

December



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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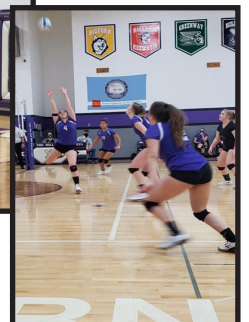
### FOOTBALL

and

### Volleyball Teams



## On your "20-20" Seasons



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### **Committee Assignments for 2020**

**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

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Policy Committee

**Representative**

Mark Meyer

Sue Kaslow, Mark Meyer and  
Jay Zapzalka (Sarah Kingsley, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Mark Meyer (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Bambi Lange and Joell Miranda  
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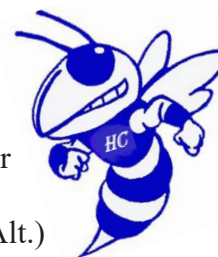
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## **For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts**

**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
KBAI	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 generally sent out by 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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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 Sue Kaslow at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approved the Agenda with corrections.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*August 2020 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 09/10/20;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers will be reported next month;
  - \*Cash receipts for the month of August 2020
3. Recognitions: Cross Country Coaches/ Athletes
4. No comments or requests from visitors.
5. There was no report from the School Attorney.
6. Transportation Report: Busses are running really well. Wednesday Food deliveries are going well. Summer lunch program (lunches and breakfast are free) through December 31st. 25 Kids per bus. May need extra transportation for some sport events.
7. Curriculum Report: None to Report
8. School and Community Health Committee: None to Report
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: None to Report
10. Community Education Report: Approved the Annual Report
11. Principal's Report: Review County numbers, Football and Volleyball are back

on.

12. Approved the Second Reading of the 808 COVID-19 Face Covering Policy.
13. Approved hiring Brianna Finke as 1 FTE temporary K-12 Paraprofessional for the 20-21 School Year per the AFSCME Agreement.
14. Approve hiring Lauren Hidde as 1 FTE Early Childhood Paraprofessional starting the 20-21 School Year per the AFSCME Agreement.
15. Reviewed the Preliminary Seniority Lists. No action taken. List goes to HCUE
16. Discussed and Approved Memorandum of Understanding to the HCUE Agreement for the back-to-school-in-person, Hybrid and Distance Learning instructional Models for the 20-21 School Year.
17. Superintendent Rendle recommends the Board set the Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2020 Payable 2021 at the Maximum.
18. Approved to hold the Truth in Taxation Meeting on December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hill City School Community Education Room # 203 at which time the Budget and Levy will be discussed and the Public will be allowed to speak.
19. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: The Truth in Taxation Meeting will be held on Tuesday December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hill City Community Education Room # 203 at which time the Budget and the Levy will be discussed and the public will be allowed to speak.
20. Approved the Early Childhood Coordinator two year agreement beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.
- 21 Approved hiring Mendy Oukrop as English Credit Recovery Teacher Aide for 1.5 hours per day while school is in session on Mondays starting September 21, 2020 through January 5, 2021 with pay of \$14.96 per hour.



22. Approved the Resignation of Lisa Cannella as Yearbook Advisor and Approved to Post for this Position.

23. Approved hiring Amanda Rutanen as Girls JH Volleyball Coach starting the 20-21 School Year per the HCUE Agreement.

24. Meetings to be attended and Meetings Attended:

\*MSBA Virtual Phase II and IV Workshops offered.

Please see Jodi for more information and/or to sign up.

\*The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

25. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

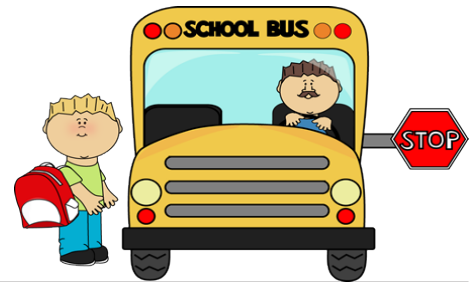
Respectfully Submitted: Joell Miranda, Clerk.

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!*



## 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.)

**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?

## 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***

# 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

**A**n 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?*



# 2021 Yearbooks on sale NOW!!



**Earlybird price of \$25 through Jan 15th!**

Prices increase as the year goes on so order early for the best price.

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2. Complete the form  return it to the office or Ashley Nutter in room 115.

Any questions please contact [anutter@isd002.org](mailto:anutter@isd002.org)  
697-2394 ext 100

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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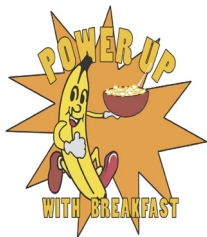
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# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu December 2020



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cereal, Graham Cracker	2 Muffin, Cheese Stick	3 Cinnamon Bagel, Cheese Stick	4 Breakfast Pizza	5 
<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	7 Strawberry Pancakes, Raisins	8 Cereal, Graham Cracker	9 Cereal Bar	10 Yogurt, Graham Cracker, Raisins	11 Cinnamon Rolls	12 Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
<b>fruit or veggie &amp; a minimum of 2 other full meal components</b>	14 Cereal Bar	15 Maple Pancakes	16 Cereal, Graham Cracker, Raisins	17 French Toast Bites, Craisins	18 Breakfast Pizza	19
<b>4 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a</b>	21 Cereal Bar	22 Cinamon Roll	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
<b>One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.</b>	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL		Menu subject to change at anytime

# ISD #2 Lunch Menu December 2020

## Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of		1 Riblet Sandwich, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Pear	2 Salami & Cheese Sandwich, Chex Mix, Celery & Dip Pear Cup	3 Creamy Ch. Wild Rice Soup, Grilled Cheese, Carrots, Goldfish, Strawberry Cup	4 Chicken Quesadilla w/ Fixings, Corn, Pineapple, Madarine Oranges	
<b>fruit or veggie &amp; a minimum of 2 other full meal components.</b>	7 Breaded Chicken Sandwich, L.T.O. Peas, Carrots, Applesauce, Peaches	8 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Green Beans, Fruit	9 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli and Dip Banana	10 Turkey Taco Soft/Hard w/ Fixing Corn, Salsa, Kiwi, Madarine Oranges	11 Sloppy Joes on a Bun, Slice of Cheese, Fries, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Orange	<b>Fruit &amp; Milk Served Daily with Lunch</b>
<b>5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a</b>	14 Chicken Strips, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Carrots, Fruit	15 French Bread Pizza, Sauce, Cali Veggie Blend, Applesauce, Orange	16 Uncrustables, Carrots, Celery & Dip, Apple	17 Beef Gravy on Mashed Potatoes, Corn or Gr. Beans, Roll, Peaches	18 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Goldfish, Veggies & Ranch Fruit	19
<b>One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.</b>	21 Sausage Pizza, Veggies & Ranch, Orange or Pineapple	22 Hamburger on a Bun, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Pears, Apple	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
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For the Full Non-Discrimination statement see: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/FNS/CivilRight/048413>

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## Haypoint Jackpine Youth Snowmobile Safety Training



Date: January 2

Time: 9:00 a.m

Where: Haypoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club  
in Hill City, MN

Ages 11 and up

This class follows the On-line training -

\*Print and bring the certification upon completing the  
On-line training course.

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H) 218-845-2494 or C) 218-839-5894

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\* Changes may occur due to COVID-19 restrictions