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2023

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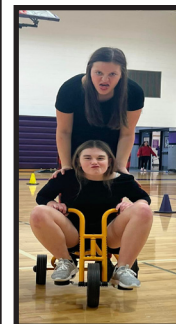
**Activity
Calendar**



2023 Winterfest



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Jay Zapzalka, Chairman jzapzalkaisd002.org	Joell Miranda, Clerk jmiranda@isd002.org	Sarah Kingsley, Treasurer sakingsley@isd002.org
Mark Meyer, Vice Chair mmeyer@isd002.org	Ron Saxton rsaxton@isd002.org	Jeremy Nelson jnelson@isd002.org

Committee Assignments for 2023

Committee

MSHSL
Negotiations Committee

Curriculum Committee
Community Education Advisory Council
Meet and Confer

Staff Development
School and Community Health Team
Recertification Committee
Comparable Worth
Safety/Transportation Committee
Athletic Advisory Committee

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative
Policy Committee

Representative

Mark Meyer
Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer,
(Ron Saxton, Alt.)
Ron Saxton (Joell Miranda, Alt.)
Sarah Kingsley (Mark Meyer, Alt.)
Joell Miranda and Jeremy Nelson
(Ron Saxton, Alt.)
Ron Saxton (Joell Miranda, Alt.)
Sarah Kingsley and Ron Saxton
Jeremy Nelson
Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer and Ron Saxton
Mark Meyer and Jay Zapzalka
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Mark Meyer
Sarah Kingsley and Ron Saxton

For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
	93.1 FM
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM
KBAJ	105.5 FM

INSTANT ALERT

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

TV STATIONS

WDIO/WIRT
KDLH
KBJR
WCCO

Community Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are usually uploaded to the website around the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.



Support Within Reach serves Aitkin county residents. Our mission: To reduce the impact and harm of sexual violence in 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 Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by the Chairman 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2022

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Joell Miranda, Mark Meyer, Rich Kingsley and Bambi Lange. Board Members absent: Ron Saxton and Jay Zapzalka

1. Adopted the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Election of November 8, 2022. Attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
2. Adopted a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.
3. Approved to Adjourn at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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.

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 at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2022.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Joell Miranda, Mark Meyer, Rich Kingsley and Bambi Lange and Jay Zapzalka. Board Members absent: None.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Correction and Approval of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2022
3. Correction and Approval of the Special Meeting of November 14, 2022.
4. Approved the October 2022 bills as Presented.
5. Approved the Current Bills through ___, 20XX. Going forward this shall read Present the current bills.
6. There was no change in investments and No wire Transfers.
7. Approved October 2022 Receipts.
8. Thank you to the students and staff for putting together a great Veterans Day program and luncheon.
9. First Reading of Annual Mandatory Policies:
410- Family and Medical Leave
413- Harassment and Viloence
414- Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse
415- Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
506- Student Discipline
514- Bullying Prohibition Policy
522- Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process
524- Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
616- School Districts System Accountability
10. BerganKDV to presented the Audit
11. Transportation report: Transportation has been ging well. A few behaviors and sickness issues that have been happening are calming down. Field Trips are becoming more expensive with fuel and driver costs going up. Trying to be as creative as we can.
12. Curriculum Committee: Math people have

been divided on researching their curriculum options and they plan to meet again soon.

13. Policy Committee: Going through them a few at a time.
14. School and Community Health Committee: Meeting went well. Talk of rebooting the committee come January. Looking into options for a drunk driving program. Next committee meeting January 19th at 9 am.
15. Safety/Transportation Committee: No Report. Meeting scheduled for Thursday the 8th.
16. Negotiations Committee: No Report
17. Community Education Report: Working with ECFE on programs to get them going again. Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
18. Early Childhood Report: Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof
19. Building & Grounds Report: Couple of busy months. Wrapping up unit heaters by the entrances and thermostats. Upcoming meeting with ICS about the lighting in the building. Has guaranteed savings, so excited to hear more about that. Continuing projects around the classrooms and the loading dock area. Other projects include ceiling tiles, curbing and carpets. Would like to put more lighting outside to brighten up the area in the evenings. Met with financial consultants for funding options.
20. Principal's Report: Knights of Columbus donated coats, hats and mittens. Veterans day program was great and the students were amazing. Conferences were slow in middle/high school and busy in elementary. Brainstorming meeting about how to bring more options into the school. One option was elementary Spanish and music. Wanting to find more creative ways to bring in and keep students in the building.

