

COMMUNITY NEWS

2018

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HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL Third Quarter 2017-2018

Grade 12

Izabella Bishop Nathaniel Hilton Harry Nelson Vienna Solie Joy Thompson



Austin Decker Dylan Hronoski James Kuhlmann Frank Nelson Colton Rabey Shawn Stawarski

Grade 11

Taya Gilmer Sigrid Jewett Grace Kuhlmann KC Martin Jessica Ruff Raelyn Schuety

В **Bailey Broussard** Athena Dunham Kailee Hannula Alaina Moren

Grade 10

Luke Ahonen Johnathan Gowell Hannah James Isabelle Schuety

Kaitlin Klennert Cole Miranda Leena Solie Amber St. Martin



Congratulations!

Grade 9 Α

Hunter Ahonen Tucker Holm

В

Endonnis Crow Ghost Travis Johnson Zena Kendall Mavcee Lathrop Ava Raschke

Grade 8

Bailey Blackwood Angel Holm Sarah James Dari Okerstrom Savanna Wheeler

В

Mackenzie Casper Mariah Eisenmenger Mackenzie Finke Hunter Johnson Ava Klennert Sydnie Moren Taylor Wagner

Grade 7

Α

Emma Finke Kira Schuety

Saige Ahonen Cassandra Ashton Kyle Grimsbo

Rilev Holm Raven Miranda Randi Wilson

Grade 6

Emmett Bray Brooklyn Harcey Jax Neary Shaley Pearson

В

Emily Grimsbo Easton Kingsley Starr Stimson

Hill City School Board

Sue Kaslow, Chairman Joell Miranda, Clerk Bambi Lange, Treasurer

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Committee Assignments for 2018

<u>Committee</u> <u>Representative</u>

MSHSL Mark Meyer

Negotiations Committee Jay Zapzalka, Dorie Barnes and Mark Meyer (Sue Kaslow, Alt.)

Curriculum Committee Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
Community Education Advisory Council Mark Meyer (Joell Miranda, Alt.)

Meet and Confer Dorie Barnes and Joell Miranda

(Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Staff Development Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
School and Community Health Team Joell Miranda and Dorie Barnes

Recertification Committee Bambi Lange

ARCC Sue Kaslow

Comparable Worth Dorie Barnes
NESC Board Sue Kaslow

Safety/Transportation Committee Jay Zapzalka Athletic Advisory Committee Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative Bambi Lange (Mark Meyer, Alt.)

For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

KADIO 21AHUI	19	INSTANT ALEKT	I A 2 I A I I I N 2	
RADIO USA	99.9 FM	Infinite Campus' Voice	WDIO/WIRT	
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM	Messenger system will	KDLH	
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM	call parents between	KBJR	
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM	5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for	WCCO	
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM	school closings.	****	
-		school closings.		

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.



(Dorie Barnes, Alt.)

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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 Vice Chairman Jay Zapzalka at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Jay Zapzalka, Joell Miranda, Dorie Barnes, Bambi Lange, and Mark Meyer. Board Members absent: Sue Kaslow. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Pat Rendle, Assistant Principal Andy Dokken, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Building & Grounds Director Eric Hill and other staff and visitors.

- 1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
- 2. Approved the following:
 - *February 2018 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 03/12/2018;
 - *Investments and wire transfers:
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
- 3. FJJ Construction update.
- 4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
- 5. Transportation Report: Eric reported on the need for extra space to store things this summer. Approved to wave June, July and August lease with NorTran to have total control of the bus garage to use for storage.
- 6. Swarm Student Leadership: None.
- 7. Curriculum Committee: None.
- 8. School and Community Health Committee: Joell Miranda reported that the Health Fair was a success. Two hundred twenty-two (222) fair goers attended with twenty-two (22) exhibitors.
- 9. Safety/Transportation Committee: They met on March 6, 2018. They discussed the school safety/lockdown proceedings. They are reaching out to MN School Safety Center to get more ideas and resources for our school.
- 10. Negotiation Committee: Approved HCUE memo of understanding for the 2017-2019 Master Agreement. A copy of said 2017-2019 Memo of Understanding is attached to the Minutes and made a part thereof.
 - Approved the Building & Grounds Director 2017-2019 Contract. A copy of the Building & Grounds

Contract is attached to the Minutes and made a part thereof.

