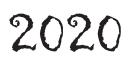
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Committee Assignments for 2020

Representative

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 NESC Board Safety/Transportation Committee Athletic Advisory Committee

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For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts **RADIO STATIONS INSTANT ALERT TV STATIONS** RADIO USA 99.9 FM WDIO/WIRT Infinite Campus' Voice KOZY Grand Rapids 1320 AM Messenger system will KDLH 93.1 FM call parents between KBJR **KMFY** Grand Rapids 96.9 FM 5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for WCCO WTBX Grand Rapids 93.9 FM

Community Newsletter Deadline

91.7 FM

105.5 FM

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.



within Reach

Violence Resource Center

school closings.

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 Organizational 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, December 16, 2019.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Joell Miranda, Sarah Kingsley, Jay Zapzalka and Bambi Lange. Board Members absent: Mark Meyer. Also present was Superintendent Pat Rendle, Principal Adam Johnson, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Building & Grounds Director Eric Hill and other guests.

- 1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
- 2. Approved the November 2019 bills as Presented.
- 3. Approved the Current Bills through December 10, 2019.
- 4. There was no change in investments and No wire Transfers.
- 5. Approved November 2019 Receipts.
- 6. There were No Donations.
- 7. There was No Report from the School Attorney.
- 8. There was No Transportation Report.
- 9. SWARM Student Leadership: None to Report.
- 10.Curriculum Committee: They will soon restart meetings as there are new standards in 2020.
- 11. School & Community Health Committee: The Minutes for November and December's Meetings are attached to the official Minutes and made a part thereof.
- 12. Safety/Transportation Committee: They met last week about how the Hazardous Waste pick up is this Thursday.

And they need to set up a 1/2 day work session for the Crisis Management Team. They are hoping to have things firmed up before March.

- 13. Negotiations Committee: They need to set negotiations with Eric Hill and Cassie DeLung.
- 14.Community Education Report: None to Report.
- 15.Early Childhood Report: A Report is attached to the official Minutes and made a part thereof.
- 16.Building & Grounds Report: Things are going well, with snow removal being the main focus.
- 17. The Meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m. for Truth and Taxation.
- 18. Approved to resume the Meeting at 6:41 p.m.
- 19. Approved the motion to set the 2019 Payable Levy. A copy of the 2019 Payable 2020 Levy is attached to the official Minutes and made a part thereof.
- 20. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Pat Rendle would like the Policy Committee to meet once a month. Also Superintendent Rendle talked about how other schools have a "Bridge Program" for students that complete a Pathways Program and how they receive an Honors Cord upon Graduation.
- 21.Principal's Report: A December Principal's Report is attached to official Minutes and made a part thereof.
- 22. There was No Old Business
- 23. Approved to hire Kix Martin as Junior High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2019-2020 School Year to be paid according to the current HCUE Contract.
- 24. Approved hiring William Clarke as Full Time Janitor to be paid according to the current AFSCME Contract.
- 25. Accepted a Letter of Retirement from Arnold Landrus and Approved to post

for that position. The Board would like to thank Arnie for his years of service. He will be missed!

- 26. Approved hiring Vallear Golden as 4 hour 10 month Janitor Position (pending background check) to be paid according to the current AFSCME Contract.
- 27. Approved to post for Substitute Janitors.
- 28. Bambi Lange, Sarah Kingsley, Joell Miranda and Mark Meyer will be attending the MSBA Leadership Conference in January.
- 29. Reviewed and Approved the 2018-2019 Audit Report.
- 30. Approved to adjourn Meeting at 7:18 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.



ATTENTION SENIOR CLASS OF 2020

Remember to apply for the

\$ 500.00 \$cholarship

to be given away by the Haypoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club!

> For more information talk to your School Counselor



I hope everyone had a great break and welcome back both staff and students!

