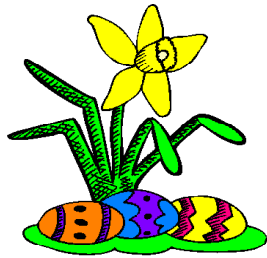


April



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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Kindergarten Round Up

The annual Kindergarten Round Up at the Hill City School is scheduled for April 28th 2017.

All of the children in the district who will be five years of age before September 1, 2016 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Parents will be contacted by letter with details about activities planned for the day. If you are new to the district, please call the school at 218-697-2394.

This is an important day in the lives of these children and their parents. The children will meet their fellow classmates and their teacher; the parents will receive information to help them get their kindergarten child off to a good start!

**We are looking forward to meeting all of
you!**



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Committee Assignments for 2017

Committee

MSHSL

Negotiations Committee

Curriculum Committee

Community Education Advisory Council

Meet and Confer

Staff Development

School and Community Health Team

Recertification Committee

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Safety/Transportation Committee

Athletic Advisory Committee

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Representative

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Mark Meyer (Dorie Barnes, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

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Dorie Barnes and Joell Miranda
(Bambi Lange, Alt.)

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For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

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
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.

Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault Now Serving Aitkin County



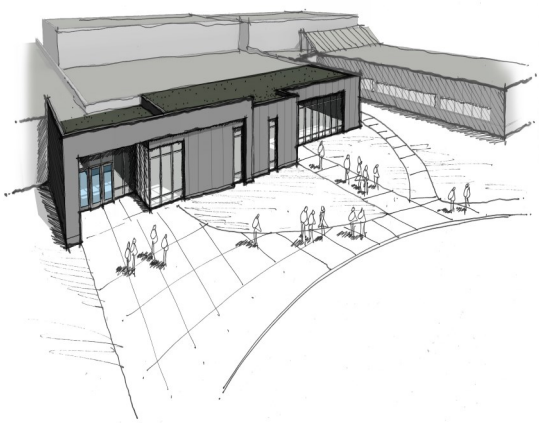
OUR MISSION
To educate the community about sexual violence
and provide support for survivors

Free and Confidential
24-hour Assistance
218-326-5008
218-927-6226
866-747-5008

- emotional support groups
- medical/legal advocacy
- short-term counseling
- community referrals
- public education



On May 2nd, voters who live within Independent School District 002 will decide whether we should fund a \$4 million improvement plan for the Hill City School. This is the first request from the School Board to increase local taxes for school improvements in nineteen years.



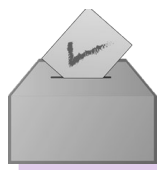
You can learn more about your tax impact by going to isd002.org and clicking on the tax calculator.

Election Information



Date:	May 2nd
Time:	10 am - 8 pm
Location:	Hill City School

Early Voting:
Starting March 17 at Hill City school or through Aitkin County.



REMEMBER — This is **YOUR** choice!
ISD 002 will only move forward if voters approve the plan on May 2nd. Get informed and make a choice!