Approved the 2017-2019 AFSCME Contract. A copy of the AFSCME Contract is attached to the Minutes and made a part thereof.

Negotiation committee meetings were set for superintendent/principal at 6:00 p.m. and business manager at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, and assistant principal on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

- 11. Community Education Report: Community Education Programmer Tami Meyer reported on current activities: open gym is done the end of April, homework help is still going on and archery's 3D tournament went well with 106 archers and approximately 300 people. The State Archery tournament was last weekend. Thor Dunham took third place for the junior high boys and is going to Nationals in May. Elementary through 6th/Middle School took 10th place. Beginning band is going well, JO volleyball practice has started, Leapin Leprechaun went very well and AARP is April 19. Upcoming activities are: spring elementary volleyball starts April 7, Baton on April 11, Firearm Safety on April 12, Girl Camp on April 28th at LLCC and summer ball starts the end of May. Due to construction, we will not be doing the Bike rodeo. We will make this an every other year event.
- 12. Early Childhood Report: Kathy Carroll gave a written report. Three year olds have been coming three days a week for two months now and have adjusted well. Some of the parents have decided to have their children come less than three days or just do half days. The budget review is done and discussed the many variables and how difficult doing this budget is. She discussed how many days are best for three year olds next year and what will be needed for classrooms. The budgets for next year are already being worked on. The Blandin Grant is due June 1st this year so she has started to work on that. Kindergarten Round-Up is set for April 27, 2018.
- 13. Building & Grounds Director Report: Building & Grounds Director Eric Hilll and Aaron reported on the commons floor tile change order. Approved the change order #002 Commons area tile for \$86,305.00 to Dorholt.

LTFM: with moving timelines around to accommodate for changes and improvements

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA (Continued)

throughout the school, pricing came in very favorable because of other construction going on. Over a ten (10) year span, it will be a savings of over 150,000.00.

Accept and revise FY18 LTFM plan for final revision in June.

Hill City received the Blandin Grant for \$150,000.00.

Mark Meyer was appointed as the alternate for the Core Leadership committee.

- 15. Superintendent/Principal's Report: No IASC update: Superintendent Rendle reported on the possibility of our business teacher being hired elsewhere. Discussed some options if this happens.
- 16. Approved hiring Shari Nelson as Prom Advisor for the 2017-2018 school year with a salary as per the current Master Agreement.
- 17. Approved hiring Chuck Holm as Assistant HCN Storm Baseball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year with a salary as per the current Master Agreement.
- 18. Tabled hiring a Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2017-2018 school
- 19. Approved hiring Frankie Dunham as Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year with a salary as per the current Master Agreement.
- 20. Discussion was held on our activities programs and coaching possibly cooping in boys and girls basketball. Superintendent/Principal Rendle and Assistant Principal Dokken will research this option.
- 21. Approved hiring Lisa Cannella as Home Bound Instructor for 5.0 hours per week plus 1 hour of prep, starting March 27, 2018 with pay as per hourly rate of pay.
- 22. Approved hiring Pamela Korhonen as Home Bound Instructor for 5.0 hours per week plus 1 hour of prep, starting March 27, 2018 with pay as per hourly rate of pay.
- 23. Accepted the letter of resignation from Chad Lathrop as of February 28, 2018.
- 24. Approved hiring of Brandi Caverly as long term substitute paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
- 25. Adopted the Resolution to Expel Student "HC X1- 18" for a period of Twelve Months. A copy of said Resolution to Expel Student "HC X1 18"

- for a Period of Twelve Months is attached to the Minutes and made a part thereof.
- 26. Adopted the Resolution to Expel Student "HC X2
 18" for a Period of Twelve Months. A copy of said Resolution to Expel Student "HC X2 18" for a Period of Twelve Months is attached to the Minutes and made a part thereof.
- 27. Dorie Barnes will be attending the Phase III training in Bemidji on April 13, 2018.
- 28. Approved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:22 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.

