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School Opens

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 8:25 a.m., students in grades 5-12 will begin their first day of classes and students in grades K-4 will have scheduled parent conferences. Grades K-4 will not begin classes until Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

Crosswalk for Walkers

We ask all students who walk to school to use the following crosswalks: students who live on the north end of town should cross at Ruthie's Restaurant; students who walk from the south end of town should cross by the cafe on the north side of Lake Avenue and Highway 169, opposite the Masonic Hall. Other crosswalks have been painted on 678th Street (County Road 74) to aid students crossing there. All crosswalks lead to the school walkway. **PARENTS, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN TO USE THE WALKWAY, NOT THE ROAD PAST THE OLD SCHOOL.** The traffic on that road from people driving to and from school, as well as buses coming to school, make it hazardous for your children to walk there.

Help us keep our children safe!

Transportation

If you are new to the area or have moved since the last school year, please contact the school office at 697-2394, ext. 100 to inform us of the change. Prior to school starting you will be able to check Parent Portal as to bus pick up time.

School Hours

8:25 a.m. to 3:06 p.m. for students

New Student/Parent Information

If you are new to our school district, please come in any time in August prior to Monday, August 29, 2016 from 8 - 3 to register your student(s) and fill out the necessary forms, to obtain transcripts, and take care of other items needed to start the school year or call the school office at (218) 697-2394 ext. 100. This is very important so your son or daughter is ready for the opening day of school.

Lunch/Breakfast Application Form and Information

Information and an application for our food service program is contained on pages 9-12 in this Newsletter, but can also be found on parent portal.

**LUNCH AND BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED
THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

General Information Continued...

School Closing/Emergency Information

The safety and health of all students is our first concern. When an emergency occurs (fire, tornado, etc.) students and faculty will be retained at school until the emergency is over. Buses will not be dispatched unless authorized by the Superintendent because they might interfere with emergency vehicles. For this same reason, parents are requested **NOT TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENTS**. All safety precautions will be taken. During bad weather (ice, snow, etc.) the radio stations RADIO USA 99.9 FM, KOZY 1320 AM; WTBX 94 FM; and KMFY 97 FM will be notified the night before or in the morning before 6:30 a.m. and a message will be sent out on our **alert system**. If you do not receive the alerts, you may contact Patty Sawdey at 697-2394, ext. 104. If school is closed during the school day, the radio stations are notified and announcements are made immediately.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL OFFICIALS OR THE RADIO STATIONS!

Each student will be verifying Emergency Information we have on file, during the first week of school, so please make sure you check the emergency information so we will have accurate information for the alert system. This will give both the school and your child information as to where he/she should go if school is closed, or who to contact in the event of any type of emergency. Call the school office if you have any questions.

School Visitors Policy

You have an “open invitation” to visit our school at any time. We ask that you “sign in” at the main office as you arrive, as state and district policy require. Visitors will then be given a visitors identification pass, and assisted in finding their destination. Come and visit us whenever possible. We welcome you and encourage your support and involvement.

Lockers and Locks

Lockers will be assigned the first day of school to students in grades 4-12. All students in grades 6-12 will be given a lock to use on their locker and we encourage them to use them, as school and personal materials and belongings in a student’s locker are the responsibility of the student. Locks from home are **not** permitted on school lockers.

Calendars

A school calendar for this year is contained on page 4 in this Newsletter. Please **save** for future reference.

Student/Parent Handbooks

Handbooks are available for all students and will be given out the first day of school. Please review this with your student. Additional copies are available in the office.

K-12 Breakfast/Lunch

Hill City School will be offering breakfast to all students in Grades K-12. Students may eat breakfast when arriving at school or getting off the bus. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 a.m. until 8:26 a.m. Prices for breakfast for this school year are contained in this newsletter.

There will be “NO” charging of food, so please make sure your child(ren) have money for breakfast and/or lunch on the first day of school.