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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Joell Miranda, Bambi Lange, Jay Zapzalka, Dorie Barnes and Mark Meyer. Board Members absent: None. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Pat Rendle, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Building & Grounds Supervisor Eric Hill, and other staff and visitors.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 17, 2017
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2017
 - *Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 9, 2017
 - *Bills presented for payment in January 2017
 - *Investments and wire transfers
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Sue Kaslow updated and informed the Board of the Hill City Endowment Fund Committee.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: No report.
6. Swarm Student Leadership: They have been discussing the updating/restructuring of the gym's 1000 point board.
7. Curriculum Committee: None.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Joell Miranda gave an overview of the meeting held on February 15, 2017. The next meeting is March 15, 2017 at 3:15 p.m.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017.
10. Negotiation Committee: Sue Kaslow stated that the negotiating committee is waiting to hear what the legislative changes will be made.
11. Community Education Report: Community Education Programmer Tami Meyer gave a written report.
12. Technology Coordinator Report: None to report.
13. Building & Grounds Report: Working on the presentation of LTFM.
14. Superintendent/Principal Report: Superintendent/Principal Rendle presented the Board with certificates of appreciation for School Board Recognition Week,
15. Last week's multi-district staff development day went very well. IASC is still working on strategic planning.
16. Discussion was held on donating the taxidermy animals so the school can use the space for displaying team spirit gear. Superintendent/Principal Rendle will check with the DNR on what we can do.
17. Discussion on the 1000 point scorers' plaques in the gym was done under Swarm Student Leadership.
18. Motion to approve the IASC Telepresence Classes Professional Services Agreement with ISD #319 Nashwauk-Keewatin for .12 FTE Spanish from November 14, 2016 of semester 1 and all of semester 2 of the 2016-2017 school year.
19. A copy of that Agreement will be made a part thereof.
20. Motion to approve the following policies: #102 Equal Educational Opportunity, #401 Equal Employment Opportunity, #402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy, #413 Harassment and Violence, #521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination, #522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination, #531 Pledge of Allegiance, #707 Transportation.
21. Motion to approve dropping Ameriprise Financial Services as one of our approved 403b vendors and adding Horace Mann as one of the five approved vendors.
22. Motion to accept the letter of retirement from Phil Kneeland as of June 30, 2017 and to post for a full time Band/Music/Choir/Teacher/Librarian position.
23. Motion to approve hiring Charles Holm as Assistant Storm Baseball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with pay as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.
24. Motion to approve hiring Kevin Murphy as Junior High Storm Baseball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with pay as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.
25. Motion to approve hiring Adam Johnson as Head Storm Football Coach for the 2017-2018 school year with pay per the current HCUE Master Agreement and to post for assistant and Junior High Storm football coaches for the 2017-2018 school year.
26. Motion to approve hiring Deb Murphy as assistant Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with pay as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.
27. No action was taken on hiring a Junior High Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.
28. No action was taken on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
29. No action was taken on the Resolution to the

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

Termination and Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary Teacher.

30. Discussion was held on the sharing of Superintendent services with Northland Community Schools.
31. Motion to approve sharing Superintendent services with Northland Community Schools for two days per week from March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.
32. Joell Miranda attended the Healthy Schools Conference on February 23, 2017 in Brooklyn Center, MN.
33. Dorie Barnes is going to the negotiations seminar in Bemidji on March 6, 2017.
34. Motion to adjourn.
35. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 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.

HILL CITY THRIFT SHOP
MONTHLY STAFF MEETING
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA
February 22, 2017

The meeting was held in the basement of Hill City United Methodist Church with the following in attendance: Hazel Hess, Jeanette Huff, Karen Valley, Diane Hetletvedt, Cindy Rollins, Mark Holm, Nancy Hannah, Roger Lynn and manager Grace Quaas.

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed followed by a motion was made by Roger and second by Cinty to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Financial report included the following:

- balance on hand of \$1173.20 after bills were paid
 - donation of \$25 will be made to the school
- financial report was approved

Grace reported that she agreed to provide four prizes from the Thrift Shop for a benefit event to be scheduled in April for the Kathy Johnson family. Cindy and Diane will make a basket of towels.

It was noted that it is time to mark all winter merchandise at half price.

A discussion concerning the acquisition of a safe resulted in a decision to consult with Thrift Shop owner John in

order to obtain permission for bolting it to the floor. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Diane that if John gives permission for the installation of a lock box, Roger will buy one. Motion carried.

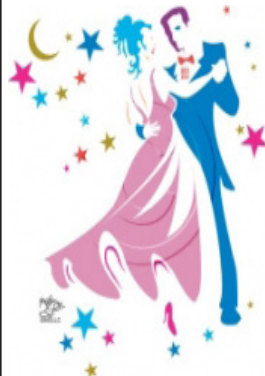
Cindy made a motion, seconded by Roger, that Thrift Shop hours be reduced to 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. during Standard Time, and remain at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during Daylight Saving Time. Motion carried. Note from secretary: During 2017, Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Harcey



Upcoming Events



Prom

May 6th 7:00 p.m.

@ Quadra Chalet

Graduation

June 2, 2016

7:00 p.m.



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #15:
Positive
Peer
Influence**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their best friends model responsible behavior.

60%
*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. "Positive peer influence" 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.