We are ready for Spring.

Whenever I attend a meeting and need to introduce myself. I always say, "Pat Rendle, Superintendent of Hill City Schools the "Gem of the North". I've done it so much, if I miss a meeting they might ask, "Where is the Gem of the North". I feel this way for many different reasons.

First the students. We have a very kind, grateful student body. This is most evident to me when a new student joins our Hill City family. Sometimes kids will start mid-year, which can be difficult. At "The Gem of the North", they are welcomed and included.

Second, the parents and community. You are very supportive of your students and the school. I walk in everyday past a project which showed how much you cared about our kids. The patience you have shown this year during the construction phase has been commendable.

We gave some of our students a tour of the new addition today and they were in awe. Full of questions and excitement. I wish everyone who supported this project could enjoy those moments. This fall at our open house will be a great opportunity to see the finished product.

Finally our staff. I work with many wonderful people who care deeply about their students. Their creative, gritty approach to education is second to none. Hill City School is a great place for a child to receive an education.

"The Gem of the North".

- Mr. Rendle









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Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

ASSET #16: High Expectations

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when both parents and teachers encourage young people to do well.

41% 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. "High expectations" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.

" Based on Search feetitute eyo of elmost 100,000 6th to 12th-grade goath throughout the United States.

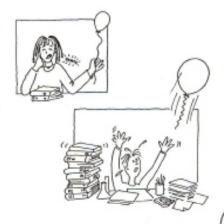
Expecting the Best

Then you give a child a helium-filled balloon, it brings great joy. But if the balloon is losing air and gradually deflates, the child

becomes frustrated. If the balloon is difficult to hang on to and floats away, the child cries.

A balloon is like expectations. If they're too low or too high, they're not helpful. But if the expectations are high-yet still within reach—the child holds the taut string of the balloon with an arm extended up. Expectations should make our children stretch but also still be able to see what they're stretching toward.

Expectations should differ based on each child's temperament, abilities, gifts, and talents. A natural-born athlete who is bored in physical education, goofs around most of the time, and still gets an 'A," doesn't have high enough expectations set on her. The dyslexic child who struggles to keep up with the state standards of reading for his age has expectations placed upon him that are too



high-that may be out of reach.

High expectations can bring out the best in our children, yet expectations constantly need to



be evaluated and revamped so that they encourage our children without discouraging them, and so that they challenge our children without frustrating them. What do you expect of your child?

Helpful Hints

Tips that make setting high expectations with your child easier:

- Educate yourself on child development so you know what's realistic.
- Continue to look for creative and new ways to stimulate your child.
- Periodically check out your expectations with your child.
- Allow your child to make mistakes and learn from them.

time together

Three ways to set high but reasonable expectations with your child:

- Talk about inspirational stories of people who overcame the odds or did surprising things.
- Encourage your child to tackle
- . subjects and hobbies that are difficult. Work together.
- Model how you're currently) stretching yourself.

A Progress Report

Examine your expectations of your child in each of the following areas:



EXPECTATION	Child seems stretched	Child seems bored	Child seems overv
Social skills			
Academics			
Physical health			
Hobbies			
Extracurricular activitie	es 🗅		

Quick Tip: High expectations enhance a child's sense of being capable.

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talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What do you think we expect of your home, at school, in the community? Are those expectations realistic? Why or why not?
- Where do you feel bored? Where do you feel defeated? Why?
- How can we set high expectations together that are realistic, yet challenging?

What About You?

