January COMMUNITY NEWS



Hill City School Board

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Committee Assignments for 2015

Committee

MSHSL Negotiations Committee

System Accountability 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

Representative

Mark Meyer Sue Kaslow, Jay Zapzalka, and Mark Meyer (Brent Welk, Alt.) Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.) Mark Meyer (Joell Miranda, Alt.) Mark Meyer and Bambi Lange (Joell Miranda, Alt.) Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.) Joell Miranda and Mark Meyer Brent Welk Sue Kaslow Brent Welk Sue Kaslow Jay Zapzalka Brent Welk, Jay Zapzalka, and Mark Meyer Sue Kaslow (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO	USA	99.9 FM					
KOZY	Grand Rapids	1320 AM					
KMFY	Grand Rapids	96.9 FM					
WTBX	Grand Rapids	93.9 FM					
KAXE	Grand Rapids	91.7 FM					

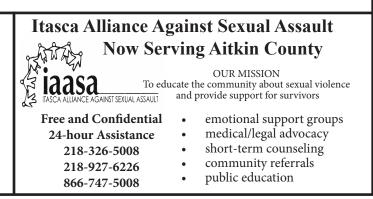
INSTANT ALERT Infinite Campus' Voice Messenger system will call parents between 5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for school closings.

TV STATIONS WDIO/WIRT KDLH

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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 generated 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.



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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, November 28,2016.

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

- 1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
- 2. Approved the following:

*Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2016; *Minutes of the Workshop Session of November 9, 2016;

*Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 17, 2016 *Current bills through 11/10/2016;

*Investments and wire transfers;

*Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;

*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.

- 3. Approved the 2015-2016 Audit Report. Thank You to Business Manager Ellie Hill for the great job on the Audit.
- 4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
- 5. Transportation Report: Sue Kaslow would like to see a policy written on our bus route limits by the January Board meeting.
- 6. Swarm Student Leadership: None to Report.
- 7. Curriculum Committee: None to Report.
- 8. School and Community Health Committee: They met on November 15, 2016. They met the new Aitkin County Health Educator, Hannah Colby. She was updated on what our group does and has done. Tom Faseland discussed vision screening. He will set a date and time with the School Nurse to bring equipment to administer screenings. Jodi Nordlund discussed possible up and coming programs she would like to bring to Hill City School through Community Ed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.
- 9. Safety/Transportation Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2016.
- 10. Negotiation Committee: None to Report.
- Community Education Report: Open gym, homework help, and archery are all going on now. Sixty-four (64) archers are signed up. December 6, 2016 is the Holiday Make and Take for pre-school through 5th grade from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- 12. Building and Grounds report: Building and Grounds Director Eric Hill reported that repairs and updates have been made on the basket winch, wall and storm damage, dugouts and the porpane tank. The State Fire Marshall had a visit and it went well. Mike Christianson

from the Crisis Team was at the School on November 21, 2016 and he is going over new procedures. The small gym floor had damage from snow coming in. The insurance company has been contacted.

- 13. Superintendent/Principal Report: No IASC update at this time.
- 14. Approved the IASC Telepresence Classes Professional Service Agreemnet.
- 15. Approved the final seniority list for the 2016-2017 school year with corrections.
- 16. Approved hiring Adam Johnson as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary as per current HCUE Master Agreement.
- 17. Approved hiring Deb Murphy as Girls' and Boys" Basketball Score Bookkeeper, Alan Olson as Girls' and Boys' Basketball Scoreboard Operator, and Patty Valley as ticket taker for winter sports for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary of \$30.00 per night.
- 18. The hiring Tami Meyer as ticket taker for winter sports was tabled until the next board meeting.
- 19. First reading of Policy #2024-F Head Baseball Coach job description.
- 20. Discussion was held on the baseball coaching positions.
- 21. Motion to post for Head Baseball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with salary as per current HCUE Agreement.
- 22. Discussion was held on the ISD #2 Strategic Educational Facility Plan.
- 23. Motion Carried to approved the Resolution Approving an Educational Facility Imporovement Plan.
- 24. Motion to post for a teacher ide for after school Social Studies Credit Recovery starting second semester for 1.5 hours per day on Thursdays.
- 25. No action at this time on the possible purchase of a new water softener.
- 26. Motion to post for a full time teacher aide to start as soon as position is filled with pay as per current AFSCME contract.
- 27. Truth in Taxation meeting is scheduled along with the Regual Board Meeting in December on December 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- 28. The 2017 MSBA Leadership Conference is January 12-13 2017. Bambi Lange, Doris Barnes, Joell Miranda, and Superintendent/Principal Pat Rendle plan on attending.
- 29. The Organizational Meeting was set for January 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- 30. A Phase 2 negotiation meeting for Sue Kaslow, Mark Meyer, Superintendent/Principal Pat Rendle, Business Manager Ellie Hill, and Building & Gronds Director Eric Hill with FJJ was set for December 7, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
- 31. Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

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.