Just a heads up, the end of the 2nd quarter/1st semester is January 24th. Grades will be available soon after this. For this school year, we are focusing on attendance. Last month, the goal per grade was 90% attendance, which every grade in the school met and then played dodgeball in the gym as a reward. For

January, we are going to go for 95% attendance. Attendance matters and we want to see every student that we can, as long as they are healthy enough to do

An exciting new thing happening in our school is the Children's Dental Service. Students from Early Childhood through 8th grade were given a letter to bring home to sign up for this service if they want. Any students are eligible and if you are interested, please stop in the office and get an information sheet. This is all being set-up by Ms. Delung, our school nurse.

Juniors from Northland and Walker-Hackensack-Akeley, along with our own Hill City juniors, were in Hill City on January 17th for an ACT prep class. This is a free offering for our students, along with a free ACT test taking place on February 25th. This is all being setup by Ms. Koerber, our school counselor. Setting up next year's middle and high school schedule is currently taking place and we hope to show some information to students very soon. Senior high Knowledge Bowl is currently

underway. Led by Ms. Holm, students will travel to Mountain Iron-Buhl and compete against other schools in a competition. Good luck team! One Act Play has their competition coming up in Aitkin on January 25th. The performance will be open to the public on the weekend of February 14th with showtimes to be announced soon. Good luck team!

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Go Storm and Go Hornets!

Newsletter #17



leas for K 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 sameys of almost 160,000 tist to 12st grade yourt traughour the United States

Reclaiming the Neighborhood

66 D anana 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 rubblestrewn 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.

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 Quickening of America*

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February 6, 2020 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Pre-K - 5th Grade Both Gyms

Come and join us for a night filled with fun.

Carnival Games, Bowling and Bouncy House Prizes provided.

For more information contact Tami at 218-251-5417

This is NOT a drop off event. Parents MUST stay with the kids.

<u>REMINDER</u>

Elementary Conferences February 7th **NO SCHOOL** for Kindergarten - 5th Grade



Hill City Area Lions Club 21st Annual Ice Fishing Contest

Saturday February 8th 2020 Hill Lake Beach, Hill City MN

Noon-3:00

Entry Fee \$10

Over 100 Door Prizes

given out during the contest Special door prizes for kids 12 and under Food and Beverages available Games to play for prizes

