mackenzie Finke
Payden Gould
Zavier James
Joie Koran
LeRoy Porter

Grade 8

A

Madison Barnes
Mackenzie Benson
Jacob Bockoven
Callee Gerber
Jasmine Kingsley
Kaydince Saxton
Madilyn Swanson

B

Jaeger Ahonen
Reese Boleman
Mariah Dahl
Jackson Kingsley
Micah Pinksa

Grade 11

A

Saige Ahonen
Emma Finke
Kyle Grimsbo
Riley Holm
Raven Miranda
Kira Schuety
Michelle Smith
Andrew St Martin
Ally Zapzalka

B

Tyra Eckelman
Cheyenne Fisher
Adrianna Foix
Zachary Hamilton
Tanner Harcey
Camryn Hunt
Jack Major
Hayden Passig
Niyelle Solie

Grade 7

A

Dani Hannula
Coltyn Harcey
Taylor Washburn

B

Franklin Goodrich

Grade 10

A

Emmett Bray
Taleigha Cook
Emily Grimsbo
Brooklyn Harcey
Allison Kimball
Easton Kingsley
Jax Neary
Shaley Pearson
Annika Spangler
Lainee Spangler
Brooklyn Swanson
Dillon Wheeler

B

Cheyenne Brinson
Adrianna Leverty-Taylor
Joseph Swanson

Grade 6

A

Haley Barnes
Hannah Barnes
Tyler Pearson

B

Shyanne Benes
Kyleah Kaslow
Vanessa Kingsley
Artemis Mercado
Kayleigh Richards

Grade 9

A

Bellona Dunham
Lilly Gamble
Adrianna Harcey
Steven Meyer
Kaija Neary
Abby Zapzalka

B

Destiny Hobson
Kennidy James
Trevor Kingsley
Matthew Washburn



Congratulations!

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Jay Zapzalka, Chairman
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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
Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
Mark Meyer (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
Bambi Lange and Joell Miranda
Joell Miranda
Joell Miranda
Bambi Lange
Sue Kaslow
Jay Zapzalka
Mark Meyer
Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer
(Rich Kingsley, Alt.)
Bambi Lange (Mark Meyer, Alt.)
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 uploaded to 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

1. Approved the Agenda.
2. Correction and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 26, 2021.
3. Approved the following:
 - *July 2021 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 08/10/2021;
 - *Investments and wire transfers will be reported next month;
 - *Cash receipts for the month of July 2021
4. No comments or requests from visitors.
5. Transportation Report: 4 routes for busses. Will show routes next meeting.
6. Policy Committee: None to Report
7. School and Community Health Committee: None to Report
8. Safety/Transportation Committee: Review and discuss transportation routes.
9. Community Education Report: None to report
10. Early Childhood Report: None to Report
11. Building & Grounds Director Report: None
12. Principal's Report: Open house planned for September 1st, - 3:30-5:30 pm. Planning for a normal school year. Enrollment is up a little. Sport programs are off to a great start. There will be a survey offered for students & parents at open house. Staff will

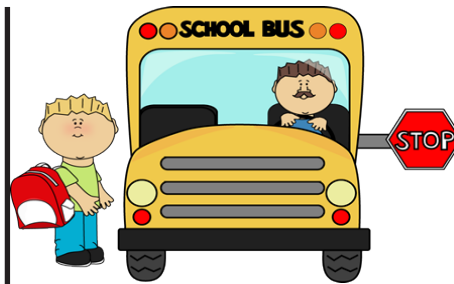
- be surveyed at staff meeting on September 1.
13. Superintendent's Report: Add: on Agenda for formal approval. Northland also approved services of our add. Covid: nothing changed about what is required. Everything is still recommended but not required. If there is a positive test, a 10 day quarantine for person that tested positive will be taken.
14. Accepted the Letter of Resignation from Laurie Holm as the Athletic Director for the 2021-2022 School Year.
15. Approved hiring Athletic Director Management.
16. Brent Schimek as the Athletic Director per the contract attached to the Official Minutes starting the 2021-2022 School Year.
17. Adam Johnson as Athletic Director Assistant for the 2021-2022 School Year per the HCUE Agreement.
18. Appoint supplier for snowplowing. A summary of all quotes received for the 2021-2022 school years is attached to the Official Minutes.
19. Approved hiring Lange's Nursery and Landscaping at \$142.50 per hour for each use of equipment (last year was \$135.00 per hour for each use of equipment)
20. Recinded posting one Early Childhood Paraprofessional for 2021 Summer School with pay per the 2020-2021 AFSCME Agreement.
21. Placeholder- Approved the AFSCME Master Agreement for July 1, 2021 - June 20, 2023
22. Placeholder- Approved IASC Telepresence agreement with Northland. N/A: To date, no contract has been received from Northland.
23. Approved Professional Service Agreement with Greenway for the 2021-2022 School Year.
24. Approved a one-time lump sum payment to all HCUE 1.0 FTE member teachers, others prorated based on FTE, of \$1,000

by September 15, 2021 for the purpose of attracting and retaining teachers.