If you have any questions concerning food service, please contact Shawn Kingsley at 697-2394, ext. 112.

IMPORTANT

Independent School District No.2 encourages ALL families, regardless of income, to fill out the Application for Educational Benefits form which is included in this newsletter or can be found on parent portal. If you qualify, the school district receives additional educational funds and discounts which reinforces programs such as Title One (help with math and reading). The information you provide is completely private and confidential. Please contact Shawn Kingsley at ext. 112, if you have questions.

Fall sports will begin soon. Individuals participating in sports should read the following policy governing athletic fees and equipment protection deposit. In addition, all athletes are required to have a sport physical every three years. Please call the school to verify sport physical dates.

Policy Governing Athletic Fee and Equipment Protection

Fees will be required for participation in the following athletics:

Boys Football	Girls Basketball
Girls Volleyball	Boys Baseball
Boys Basketball	Girls Softball

*No athlete may participate in practice or contest until all financial obligations are fulfilled.

6th-8th grade	-	<u>\$35.00 per sport</u>
6th-8th grade	-	equipment down payment (to be reimbursed when all equipment is handed in) <u>\$25.00</u>

**** Please write separate checks for the sport fee and the equipment deposit.**

9th - 12th grade	-	<u>\$50.00 per sport</u>
9th - 12th grade	-	equipment down payment (to be reimbursed when all equipment is handed in) <u>\$100.00</u>

**** Please write separate checks for the sport fee and the equipment deposit.**

* Participation fee payments will have a family cap of \$150.00/year.

* All checks for equipment down payment would not be cashed unless a student intentionally destroys their uniform or the uniform is lost/stolen.

** (No family cap on equipment)

* Equipment down payment checks will be returned to the athlete if all materials are handed in.

* *Please Note:* If the cost of the damaged or lost/stolen uniform/equipment exceeds the uniform down payment, the athlete and the parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional payments needed to replace it.

* ISD #002 administration will follow the policy governing student fee collection in the event of lost, stolen or abuse fine that are not paid in full.

Adopted by the Board of Education July 23, 2001.



ISD #2 HILL CITY SCHOOL

		Ext
District Office	697-2394	100
Transportation (Nor-tran)	246-3434	
Maintenance	697-2394	108
Community Education	697-2394	172
Counselor	697-2394	110
Food & Nutrition	697-2394	112
Athletic Director	697-2394	180
Early Childhood Offices	697-2394	171
Early Childhood Classroom	697-2394	177
Library	697-2394	160
Nurse	697-2394	102

WEBSITE:

isd002.org

School Day Schedule:

Start	Dismiss
8:25 AM	3:06 PM

2016-2017 School Calendar

August

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

September

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

October

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

November

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

10/20 & 10/21 Fall Holiday

11/15 & 11/17 Evening Conferences

December

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

12/23 thru 12/30 Winter Holiday

11/24 & 11/25 Thanksgiving

February

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

2/10 Elementary Conferences

January

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

1/2 Winter Holiday, 1/16 MLK Day

April

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

4/14 & 4/17 Spring Holiday

March

M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

4/20 President's Day

May

M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

5/29 Memorial Day

June

M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

	Student Days	*Teacher Days
Qtr 1:	42	45
Qtr 2:	43	45
Qtr 3:	41 E/42 S	44
Qtr 4:	45	46
	171 E/172 S	180

First / Last Day of School

Holiday / No School

End of Quarter

Teacher Workshop/No School

No school for elementary on Feb. 10 due to conferences during the day

Graduation: June 2, 2017

Students in Grades K-5

Students in grades K-5 should arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 a.m. unless they are planning to eat breakfast or need to go to the office. In that event, they can arrive at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Upon arrival at 8:15, they should go directly to their classroom. Students in grades K-4 will have individual conferences scheduled with their teacher on September 6th. **Please do not send your child(ren) in grades K-4 to school on the bus the first day of school.** We look forward to meeting students, along with their parents, at their conference. If you have any questions, please call us at (218) 697-2394.

Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day of school. Parents, please enclose your child's lunch/breakfast money in an envelope, clearly marked with the child's name, grade and what the money is for. Complete information on the food service program is contained in this Newsletter.

Parents of KINDERGARTEN Students

Hill City School is pleased to offer summer transition sessions for your child entering kindergarten this fall. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to become familiar with, and feel comfortable in the kindergarten classroom. Kindergarten Transition Sessions will be held later in August in the Kindergarten Room. Letters regarding these sessions will be sent out to each family as to the specific dates and times, so if you do not receive a letter during the first week of August and you have a student that will be entering kindergarten, please call the school office at 218-697-2394, ext. 100.

We have found that children who attend these kindergarten transition sessions are far more comfortable the first days of school because they are familiar with the environment, the teacher, and the routines. We strongly recommend your child attend one or both of these sessions.

Kindergarten Information

Hill City kindergarten students will once again attend school every day for full days. Parents are reminded to furnish their child's birth certificate and immunization record if they have not already done so.

Students in Kindergarten have an opportunity to participate in a special milk program designed for students in Kindergarten. The fee for the year-long milk program is \$14.00. The School District requests that parents/guardians pay that **separate** from their lunch/breakfast money as this is a different program. Please label your envelope "Kindergarten Milk" and send to school with your child on the first day of school.

If you have any questions regarding this milk program, please call Shawn Kingsley at (218) 697-2394 ext. 112.

School Supplies

There is a school supply list on the school website at <http://isd002.org>, hover over "School", "Preschool", "Class List". Then look at the column for the grade of your child(ren) for those supplies that are marked as required.



High School Students

All students in Grades 6-12 will meet in the gymnasium at 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, for a general meeting and Grade 5 will report directly to their classroom. Following that, Grades 6-12 will meet with their own classes and advisors in class meetings. Policies and procedures will be explained and other necessary items taken care of at the beginning of the new school year.

Middle School and Secondary School Supplies

There will be some school supplies at the school on the first day of school that will be available for students to take, due to donations to the school.

- Tennis shoes for gym (Grades 6-12)
- Paper
- Pencils and Pens
- Ruler
- Folders for papers, assignments, etc.

Seventh and eighth grade students should look on the school website at <http://isd002.org>, hover over “School”, “Preschool”, then “Class List”. There is a list of supplies needed on the far right. Other individual teachers may have specific supply requests for their classes, and will notify the students of those requirements during the first days of school.

Football Season Begins

Practice will begin on Monday August, 15th for all prospective football players in grades 9-12. 7th and 8th graders are welcome to come. Coach Graham will be sending out letters with information along with start times.

Practice for 7th and 8th graders will start on a later date, to be determined.

Athletic Physicals

All students are required to have physicals before they can participate in sports at Hill City High School. Ideally these physicals should be done in 7th and 10th grade or every three years. Forms are on the School’s website or in the office. You can check on parent portal to see the date of your last physical on file. Check with your coaches if you have any questions or concerns.

Parent/Student Meeting

There will be **important** parent/student meeting, for all those playing Volleyball, on August 22nd in the Assembly at the school. Collection of paperwork and fees will start at 6:00 p.m. for those students. For Football the meeting will be August 8th at 5:00 pm at the Northland High School in Remer. The parent meetings will follow. The Activity Handbook and sports forms can be printed off the school website at <http://isd002.org> or you can stop into the school office to pick up the forms.

Volleyball Season Begins

Attention all students in grades 9-12 interested in participating in volleyball for the 2016-2017 season, the first day of volleyball practice is August 15th at 9:00 a.m. for grades 9-12 and grades 6-8 will start the following week at 3:30.

Athletic Calendar

Watch for the September Newsletter on the school’s website <http://isd002.org>, “District” then “Communication” for an athletic calendar.