Photos of Friends: Snapshots of Responsibility

The best way to encourage children to choose positive, healthy relationships is to model them ourselves. Take out an old yearbook or photo album. Look at pictures of the friends you had as a teenager.

Think about the friends who acted in ways you admired. Most people can remember at least one person who always sensed when things weren't going well and called, sent a note, or showed up to find out what was wrong. Often, these are the people who turned out to be lifelong friends.

How about people who weren't such true friends? Was there someone who spread rumors about you, or talked behind your back? Did you ever have a friend who tried to get you to do things you didn't want to do? The pain of these kinds of experiences often teaches young people a lot about how they want to be treated by others.

No one forced you to like people who were



good to you, or feel angry at people who hurt you. You had to make your own choices about who your friends were. In the same way, we can't control who our children choose as friends. They are exploring their world, themselves, and the people around them. Sometimes they're attracted to people we don't approve of (and that, deep inside, they probably don't approve of either). Other times they say the 'good' kids are boring. However, if we model responsible relationships, talk to our children about how others act, and are involved in their lives, gradually they'll see that friends who act, talk, and think in positive ways will bring out the best in them.

Helpful Hints

Tips that encourage your child to choose responsible friendships:

- **Get to know your child's friends and their families. Point out what you like about them.**
- **Get to know the parents of your children's friends. Share your values and rules with them and ask them about theirs.**
- **Don't jump to conclusions based on what friends look like.**
- **Be honest with your child when you're concerned about a relationship.**

time together

Three ways to help your child choose responsible friends:

- 1** *Make sure your kids get to know your friends. The best way to teach is to be a role model.*
- 2** *Include your child's friends in some family activities. Get to know them.*
- 3** *Talk about your childhood friends and why some friendships ended.*

Newsletter Sponsors:

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ISD #1, Hill City ISD #2, McGregor ISD #4, Mille
Lacs Band District II, Aitkin County Corrections,
Aitkin County Health & Human Services)



What's Responsible?

Our children may need our guidance in choosing friends who model responsible behavior. Use this "responsible" checklist with your child to evaluate each friend. Discuss with your child what each word means:

- Reliable**
- Equal**
- Self-controlled**
- Principled**
- Open-minded**
- Nurturing**
- Sensible**
- Intuitive**
- Brave**
- Lovable**
- Ethical**

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Which of your friends do you most want to be like? Why?
- What bothers you about your friends? Why?
- How do you feel when you're with your friends? Do they bring out the best in you?

More Stuff You Can Use

Positive Peer Groups gives information on how to help youth work together to solve their own challenges. (Available from Johnson Institute, 7205 Ohms Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55439-2159; 1-800-231-5165.)

Quick Tip:
Examine your own friendships before you examine your child's.

Worth a Cheer



We often think of "peer pressure" only as a negative influence, but we can also think of time spent with friends who model healthy behavior as peer pressure. Of youth surveyed by Search Institute, 60% say they experience positive peer pressure, reporting that their best friends do well in school, don't use alcohol or other drugs, and don't get in trouble at school.

Final Word

"A friend is an extension of yourself, without which you are not complete."—Susan Polis Schutz, poet

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Benefit for the

Kathy (Wiswell) Johnson Family

April 15, 2017 from

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Grand Rapids Moose Club

On January 9th 2017. Kathy's home on East County Line Rd. in Hill City was completely destroyed by fire. Their family of 8 were left homeless. We are in need of raffle prizes and bake sale items for the benefit. Any donations may be left at Roadside in Hill City or Minnesota Direct in Grand Rapids

For more information contact:

Pat Wiswell (218)910-0466

The family will also need Spring and Summer clothing..

Darius (6) Dominic (8)

Damian (12) Garrett (17)

Felicity (3 months)

EASTER PARTY

Fun For all ages

At 3:00 p.m.

Jacobson Community Center

Pot Luck at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Everyone Welcome

Free Admission

Easter Egg Hunt,
Pictures with the Easter Bunny,
Prizes and more!

Donations accepted



JACOBSON COMMUNITY NEWS 2017

APRIL

Organizations and Events

Easter Party

Jacobson Community Center
April 8, 2017
3:00

Jacobson Seniors Spring Luncheon

April 20, 2017
Jacobson Community Center
Noon
Come early to socialize

NCMnFAA-farm and Antique Association at Blackberry Sunday Brunch April 9, 9:00 to noon.