25. Approved a one-time lump sum to all AFSCME and "at will" employees of \$500.00 by September 15, 2021 for the purpose of attracting and retaining Hill City staff.
26. Approved preliminary substitute instructor list of the 2021-2022 School Year.
27. Approved Kindergarten Milk prices for the 2021-2022 School Year at \$17.20 per student.
28. Accepted the Letter of Resignation from Dan Potter as Head Girls Softball Coach for the 2021-2022 School Year and Approved to post for this position per the current HCUE agreement.
29. Accepted the Letter of Resignation from Mary Jo Myhrer as K-12 Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 School Year.
30. Approved posting for 1 FTE K-12 Paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 School year per the current AFSCME agreement.
31. Approved the 21-22 POS with Norhtland Community Schools for Spanish.
32. Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended: Next Regular Board Meeting is Septemeber 27, 2021.
33. Approved to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: 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.



*With the Wintery Weather upon us,
just a reminder:*

*The buses may be running a few
minutes earlier each morning to
accommodate for the driving
conditions. So please as always, be at
your stop and ready to go 5 to 10
minutes before your assigned time, to
prevent missing the bus.*

Thank You!



Upcoming Concert

Dates:

Elementary Winter Concert:

Friday, January 7th 1:30 p.m.

Hill City School Gymnasium

6th-8th Band & Choir Winter Concert:

Friday, January 14th 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Hill City School Gymnasium

High School Winter Concert:

Monday, January 10th 7:30 pm

Hill City School Assembly Room

ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #12:
School
Boundaries**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when school provides clear rules and consequences.

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. "School 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.

Working Together to Form Boundaries

An assistant principal of a middle school in Colorado was fed up with discipline problems. So many students were behaving badly that he expelled 97 of them.

Then the assistant principal was suspended. Why?

Because while some parents and teachers supported his action, many thought the expulsions were too extreme and poorly handled. They demanded his suspension because they felt he was using unusually harsh punishment to enforce school boundaries.

All schools need boundaries. They need to set clear standards and expectations for how students should act and learn. Yet setting these standards isn't easy—and neither is enforcing them. Many schools grapple with how to discipline students in appropriate and effective ways.

As a parent you can help the process by working with your child's school. Encourage your school to create a conduct code at the beginning of the year, review the code with the students, and send a copy of it home to inform parents. Suggest that students help in



creating the code. For example, Streetwater High in National City, California, created "The Link Crew"—twelfth graders who explained the dos and don'ts of behavior to new students and talked with students with whom teachers were struggling. Grades and attendance improved, and fewer new students spent time in the principal's office.

When parents and educators work together, they can create a supportive environment for establishing and enforcing school boundaries. And the more families, schools, and communities work together to establish consistent boundaries, the better off our children will be because they will know what to expect.

Helpful Hints

Tips that make creating clear school boundaries easier:

- **Get involved in a parent-teacher policy organization.**
- **Focus on the positive and build on what's working.**
- **When conflicts occur, don't be pushy. Calmly state your concern and suggest solutions.**

Evaluate Your Child's School

Inform yourself about school boundaries by visiting your child's school and asking yourself these questions:

- *Overall, how are students behaving?*
- *How do adults and students interact with each other?*
- *When conflicts occur, how are they resolved?*
- *How do the school boundaries you observe match the boundaries you have at home?*

What's Your View?

Public Agenda interviewed more than 1,100 Americans about education reform. They found that:

- 54% say teachers are doing either a "fair" or "poor" job dealing with discipline.
- 52% say it is a serious problem that local public schools aren't teaching good work habits, such as being on time and doing homework.
- 49% say the worst-behaved students are getting most of the attention.

Do you agree with these statements when you think about the education your child is getting? Why or why not? Contact the president of your school-parent group (such as a PTA or PTO) and raise these issues. Or talk to the principal or a teacher. Discuss how parents and educators can work together and make school boundaries an issue people feel good about.



More Stuff You Can Use

A Parent's Guide to Innovative Education. This book offers positive strategies for how parents and children can bring out the best in their schools. (Available from The Noble Press, Inc., 1020 South Wabash Avenue, Suite 4D, Chicago, IL 60605; 1-800-283-3572.)