2016/2017 Annual Census

The State Law mandates that all school districts have an accurate school census of children between the ages of 0 and 4 years of age, living within the district. The Census Form on the lower portion of this page should be filled out for ALL FAMILIES with children between the ages of 0 to 4 living in School District No. 2. Completed forms may be sent to: Attn: Jess Lathrop, Independent School District No. 2, 500 Ione Avenue, Hill City, MN 55748 or dropped off in the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Hronoski in the School Office at 697-2394 extension 100.

Name of Living Parents or Guardian:

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

(Mailing Address)

(Phone)

Father

Mother

Guardian

Names of Children Oldest to Youngest	Sex	Place of Birth	Date of Birth			Birth Verification	Attendance Status		Special Needs	
			Mo	Day	Yr		Gr. Last Yr	Out of School	Yes	No
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BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM 2016-2017

On June 27, 2016, the Hill City Board of Education set lunch and breakfast prices for the 2016-2017 school year. Prices will be as follows:

BREAKFAST:		LUNCH:	
Reduced	\$0.00	Reduced	\$0.00
K	\$0.00	K	\$2.15
1-5	\$1.60	1-5	\$2.15
6-12	\$1.70	6-12	\$2.35
Adults	\$2.10	Adults	\$3.70
Extra Serving	\$1.25	Extra Serving	\$1.75
Extra Milk	\$0.55	Extra Milk	\$0.55

IMPORTANT: Lactose-reduced milk will be provided upon written request of a parent and/or physician.

For those families whose income falls within the guidelines set by the Federal Lunch Program and Breakfast program, an application form and informational letter is included with this Newsletter or you can use the on-line application on Parent Portal by going to the School's Website at: <http://isd002.org>

The Hill City School currently uses Campus Food Service System. This system is integrated with our current Campus Student Software.

Food Service Account Info

1. Each student is assigned a PIN number.
2. There is **individual** student accounts instead of family accounts.
3. Parents are able to view account balances on line via Parent Portal.
4. Students may make deposits to their account in the school cafeteria or pay on-line on parent portal.
5. Every deposit **must** have the students name and account number on it.
6. Families with more than one child in the district only need to send one check per family and it will be divided evenly between the number of student accounts you have unless you note otherwise.
7. Families are encouraged to bring enough money for a weeks worth of meals and in the elementary, also include money needed for milk breaks that are offered daily.
8. Each time a student has a meal, the food service program will deduct the amount of the meal directly from their account.
9. Students enter their PIN# each meal and also when they purchase ala carte items.
10. Parents will be able to limit the number of ala cart items their child can purchase per day. A student will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items if they have a negative balance.
11. There is **no** charging of food within the food service department.
12. All existing balances will transfer to the next school year.
13. Low balance notices will be mailed to you.
14. Credit cards are not accepted at this time.
15. This system will give us better ease to note students with food allergies.

Students in grades K-5 will again have a milk break each day. If you wish to have your child participate in this break, or be able to have an extra milk with his/her lunch at noon, please be sure to send \$5.50 for 10 milks, or \$.55 per day. One milk is provided for with lunch, but any extra milk must be paid for. Lactose-reduced milk will be provided upon written request of a parent and/or physician. Send these requests to Shawn Kingsley, Food Service at Hill City School.

NOTE: A special milk program will be available for KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY for milk break. One carton of milk per day will be available to kindergarten students for milk break at a reduced rate. The fee for this year-long program is \$14.00. Please send this payment with your Kindergarten student on the **first day** of school and **please also keep this payment separate from any lunch/breakfast money.**

Although we encourage students to eat the entire lunch being served, Hill City School has adopted the "Offer vs. Serve" policy for students in grades K-12, which allows a child to refuse one or two items which would not be eaten and which would end up in the garbage can. Parents, you can help by encouraging your child to try a small portion of a new or unfamiliar food, and by going over the menu with your child to help him/her decide what to eat each day.