Blandin Foundation Education Grant deadline is March 1 Program helps put higher education within reach for area students

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn. (December 15, 2016) –Blandin Foundation's applications for need-based education grants are now available and are being accepted until March 1. Up to \$1 million will be granted to Itasca County area students pursuing higher education during the 2017-2018 school year.

The March 1, 2017 deadline is earlier than past years.

The education grant program is the longest-running program of the Blandin Foundation, with the first awards given in 1956 by founder Charles K. Blandin. Since then, more than 15,000 area youth have received scholarships totaling more than \$31 million.

"Our education grant program has a strong and important history with Itasca area communities," said Kathy Annette, president of the Blandin Foundation. "For 60 years we have worked with area students to help achieve their dreams of further education. Achievement of our young people was a great passion of Mr. Blandin's, as it is for the Foundation still today."

Grants are available to local students who will or have graduated from one of the following high schools: Grand Rapids, Bigfork, Deer River, **Hill City**, Greenway, Nashwauk-Keewatin, Remer, Blackduck, Northome, Bug-o-Nay-ge-Shig, Northern Lights Community School, and home-schooled students who could have attended school in one of the qualifying schools. To be eligible, students must be under the age of 25 as of September 1, 2017, be registered as a full-time student (12 credits per semester) at any accredited trade school or two-year or four-year college or university, and make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree program (at least a 2.0 GPA or higher).

Recipients are selected on a need-based system, and amounts are based on the federal government's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) formulas. Other factors considered include total cost of attendance (tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and miscellaneous expenses), family income, and number of siblings also attending college. Students can receive \$1,000 to \$4,500, and must reapply each year. The Foundation's education grants are available for a variety of forms of postsecondary (after high school) education, including college and university, community and technical colleges, and certificate programs.

Applications are available three ways. Students can pick them up at local high school counseling offices. They can be downloaded it from the Foundation's web site (http://blandinfoundation.org/ educationgrants). Or they can be requested from the Foundation directly by calling 218-326-0523 or by emailing educationgrants@BlandinFoundation.org. Located in Grand Rapids, Minn., Blandin Foundation is one of only a handful of foundations in the U.S. focused exclusively on rural communities and the largest rural-based private foundation in Minnesota. The Foundation seeks and supports vibrant rural Minnesota communities.

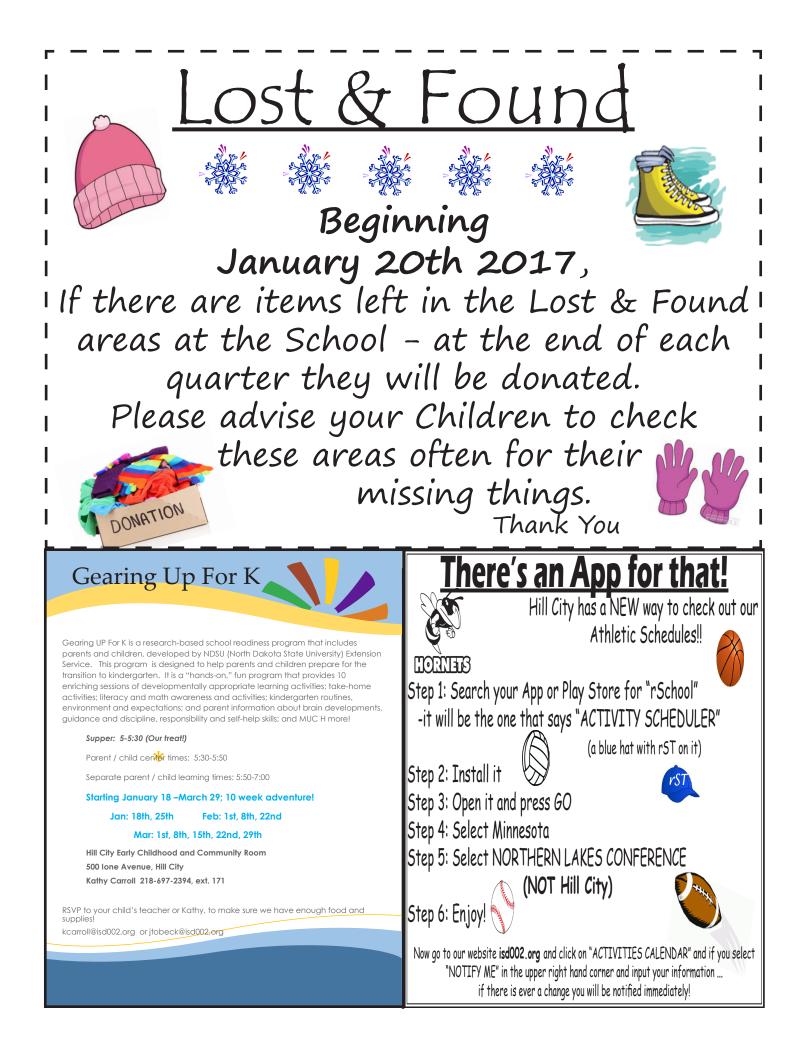
For additional information, media contact: Allison Rajala Ahcan 218-326-0523 arahcan@blandinfoundation.org www.BlandinFoundation.org