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

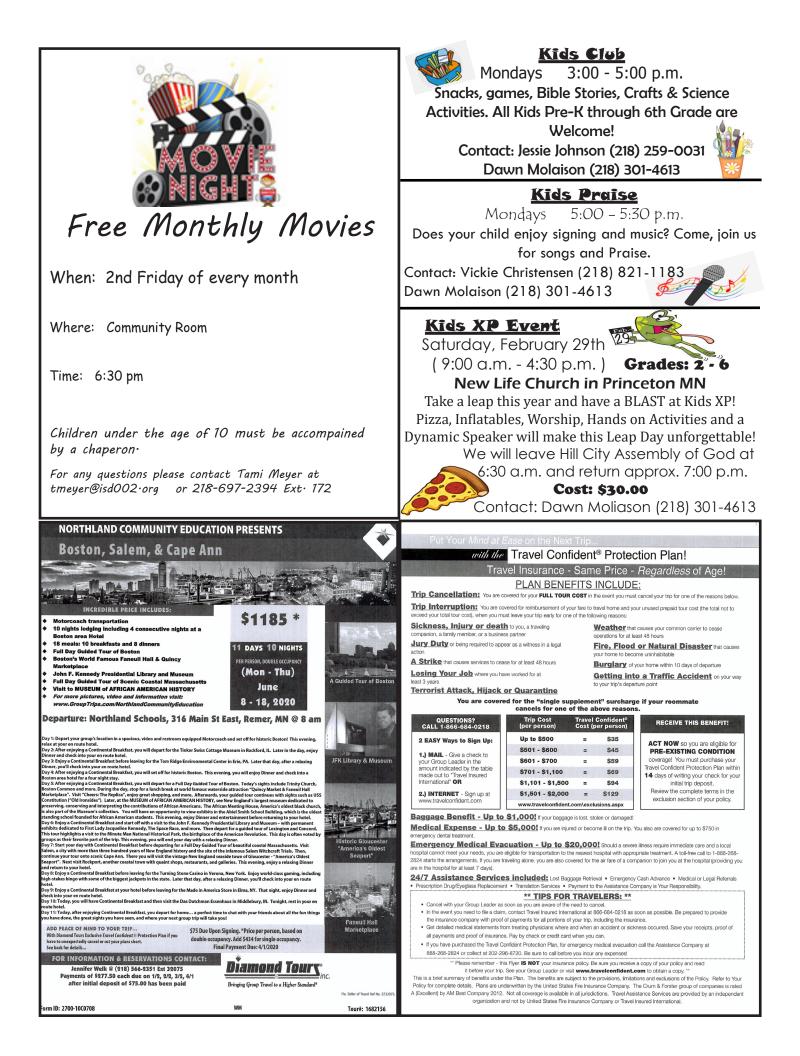
#3 - Vexilar FLX-12 Genz Pack Flasher

#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

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City of Hill City Public Hearings and Regular Council Meeting Summarized Minutes January 14, 2020

There were two variance requests. One was approved and one was denied. Approved the agenda as presented with the

addition of closed meeting minutes.

Peter Alexander was present and talked about

the up-coming US Census

Approved the following

Minutes of Regular Council meeting of 12/10/2019 and Closed Negotiation 1/10/2020

Claims for Approval List/Approve bills

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence

Resolution 2020 - 1 \$16,000 donation from Gambling to Fire Building Fund

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets Report:

Cleaning and organizing the trucks and shop, training was good, repainting in the pump house, by-passes going in next week, working on CIP, snow removal is going well.

Fire Dept. Report:

There were 8 medicals and 1 structure fire, two sets of turnout gear were received, washer has been ordered and will be installed the 1st week of Feb.

Police Dept. Report:

1 ambulance call, 2 Public Assists, 1 burglary, 1 disturbance, 6 traffic stops, 1 threat, 1 alarm and 1 welfare check. Approved to send the Impala squad to auction and the forfeited Silverado sold at auction.

Mayor Report:

Met with the Clerk about a concern on the budget and levy. The council met with MN DOT about up-coming project for HWY 200. Searching what other cities do about campers on private lots. Discussed trail maintenance with the maintenance

staff. Great job Maintenance on the snow removal.

Council Report: Nothing to report. Clerk Report:

Still working on year end reports. The auditors will be here in February. Both the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk will be taking a few days off at different times. Clerk's training coming up in March. Committee Reports: Personnel - nothing to report Facilities/Equipment - nothing to report Land Use - already discussed during public hearing Park Improvement Committee - Meeting set for January 15th at 4 pm

Respect MN would like a logo for their website. Sunny's dump station – working with the owner about possibly charging to use the dump station. Garbage & Abandon Vehicles – Police Chief Kimball is working on this. Approved the following: Appointment Resolution 2020 – 2 Lion's Club Fishing contest February 8, 2020

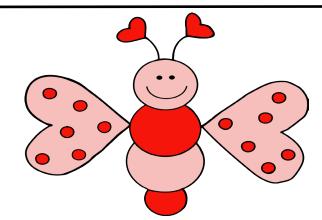
2020 Proclamation for Tree Board

To close City Hall on February 3rd to be able to work with the Auditors

Enbridge Spring Road Use

Rehire Ron Saxton as a part time officer Change the February Council to Feb. 12th Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended Work Session January 28, 2020 at 7:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm



AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MACVILLE TOWN BOARD, IT WILL DETERMINED IF FUTURE ELECTIONS WILL BE CHANGED TO MAIL-IN BALLOTS INSTEAD OF IN-PERSON VOTING.