Our expectations of our children often come from the expectations we as parents received when we were children. What did your parents expect of you as a child? As a teenager? How realistic were those expectations? How are those expectations affecting your parenting?

More Stuff You Can Use

Awaken Your Child's Natural Genius. This book suggests creative ways to enhance your child's learning ability, curiosity, and creativity. (Available from Jeremy P. Tarcher Books, Penguin Putnam Publishing Group, 390 Murray Hill Parkway, East Rutherford, NJ 07073; 1-800-631-8571.)

FINAL WORD

"Have high expectations. But make them realistic." -Thomas Armstrong, author of Awakening Your Child's Natural Genius

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May 28th

HILL LAKE CEMETARY 10:00 AM

MACVILLE CEMETARY 10:45 AM

> VETERANS PARK 11:30 AM



MAY IS



BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.ASHA.ORG

Or Contact: Paula Nix-Vroman, M.S.-CCC Speech Clinician, Hill City School 218-697-2394 ext. 173 https://nix-vroman002.weebly.com/

Has your child **Lost** something and it seems no where to be **Found**?



Donated to the local

Thrift Store or the Salvation Army

Hill City Family Literacy Night



Book-nic



PreK-Grade 3 Students and Parents
Thursday, May 3
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Hill City School Cafeteria and Commons

Please join us for an evening of reading, books, games, and food.

Weather permitting, some activities will be held outside so we can enjoy the spring weather.

A free hot dog picnic will be served.

Child Care provided for the little ones.

1ST ANNUAL ATV MEMORIAL RUN

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY MEMORIAL RIDES

THIS YEAR'S RUN IS IN HONOR OF JIM BRAY

SATURDAY MAY 19th in Hill City MN

Sign up at 10:00—HARRY'S BAR

Ride leaves at 11:00 sharp

COST IS \$20/MACHINE & \$10/PASSENGERS

We will ride to the CORNER CLUB then head back to KNUCKLEHEADS.

Meal will be served at Knucklehead's with Door Prizes,
Drawings and Auction items.

All the proceeds will be going to the ACS HOPE LODGE IN MINNEAPOLIS IN JIM'S NAME.

PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN US, TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!







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Organizations and Event

North Central MN Farm and Antique Association

Education Day for school kids May 8 Swap Meet May 26 Both in Blackberry MN

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting is the second Thursday of the month May 10 at 7:00 at Jacobson Community Center.

Jacobson Seniors

Meets every Thursday for fun and fellowship. 10:00-2:00 with a potluck at noon.

ECR Library Outreach Program

East Central Regional Library Outreach will be at the Jacobson Community Center every other Thursday at 9:00- 9:30.

Dates are:

May 3, 17 and 31.
Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 at the Community Center.
If you are interested in joining our book club call Harriet at 752-6699.

Jacobson Civic Club

Meets on May 14 at 1:00 at the home of Hostess Pearl Michelson. Want to join us? Call Diane Hartwig 612-508-4158.

Jacobson Landing Recreation Area

Board Meetings at 7:00 p.m. at Jacobson Fire Hall on May 16.

RELAY OF VOICES

If you would like to share stories of Jacobson with Victoria Bradford, join us at the Jacobson Community Center on May 1 at 10:30.

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Interested in Joining the Jacobson Volunteer Fire and Rescue? Call Chief Dale Thompson 752-6560.

1st Thursday monthly: Business Meeting 3rd Thursday monthly: 1st Responder & Fire Training. Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00

For more information, call 218-426-4799, 218-752-1062, or 218-752-6618.

Jacobson Food Shelf

The Jacobson Food Shelf will be open on May 3 and 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmel Lutheran Church.

Jacobson Churches

Jacobson Community Church

The public is invited to the "little white church in downtown Jacobson."
Sunday mornings:
9:30 a.m. to 10:20 Sunday School for all ages
10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Worship
Bible study on Wed. evenings at 7:00 to 8:00
Pastor George Collins

Carmel Lutheran Church Everyone welcome.