News about the

Newsletter...

Starting this month we will be spreading the School's News a little farther than just the Website, Roadside and the Post Office!! There will be Manila Envelopes dispursed in more places around town - FILLED with Newsletters for your enjoyment. Please be patient~ we are trying our best to get you the News in the most efficient way possible! ~Thank You



Newsletter #8 COMA deas for narents Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

ASSET #6: Parent Involvement in Schooling

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their parents are involved in their education and school.

> 29% 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. "Parent involvement in schooling" is one of six support assets

* Based on Search Institute range of elmost 100,000 6th to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States

Becoming a School Partner

t's a downward trend. As children start kindergarten, parents are quite involved with their education. We attend parent-teacher conferences, cheer on our children at school concerts and events, and hang up schoolwork in the family kitchen gallery: the refrigerator.

As children become older, parents grow farther away from school. Kids seems to be doing well without our involvement. They're supposed to be independent. Right?

Yes, but not by a parental retreat. Kids need their parents to stay actively involved in their education throughout middle and high school

Parents can easily stay involved in small ways that will make a big difference. For example:

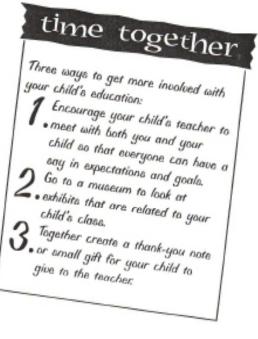
- Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher(s). Call to check in every other month. Call before trouble appears.
- Join a parent-teacher organization. If you can't volunteer a lot of time, say so.
- Volunteer to help out in small ways. Check with the teacher or the school's volunteer coordinator.

The CHALLENGE

Most youth don't have parents who are active in their schooling. Only 29% of young people experience this asset. And involvement drops dramatically across the middle and high school years, from 44% of 6th graders having this asset to only 17% of 12th graders.



- Attend all conferences. If you can't make it on the designated date, arrange to meet at another time.
- · Talk with your child about her or his homework-focus more on the issues and topics than specific assignments.



Benefits of Staying Involved



When parents participate in their children's education—even in small ways—children can reap great benefits. Search Institute researchers found that when parents stay involved, young people are:

- Motivated to do well in school.
- More committed to pursuing education after high school.
- Less likely to use alcohol, become violent, or engage in antisocial behaviors.
- More likely to be involved in positive school activities.



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More Stuff You Can Use

The U.S. Department of Education has a number of free publications on family involvement in learning available by calling 1-800-USA-LEARN.

talk together

- Questions to discuss with your child: • In what ways would you like me (us) to
- be involved with your school? • What do you like about other parents who help out at school?
- What would make school more enjoyable?
 Why?

Final Word

"Forge a partnership with your child's other educators from the start." —Jacqulyn Saunders, author of *Bringing Out the Best*, a parenting book

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JACOBSON COMMUNITY NEWS

JANUARY 2017

Organizations and Events

Jacobson Community Center Annual Meeting January 8, 2017 1:30 Appetizers/Social Hour 2:00 Annual Meeting

NCMnFAA-farm and Antique Association

at Blackberry meeting Jan. 2nd at 7pm Sunday Brunch January 8, 9:00 to noon.

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting is the second Thursday of the month January 12, at the Jacobson Community Center for the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

ECR Library Outreach Program

ECR Library Outreach will be at the Jacobson Community Center every other Thursday at 9:00. January 12th and 26th

Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 at the Community Center.