Final Word

"Schools should be safe, orderly, and conducive to teaching and learning." —Jean Johnson and John Immerwahr, authors of *First Things First: What Americans Expect from the Public Schools*

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Quick Tip:
Children learn better when school boundaries are clear.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Are the rules at your school clear? Why or why not?
- Do you feel your school's consequences for violating rules are fair? Why or why not?
- How would you make school boundaries and consequences more clear?



Holiday Make and Take

December 16, 2021
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Hill City School Commons Area

Help your child learn to appreciate the joy of giving. Join us in making holiday arts & crafts to give out as presents or to keep.

This is a FREE family event for Pre-school through 4th Grade.

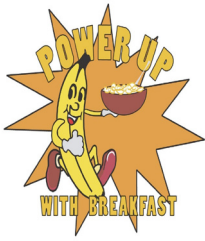
Children must be accompanied by an adult

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



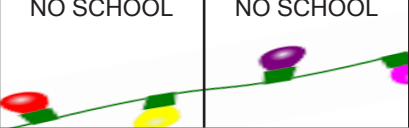
The Hill City Hornets Cross Country Running Team wrapped up their season at the Section 7A Meet at the Cloquet Country Club on Thursday, October 28. Girls competing in the girls 5k race were seniors Ruby Booth and Mariah Eisenmenger and junior Emma Finke. Boys competing in the boys 5k race were junior Tanner Harcey and 7th grader Coltyn Harcey. All athletes had a good race with four athletes achieving their personal record (PR)! It was a great season and I'm proud of the progress all runners made throughout the season! Way to go, Hornets CC team! See you next year!

Coach Fairchild






ISD #2 Breakfast Menu December 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Breakfast Pizza	2 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	3 Yogurt, Graham Cracker	4
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	6 Muffins, Cheese Stick	7 Cinnamon Mini Buns	8 French Toast, Cheese Stick	9 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	10 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	11 Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components	13 Muffins, Cheese Stick	14 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	15 Breakfast Pizza	16 Apple Frudel	17 Yogurt, Graham Cracker	18 
4 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	20 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	21 Strawberry Bagel	22 Cinnamon Roll	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	Menu subject to change at anytime 

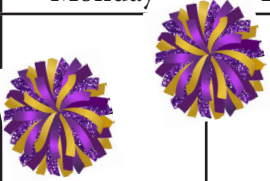

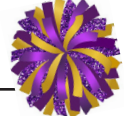


ISD #2 Lunch Menu December 2021

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of			1 Breakfast For Lunch	2 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Carrots	3 Quesadilla with Fixings	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	6 French Bread Pizza w/ Red Sauce, Broccoli & Carrots	7 Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Tater Tots, Baby Carrots	8 Chicken Taco in a bag with Fixings	9 Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese, Broccoli & Cauliflower	10 Shrimp Poppers, Potato Salad, Roll	Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	13 Grilled Chicken Strips, Rice, Garlic Breadstick Cali Veggies	14 Cheese Burger, Lettuce, Tomato On a Bun, French Fries	15 Chicken Fajita with Fixings, Rice, Beans	16 Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans	17 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Goldfish Cracker	18
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	20 Breaded Chicken Patty on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato French Fries, Carrots	21 Sausage Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn	22 Turkey Sub Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cookie	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	

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For the Full Non-Discrimination statement see: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/FNS/CivilRight/048413>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org rSchools			1 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	2	3 7,8,AB GBB vs Aitkin AWAY 5:45	4
5 	6 7,8,AB GBB vs McGregor HOME 5:45	7 	8 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	9	10 7,8,AB GBB vs Carlton HOME 5:45	11
12	13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 pm	14	15 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	16 AB GBB vs Sebek AWAY 5:45	17 	
19	20 7,8,AB GBB vs Bigfork AWAY 5:45	21	22 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	23 NO SCHOOL 7,8,AB GBB vs Greenway HOME 5:45	24 NO SCHOOL	
26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org rSchools

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org rSchools	1	2 AB BBB vs MIB AWAY 5:45	3	4 AB BBB vs Ely AWAY 1:00
5 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	6 	7	8 	9 AB BBB vs Fon du Lac HOME 5:45	10 AB BBB vs Northland HOME 5:45	11	
12 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	13 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 pm	14		16 AB BBB vs Mille Lacs AWAY 5:45	17 AB BBB vs Deer River AWAY 5:45	18	
19 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	20	21 AB BBB vs Blackduck HOME 5:45	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 	
26 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 A BBB Tournament 1:00 AWAY Walker-Hackensack-Akeley NO SCHOOL	30 A BBB Tournament 1:00 AWAY Walker-Hackensack-Akeley NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org rSchools	