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting is the second Thursday of the month April 9, 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. March 6th and 20th 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

We will meet at home of Pearl Michelson with a program on Hospice. April 10 at 1:00 for dessert and meeting. Call Sandy Brown 752-1070 for more information.

Jacobson Seniors

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

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 April 6th and 20th 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.

Lenten Services and Suppers

April 5
6:00 Supper
7:00 Service
Easter Service
11:00 a.m.

Sunday mornings:

11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship
WELCA meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 9:30
Pastor Mark Wagner
218-246-3179

Jacobson Landing Recreation Area

Looking for youth baseball coaches for the 2017 season. Please contact Michelle Nelson at 218-244-9719, if you are interested
Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
at the Fire Hall April 12



ISD #2 Breakfast Menu April 2017



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2	3 WG Muffins, Cereal, Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	4 Oatmeal, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Crakers	5 French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Cereal, Graham Cracker	6 Oatmeal, Cereal, Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	7 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Cereal, Graham Cracker	8 Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
9	10 WG Muffins, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	11 Oatmeal, Cereal, Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	12 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Graham Cracker	13 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	14 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick, Cereal, Graham Cracker	15
16	17 WG Muffins, Cereal, Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	18 Oatmeal, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	19 Maple Pancakes, Cereal, Graham Cracker	20 Oatmeal, Cereal Graham Cracker Cheese Stick	21 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Cereal, Graham Cracker	22
23 30	24 WG Muffins, Cereal, Yogurt, Graham Cracker	25 Oatmeal, Cereal, Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	26 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Graham Cracker	27 Oatmeal, Cereal, Cheese Stick, Graham Cracker	28 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick, Cereal, Graham Cracker	29 Menu subject to change at anytime



ISD #2 Lunch Menu April 2017

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Offer-vs-Serve Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of					1	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	3 Chicken Strips Rice, Broccoli, Breadstick	4 Chicken Wild Rice Soup, H&C Sandwich Salad Bar	5 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Salad Bar, Green Beans	6 Chicken Taco w/ fixings, Corn	7 Shrimp Poppers, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Potato Salad	Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	10 Pizza, Green beans, Salad bar	11 Chicken Patty on a WG Bun, Sweet Potato Tots	12 Pasta w/ Meat Sauce, Peas, Garlic Breadstick	13 Fajitas w/ Fixings Corn	14 NO SCHOOL	15
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	17 NO SCHOOL	18 Chicken Strips, Rice, Broccoli & Carrots, Breadstick	19 Burrito w/ Fixings, Corn	20 FARM 2 SCHOOL	21 BBQ Pork on a Hoagie Bun, Potato Salad, Peas	22
23 30	24 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots, Peas	25 Chicken Taco Soup, Corn Tortilla Chips, Salad Bar	26 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Dinner Roll	27 Beef Taco w/ Fixings, Green Beans	28 Turkey Sub w/ Fixings, Coleslaw, Baked Beans	29 Menu subject to change at anytime

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<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/FNS/CivilRight/048413>

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ISD #2 Activities April 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All games are subject to change at any time					This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org	1
2 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	3	4	5 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	6 BB vs McGregor A & B Away 4:30	7	8
9 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	10 BB vs LaPorte A & B Home 4:30	11 BB vs LFBF AB Home 4:30 SB vs Isle AB Home 4:30	12 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	13 BB vs PR-Backus A & B Home 4:30	14	15
16 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	17 BB vs Nevis A & B Home 4:30	18 SB vs Nashwauk A & B Away 4:30	19 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	20 SB vs Cromwell A & B Home 4:30	21 SB vs Menagha A & B Away 4:30	22 BB Tournament Nevis A Only 11:30
23 BB Open Gym 6-8 Gym A & B	24 School Board 7:00 p.m. Room 250	25 BB vs Nashwauk A & B Away 4:30	26 VB Open Gym 7-9 Gym A	27 BB vs LFBF AB Away 4:30 SB vs LFBF AB Away 4:30	28	29 BB Tourney Home 10:00 SB Tourney Home 10:00