Juice is offered for sale each day, and other items will be added after the opening of school.

Please complete the application form found in this Newsletter and return it to the school as soon as possible or use the on-line application on Parent Portal. This will enable us to have your child's meal account prepared on the first day of school. If you have any questions regarding the lunch or breakfast programs, please call Shawn Kingsley at the Hill City School, 697-2394 ext. 112.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
500 IONE AVENUE
HILL CITY, MN 55748

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Breakfast costs are free for grade K, \$1.60 for grades 1-5 and \$1.70 for grades 6-12; lunch costs \$2.15 for grades K-5 and \$2.35 for grades 6-12.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. To apply, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions or log on to Parent Portal for the on-line application. To log on to Parent Portal, go to isd002.org, click on the Quick Link "Parent Portal". A new application must be submitted each year. At public schools, your application also helps the school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students receive breakfasts at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to: **Attn: Shawn Kingsley, ISD #2, 500 Ione Avenue, Hill City, MN 55748**

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Or children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free school meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance may be eligible for free school meals. Please fill out an application.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

How will the information be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. For more information see the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits.

Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call (218) 697-2394 or (800) 232-2394.

Sincerely,



Patrick Rendle, Superintendent/Principal

How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the *Application for Educational Benefits* form for school year 2016-17 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). *or*
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child). *or*
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings before deductions, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Maximum Total Income

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Add for each additional person	7,696	642	321	296	148

Step 1 Children

List all infants and children in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Fill in the circle if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child). Please provide the requested information on ethnicity and race for each child. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to make sure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.

Step 2 Case Number Circle Yes or No to show whether any household member currently participates in any of the three assistance programs listed in Step 2. If you answer Yes, write in the case number and go to Step 4 (skip Step 3). If you answer No, continue on to Step 3. WIC and Medical Assistance (M.A.) do not qualify for this purpose.

Step 3 Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- List all adults living in the household (everyone not listed in Step 1) whether related or not, such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends. Include any adult who is temporarily away from home, like a student away at college. Attach another page if necessary.
- List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. **Do not list an hourly wage rate.** For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) that there is no income to report for these adults.
- For each income, fill in a circle to show how often the income is received: each week, every other week, twice per month, or monthly.
- For farm or self-employment income only, list the net income per year or month after business expenses. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
- Last four digits of Social Security number – The adult household member signing the application must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number.
- Regular incomes to children – If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

Step 4 Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step 4.

**Application for Educational Benefits – School Year 2016-17
School Meals • State and Federally Funded Programs**

RETURN TO: Attn: Shawn Kingsley,
ISD #2
500 lone Ave
Hill Citv. MN 55748

Step 1 List all infants, children and students through grade 12 in the household, even if they are not related. If more space is needed, attach another sheet.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Birthdate	School	Grade	Foster Child? (An agency or court has legal responsibility for the child.) If yes, fill in the circle.	Optional - Is the child Hispanic / Latino? If yes, fill in the circle.	Optional - Racial Identity * Fill in one or more circles for each child.							
								American Indian	Asian	African American	Pacific Islander	White			
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* The full names of the racial categories are: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander and White.

Step 2 Do any Household Members, including yourself, currently participate in any of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR? Circle one: **Yes** **No**
Medical Assistance and WIC do not qualify. If No > Go to STEP 3. If Yes > Write in the. **CASE NUMBER** here: _____ then go to STEP 4.

Step 3 A. List ALL Adult Household Members including yourself and report all incomes. (Skip STEP 3 if you answered "yes" to STEP 2 or if all participants are foster children.)