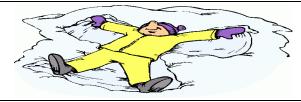
If you are interested in joining our book club call Harriet at 752-6699.

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on January 9, at Jacobson Community Center, 1:00 p.m. Want to join us? Call Sandy Brown 752-1070

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



Jacobson Food Shelf

The Jacobson Food Shelf will be open in December on the 5th and 19th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmel Lutheran Church.

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

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

Carmel Lutheran Church Everyone welcome.

Sunday mornings: 11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship WELCA meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 9:30 Pastor Mark Wagner 218-246-3179 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 P.M.

Jacobson Landing Recreation Area

Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall, January 25, 2017

Jacobson Seniors

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



	ISD #2	Breakf	ast Men	u Januar	y 2017	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker	4 Maple Pancakes, Cereal. Graham Cracker	5 Oatmeal, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	6 WG Cinnamon Roll, Cereal Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	
	9 Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker	10 Oatmeal, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	11 Breakfast Sliders Cereal Graham Cracker	12 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	13 WG Cinnamon Roll, Cereal Yogurt Graham Cracker	Fruit, Juice & Milk Served Daily with Breakfast
	16 NO SCHOOL	17 Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker	18 French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Graham Cracker	19 Oatmeal, Cereal, Yogurt Graham Cracker	20 WG Cinnamon Roll, Cereal Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	
	23 NO SCHOOL	24 Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker	25 Strawberry Pancake, Cereal, Graham Cracker	26 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker	27 WG Cinnamon Roll, Cereal Yogurt Graham Cracker	Menu subject to change at anytime
	30 Muffin, Cereal, Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	31 Oatmeal, Cereal Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker				
	ISD #	#2 Luncl	h Menu	January	2017	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Chicken Nuggets Sw. Potato Tots, Peas, Applesauce	4 BBQ Pork on a Bun, Green Beans	5 Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Salad Bar	6 Cheese Burger, WG Bun, LTO, Fries	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	9 Chicken Strips, Rice, Carrots & Broccoli, Oranges & Pears	10 Veggie Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Salad Bar	11 Beef Taco w/ the fixings, Black Beans, Corn	12 BBQ Pork on a Hoagie Bun, Potato Salad, Veggie Sticks	13 Breakfast For Lunch	Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	16 NO SCHOOL	17 Sweet & Sassy Chicken Breast, Rice, Carrots	18 Pepperoni Pizza, Broccoli, Salad Bar	19 Meatballs, Mashed Potaoes Gravy, Peas, Roll FARM2SCHOOL	20 Chicken ala King, Coleslaw, Peas	
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	23 NO SCHOOL	24 French Bread Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Peas, Potato Salad	25 Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad Bar	26 Chicken Wrap with Fixings, Broccoli, Pineapple	27 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Breadstick	
	30 Breaded Chicken Patty, WG Bun, Tater Tots, Corn	31 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Salad Bar		the Full Non D		

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*Girls Basketball -School Activities

~Boys Basketball

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Open Gym 6-8	2 NO SCHOOL	3 GBB vs Deer River HOME 5:45 AB JH	4 Open Gym 7-9	5 GBB vs Greenway AWAY 5:45 <u>AB JH</u> Organizational School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	7 BBB JH Tournament AWAY Bigfork TBD
8 Open Gym 6-8	9 BBB vs Menahga AWAY 5:30 AB JH	10 GBB vs LFBF AWAY 5:45 AB JH	11 Open Gym 7-9	12 GBB vs Nashwauk AWAY 5:45 AB JH	13 BBB vs Bigfork HOME 5:45 AB JH	14
15 Open Gym 6-8	16 NO SCHOOL	17 BBB vs Northwoods HOME 5:45 AB JH GBB vs Northland AWAY 5:45 AB JH	18 Open Gym 7-9	19 BBB vs Cherry AWAY 5:45 AB JH GBB vs Greenway HOME 5:45 AB JH	20 BBB vs Chisholm AWAY 5:45 AB JH	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 BBB vs Nashwauk	25 - 25 Open Gym 7-9	26 BBB & GBB vs LFBF HOME	27 BBB vs Lakeview Christian HOME	28
Winterfest	School Board 7:00 p.m.	BBB vs Nashwauk HOME 5:45 AB JH AB JH	Winterfest	5:45 A & B Winterfest	HOME 5:45 A & B	Con Contraction
29 Open Gym 6-8	30 GBB vs McGregor HOME 5:45 AB JH	31	Also check out our School's New Website: isd002.org The Activity Calendar tab is on the left.			Schedule Subject to Change at any time.