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE MACVILLE TOWN HALL.

*THE MARCH 3RD PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE MACVILLE TOWN HALL FROM 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

	ISD #2	Breakfa	st Menu	I Februa	ry 2020	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	³ Muffins, Cheese Stick	4 Yogurt, Graham Cracker	⁵ Breakfast Pizza	6 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	7 Cinnamon Roll, Boiled Egg	8 Fruit, Juice & Milk Served Daily with Breakfast
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	¹⁰ Muffins, Cheese Stick	¹¹ Cereal, Graham Cracker	¹² Maple Pancakes	¹³ Yogurt, Graham Cracker	¹⁴ Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	15
4 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	¹⁷ NO SCHOOL	¹⁸ Yogurt, Graham Cracker	¹⁹ Breakfast Pizza	20 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	²¹ Cinnamon Roll, Boiled Egg	22 Menu subject to change at anytime
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	²⁴ Muffins, Cheese Stick	²⁵ Cereal, Graham Cracker	²⁶ Strawberry Bagel	²⁷ Yogurt, Graham Cracker	²⁸ Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	29
	ISD	#2 Lunc	h Menu	Februar	y 2020	
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2 Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch	3 Unbreaded Chicken Breast, Wild Rice, Broccoli or Carrots Breadsticks	4 Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Baked Beans	5 Chicken Wil Rice Soup, H & C Sandwich, Goldfish Crackers, Broccoli & Cauli	6 Bosco Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Mixed Veggies	7 BBQ Pork <u>Sandwich, Potato</u> Wedges, Peas	8 <u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of
9	10 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Peas Dinner Roll	11 Burrito with Fixings, Black Beans	12 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Brussel Sprouts, Corn, Cheese Cup, Garlic Bread	13 Chicken Taco w/ Fixings, Garbonzo Beans, Corn Salsa	14 Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Carrots	15 fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components
16	¹⁷ NO SCHOOL	18 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Goldfish, Veggies & Dip	19 Chicken Fajita w/ Fixings, Black Bean Salsa	20 Drummies, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn	21 Turkey Ham Sub with Fixings, Pickles Cole Slaw Cookie	22 5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a
23	24 Hot Dog with A Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad	25 Chicken Strips, Rice, Cali Veggie Blend, Carrots, Breadstick	26 Hamburger on a Bun, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Corn	27 FARM 2 SCHOOL Chicken Alfredo Noodles, Garlic Breadstick, Blueberry Bar, Broccoli & Carrots	28 Stuffed Crust Pizza Corn, Green Beans	29 One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.

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	ISD	#2 Ac	ctivitie	<u>es Feb</u>	ruary	2020
Let's Go	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HORNETS &	2				NO ELEMENTARY	1 BBB vs Cook County A & B AWAY 1:30
2 OPEN		4 GBB vs	5 OPEN	6 BBB vs S. Bay	7 SCHOOL BBB vs	8 Archery
GYM BASKETBALL 6-8		McGregor AB & JH HOME 5:45	GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	AB AWAY 4:45 GBB vs S. Bay AB AWAY 4:45	Chisholm AB & JH HOME 5:45	Tournament
9 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	10 BBB vs LaPorte AB & JH HOME 5:45	11 GBB vs LFBF A only AWAY 5:45	12 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	13 GBB vs Nevis AB & JH HOME 5:45	14 North and AB & JH AWAY	15 3D Archery Tournament
16 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	17 BBB vs Carlton AB & JH HOME 5:45 NO SCHOOL	18 GBB vs Hink Fin. A & B AWAY 5:45	19 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	20 GBB vs Onamia AB & JH HOME 5:45	21 BBB vs Onamia AB & JH AWAY 5:45	22
23 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	24 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.	25 ACT Testing BBB vs McGregor AB & JH HOME 5:45	26 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	27 BBB vs South Ridge AB & JH AWAY 5:45	ABC AWARDS	29