Adults - Full Name For the purpose of school meal benefits, the members of your household are "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." List the full name of each household member not listed in Step 1 and their income(s) in whole dollars. If a person has no income, write in 0 or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) of no income to report. Include any college students temporarily away from home.	Gross Pay from Work Do not write in an hourly wage.			Farm or Self-Employment Net Income after business expenses. State if annual or monthly.	Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony Payments received.			All Other Incomes Pension, retirement, disability, unemployment, Veterans benefits, etc.							
	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Monthly		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		

B. Last four digits of signer's Social Security Number (SSN) or no SSN (required): C. Do any of the children listed in Step 1 receive regular incomes such as SSI or wages?

X X X - X X - or I don't have a Social Security Number.
 TOTAL regular incomes of children, if any: \$
Weekly
Bi-Weekly
Monthly

Step 4 I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and correct and all household members and incomes are reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with receipt of federal and state funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable federal and state laws. The information I provide may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs as allowed by state law, unless I have checked this box: Do not share my information with Minnesota Health Care Programs.

Signature of Adult Household Member (required) _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Office Use Only Total Household Size: _____ Total Income: \$ _____ per _____ Approved: Case Number - Free Foster - Free Income - Free
 Income - Reduced-Price Denied: Incomplete Income Too High Signature of Determining Official: _____ Date: _____

Is this form required?

This form must be completed to apply for free or reduced-price school meals, unless:

- (1) Your school provides free school meals to all students without applications from households (*Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2 or Provision 3*) or
- (2) You were notified that your children have been directly certified for school meal benefits based on foster care status or participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

Privacy Act Statement / How Information Is Used

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give this information, but if you do not we cannot approve your child for free or reduced-price school meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the Social Security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child, or you provide an MFIP, SNAP or FDPIR assistance number, or you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security number.

Only authorized officials will have access to the information that you provide on this form. We will use your information to determine if your child qualifies for free school meals, and for administration and enforcement of the school meal programs. We may share your information with other education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, with auditors for program reviews, and with law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. We require written consent from you before sharing information for other purposes.

Please provide the requested information about children's race and ethnic identity. This information is not required and does not affect approval for program benefits. We use the percentages of participants in each racial/ethnic category to check that our program is operated in a nondiscriminatory manner in compliance with federal civil rights laws

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

Information provided on this form may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, unless the person completing this form has checked the box in Step 4 to not share information for that purpose.

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Office Use Only: Verification

Date Verification Sent: _____ Response Due: _____ 2nd Notice: _____

Result: No Change Free to Reduced-Price Free to Paid Reduced-Price to Free Reduced-Price to Paid

Reason for Change: Income Case number not verified Foster not verified Refused Cooperation Other: _____

Signature of Confirming Official: _____ Date: _____ Signature of Verifying Official: _____ Date: _____

ATTENTION!

The Community Newsletter will now be sent out in the mail only for the month of **AUGUST** every year.

We will still have one each month, but it will be available on our school's new website.

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Hover over

“District” then “Communication”

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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, May 23, 2016.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Joell Miranda, Bambi Lange, Brent Welk, and Jay Zapzalka. Board Members absent: Mark Meyer. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, other staff and visitors.

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016;
 - *Minutes of the Board Workshop of May 1, 2016;
 - *April 2016 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 05/10/16;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. John Powers from Applied In-Sight North went over the demographic study for projected enrollments that was conducted for the school.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: none to report.
6. Swarm Student Leadership: Finished the school year with the sports award banquet on Sunday, May 22, 2016.
7. Curriculum Committee: They are looking at different language arts curriculum for the 2017-18 school year.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Joell Miranda reported on the Health Fair, 5k, Quality Recess, and the Bike Rodeo.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum reported on discussion of new contract with IEA Safety Consultant, chemical storage, and the disposal procedures.
10. Negotiation Committee: Approved the 2015-