Sunday mornings:
10:00 children's Sunday School
(1st & 3rd Sun)
11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship
WELCA meets the 1st Wednesday of the
month @ 9:30
Pastor Mark Wagner
218-246-3179

If you are interested in writing this Jacobson page, call Ginny Ekstrand 218-752-1111

Training available

POWER 1/3	ISD	#2 Bre	eakfas	t Men	u Mav	2018
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TEATURED ITTW		1 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	2 Mini Cinnamon Bagel, Cereal, Graham Cracker	3 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	4 Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	5
6	7 Muffins, Cereal, Graham Cracker	8 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	9 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Graham Cracker	Oatmeal, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	11 Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Cheese Stick Graham Cracker	Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
13 Menu subject to change at anytime	14 Chocolate Chip Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker	15 Oatmeal, Cereal, Yogurt Graham Cracker	16 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Graham Cracker	17 Oatmeal, Cereal Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	18 Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	19
20	21 Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker	22 Oatmeal, Cereal, Cheese Stick Graham Cracker	23 Apple Frudel, Cereal, Graham Cracker	24 Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	25 Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Cheese Stick Graham Cracker	26
27	NO SCHOOL	29 Cook's Choice	30 Cook's Choice	31 Cook's Choice		
IS	D #2 L	unch M	<u>1enu M</u>	ay 201	8	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of		1 Chili, Salad Bar, Corn Bread	2 Hot Dog or Brat w/ a Bun, Coleslaw Potato Salad	3 Burrito with fixings, Corn	4 Chicken Ala King, Biscuit, Peas, Salad	5
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	7 Italian Dunkers with Sauce, California Veggie Blend	8 Pork Gravy, Mashed Potato, Corn, Roll	9 Turkey Taco with Fixings, Salsa, Refried Beans	10 Chicken Veggie Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Salad	11 Pizza, Salad Bar	12 Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	14 Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Bread Stick, Coleslaw	15 Shrimp Poppers, Rice, Veggie Medley, Bread	16 Fajita with Fixings, Black Beans	17 FARM 2 SCHOOL	18 Build Your Own Sub Sandwich, Coleslaw	19
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	21 Chicken Nuggets Rice Pilaf, Roll Broccoli and Cheese	22 Chicken Quesadilla with Fixings	23 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Bread	24 Pork Taco with Fixings, Black Beans, Salsa	25 Cheese Burger, Bun, French Fries, Beans	Menu subject to change at anytime
27	NO SCHOOL	29 Chicken Wrap, Rice	30 Hot Dog on A Bun, Potato Salad, Beans	31 Pizza, Veggies		

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ISD #2 Activities May 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This information and more is also available on our Website: isd002.org		1 SB vs Deer River A & JH AWAY 4:30	2	3	4	Varsity SB Home Tourney 9:00 a.m. Prom 7:00 p.m.
6	7 SB vs McGregor A & JH HOME 4:30	8 SB vs Northland A & JH AWAY 4:30 BB vs Cherry A & JH HOME 5:00	9	10 SB vs Chisholm A & JH HOME 4:00 BB vs Deer River A & JH AWAY 4:30	11	SB Tourney Deer River 9:00
13	14 BB vs Crosby A & JH AWAY 4:30	15 SB vs Crosby JH HOME 4:00 BB vs Chisholm A & JH 4:30	16	17	18 BB vs Onamia A & JH HOME 4:30	JH BB Tourney HOME 10:00
	BB vs MIB A & JH AWAY 4:30 School Board 7:00	22 BB vs Barnum A & JH AWAY 4:30	23	24	25	26
	NO SCHOOL	29	30	31 LAST DAY of SCHOOL		All games are subject to change at any time

This Schedule is Very Tentative, and will most likely require changes and corrections. Please view the Activity Calendar on our website, which is kept as up to date as we are able. Thank You for your Patience.