2017 Building and Grounds Director Contract. Approved the 2016-2020 Transportation Contract.

11. Community Education Report: Community Education Programmer Tami Meyer gave a report on the summer programming.
12. Technology Coordinator Report: Due to some inaccuracies, the Board will not accept this report.
13. Maintenance Supervisor report: Building & Grounds Director Eric Hill is at training tonight. Superintendent/Principal Yocum reported that the building and grounds are being prepped for graduation night.
14. Superintendent/Principal Report: IASC update: Superintendent/Principal Yocum stated that the IASC meetings have been concentrated mostly on the Special Ed. Coop. The regular superintendent meeting is tomorrow.
15. There was discussion of the School Newsletter. Costs have run \$21,000 over a five year period. We will explore other options to get the newsletter out to people.
16. The purchase of printers/copiers has been moved to the Special Board meeting on June 7, 2016.
17. Approved the revised 2015-2016 School Calendar.
18. No action was needed on the Resolution Proposing to Place Instructional Staff on Unrequested Leave of Absence.
19. Approved hiring David Hack as 67% time Physical Education/Health Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.
20. Approved hiring Nikki Pearson as full time Elementary Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.
21. Approved hiring Jessie Ahonen as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.
22. Approved hiring David Hack as Athletic Director for the 2016-2017 school year with

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a salary as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.

23. Adopted the 2016-2017 Resolution for Membership in the MN State High School League.
24. Adopt the Resolution Notifying the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative of Intent to Purchase Special Education Services will be tabled until the Special Board meeting on June 7, 2016.
25. Approved the Johnson Controls Planned Service Proposal starting July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.
26. Approved the Agreement for Provision of Health and Safety Services with Northeast Service Cooperative.
27. First reading of Policy #2028.
28. Approved the non-renewal of Scott Larson as the Dean of Students as of June 30, 2016 and to dissolve the Dean of Students position.
29. Discussion on shared superintendent services and shared business manager has been tabled until the Special Board meeting on June 7, 2016.
30. The summer MSBA Seminar will be on August 8, 2016.
31. There is a meeting with Northland Community Schools for sports coop negotiations.
32. Approved having a Special School Board meeting on June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with a workshop to follow.
33. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

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

Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, and Katie Godfrey.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the 2016-2018 principal's contract.
3. Approved hiring Patrick Rendle as K-12 principal starting July 1, 2016.
4. Approved the purchase of 654E printer/copiers
5. Adopted the Resolution Notifying the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative of Intent to Purchase Special Education Services.
6. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Workshop Session of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Bambi Lange, and Joell Miranda. Board Members absent: Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer, and Brent Welk. Also present were Superintendent/Principal Dean Yocum, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Building and Grounds Director Eric Hill, and Greg and Eric from FJJ.

1. Reviewed the report from FJJ.
2. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2016.

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

1. Approved the Agenda with additions.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2016;
 - *Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 31, 2016;
 - *Minutes of the Board Workshop of June 7, 2016;
 - *May 2016 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 06/09/16;
 - *Investments and wire transfers;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement;
 - *Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Amy Wyant gave an overview of the current programs before she leaves her position with the county on June 30, 2016.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: none to report.
6. Swarm Student Leadership: None to report.
7. Curriculum Committee: Focus has been on music and art. The committee started research on Language Arts Curriculum. They are moving language arts curriculum (Pre K-5) purchase up one year to this year.
8. School and Community Health Committee: Joell Miranda reported that the Bike Rodeo was a big success with twenty-one students attending.
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: None to report.
10. Negotiation Committee: Sue Kaslow reported

on negotiations with Northland Community Schools. They have decided they do not want to share their superintendent so Patrick Rendle has been offered and accepted the Superintendent/Principal position. We will post for an assistant principal position. The committee had negotiations with Larry Baker and he was given a July 1, 2016 deadline for accepting a new contract or not.

11. Community Education Report: Community Education Programmer Tami Meyer gave a report on the summer programs: Fun with Archery, Baton, Girls' Basketball, and Pony League Football.
12. Building & Grounds Director report: Summer cleaning is getting done now. Long term facility maintenance of replacing ceiling tiles and lighting, exterior lighting, leak issues, resealing the back parking lot, and playground equipment repairs. Building & Grounds Director Eric Hill also reported on meetings with FJJ on the exterior of the building and a meeting with someone on the gym floor repair and air handling systems.
13. Superintendent/Principal Report: IASC update: Superintendent/Principal Yocum reported there was no IASC update.
14. Approved vacation carryover for the 2015-2016 contract year for Business Manager Ellie Hill of up to 10 vacation days.
15. Discussion was held on the administrative structure.
16. Approved Patrick Rendle as full time Superintendent/Principal and to post for the assistant principal position.
17. Approved Policy #2028 Building & Grounds Director Job Description.
18. Approved the quote form for garbage hauling, propane, and snowplowing for the 2016-2017 school year along with the list of names of firms desiring to submit quotes for these services.
19. Set the salary for athletic ticket takers at \$30.00 per night for the 2016-2017 school year.
20. Approved the 2016-2017 Specific Services Contract with ARCC with the web hosting omitted.

- 21. Accepted the resignation from Nicolas Valtinson as paraprofessional effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year and to post for this position.
- 22. Approved the MREA dues for the 2016-2017 school year.
- 23. Set lunch and breakfast prices for the 2016-2017 school year as follows: Breakfasts: K-free; 1-5 - \$1.60; 6-12 - \$1.70; Reduced - \$0.00; Adult - \$2.10; and Extra serving breakfast - \$1.25; Lunches: K-5 - \$2.15; 6-12 - \$2.35; Reduced - free; Adult - \$3.70; Milk - \$,.55; Extra serving lunch - \$1.75; Kindergarten Milk - per the State formula.
- 24. Set the following athletic rates for the 2016-2017 school year: Adult Yearly Pass (up to age 62) - \$35.00; Senior Citizen Single Yearly Pass (age 62 and up) - \$15.00; Senior Citizen Couple Yearly Pass (age 62 and up) - \$25.00; College Student/Student Yearly Pass - \$25.00; Family Yearly Pass - \$60.00; Adult Ticket (up to age 62) - \$5.00; Senior Citizen Ticket (age 62 and up) - \$3.00; College Student/Student - \$3.00. The Board will discuss a veteran's discount for athletic events at the July Board meeting.
- 25. Set the sports participation fee for grades 9-12 at \$50.00 starting the 2016-2017 school year.
- 26. Approved the 2016-2017 Early Childhood Budgets.
- 27. No action was needed on the PK-3 Transition Team Budget.
- 28. Approved the Revised 2015-2016 Budget.
- 29. Approved the 2016-2017 Budget understanding we will be using L & D funding to keep K-3 all one section classes to maintain close to a 17 to 1 ratio.
- 30. Approved Pat Rendle as the Identified Official with Authority starting the 2016-2016 school year.
- 31. Adopted the Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy.
- 32. Approved hiring Gary Graham as Head Football Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with a salary as per the current HCUE Master Agreement.
- 33. The summer MSBA Seminar will be on August 8, 2016.
- 34. A tentative Board Workshop was set for August 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
- 35. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Emergency Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 7:16 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Jay Zapzalka, Joell Miranda, Bambi Lange, Mark Meyer and Brent Welk. Board Members absent: None.

- 1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
- 2. Appointed Dean Yocum as interim superintendent from July 1, 2016 through August 15, 2016, or until Pat Rendle receives his variance to become superintendent.
- 3. Approved compensation for the interim superintendent at \$60.00 per hour and to reimburse Brandon-Evansville for a daily rate of pay for weekday travel to Hill City School District.
- 4. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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.

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Sports Ticket Prices



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Family Pass	\$60.00
College/Student Pass	\$25.00
Adult Pass (up to age 62)	\$35.00
Senior Citizen (age 62+)	\$15.00
Senior Citizen Couple	\$25.00

Single Ticket Prices

Adult (up to age 62)	\$ 5.00
Senior Citizen (age 62+)	\$ 3.00
Student	\$ 3.00