21. Superintendent's Report: Mine tour was great. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Alleva attended and discussed great ideas to go forward. Funding has been a topic with IASC with Career Pathways will be changing funding to have more impact on schools. The same goes for Invest Early. One more year to go with Blandin funding, so trying to find more options for funding. Veterans Day was awesome. Girls basketball has 55ish girls 7-12, which is great. Boys basketball has 11 players in 7-12. There may be some changes to the schedule to help this out. Grants have been submitted. One goal is to work on bringing more options for students. Discussed flexible learning days. The reason for this is to not have to make up any snow days. Elections are wrapping up and went well. Truth in Taxation next month. SWARM update. They are working hard on getting activities in the school and events backup and running that have happened before. The senior class will be presenting in January, their plan for the senior class trip.
22. HCPD is expanding coverage during the week. Discuss having an officer in the school building to have a positive presence for the students. Continuing the D>A>R>E> program. Wanting to provide better service to the school and the students. Creating another positive relationship with adults is important for our students. This approval was tabled until next month.
23. Approved hiring Austin Dunham as JH Boys Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 season as per the HCUE contract.
24. Approved to adopt Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.
25. Approved to adopt the MSHSL

Resolution.

- 26. Set the Truth in Taxation Meeting for December 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm.
- 27. Set the Organizational Meeting for January 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm
- 28. Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended: Policy Committee meeting is December 1, 2022 at 11 am., Next Regular Board Meeting at December 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm and Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm.
- 29. Approved to adjourn the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by: Joell Miranda, Clerk
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City of Hill City Minutes
Regular Council Meeting – 6:00 pm
December 13, 2022
City Hall Community Room, 125 Lake Ave

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
 Mayor Lathrop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council present, Mayor Sean Lathrop, Council Members Dave Lange, Brenda James, Lin Benson, and Dan Kingsley.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda
 No additions or corrections to the agenda.

Truth and Taxation Meeting:
 Mayor Lathrop talked about the past levies. The council decided to deficit spend for 2022, to make this up would be a 36% increase for 2023. It was decided to do a 12% increase over the next 3-years to make this up. The 2023 final levy would be \$233,795.65. Mayor Lathrop asked if anyone from the public had any questions or wanted to say anything. There was no comment from the public.

Motion made by James to adjourn the Truth and Taxation meeting at 6:18 pm second by Benson. MPU

Mayor Lathrop called the regular meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Council present, Mayor Sean Lathrop, Council Members Dave Lange, Brenda James, Lin Benson, and Dan Kingsley.

Mayor Lathrop asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Added approving the 2023 Levy to new business.

Guest Speaker: There were no guest speakers.
 Consent Agenda:

Motion made by James to approve the following consent agenda items minutes of Regular Council Meeting and Personnel Committee Meeting of 11/29/22 and Claim's, EFT's, & Transfer from 11/23 – 12/7 in the amount of \$19,431.50 second by Benson. MPU

Public Forum: No public spoke.
 Reports: Public Works Maintenance Put new brushes on the 1070 tractor. Fixed the 3-point and some other repairs on the 1070 tractor. Shift



FREE Fitness and Strength Building for Older Adults



ElderCircle SAIL Schedule:

Schedule as of June 17, 2022
 Additional in-person locations coming soon.

Online via Zoom video conference

- Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 AM

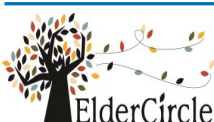
Live, in-person sessions:

- **Bigfork Old Scenic Church**
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
- **Bowstring Town Hall**
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
- **Deer River, Bethany Lutheran Church**
- Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
- **Hill City Fire Hall**
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:30 AM
- **International Falls, Covenant Evangelical Church**
- Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
- **Jacobson Community Center**
- Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
- **Wabana Town Hall**
- Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM



- Groups meet twice a week for 90 minutes.
- New attendees may start at anytime.
- Weights are provided.
- iPads are available for check-out.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time.
- Please provide your own drinking water.
- Registration is required.

For information or to register, contact:
ElderCircle
 218-999-9233, x279
 ecircle@eldercircle.org



Column broke on the red truck. Getting a new one from NAPA. Did Zoning research on property on the South Side of 200.

Water: Nothing to Report.

Sewer: Researched for force main easement across HWY169.

Parks: Set up for Winter in at the Beach.

Airport: Nothing to Report

Streets: Got 3 load of salt sand. Replace windows in the backhoe.

Trail: Nothing to report.

Fire Dept:

There were 8 medical calls for the month.

School Bus Training with Palisade Fire was very good.

Ordered new cordless tools. Ordered a new door lock for the Fire Hall.

2023 Fire Dept. Officers are, Chief Jeremy Nelson, Assist Chief Ron Saxton, Captains Alan Myers, George Casper, Greg Payment and Matt Huseby and Secretary Mark Meyer.

Motion made by Lange to approve the 2023 Fire Dept. Officers second by James. MPU

Police:

Blight/Building Permit Process-Will continue to follow up with both issues as needed. USDA Grant-Still waiting on funding but was told January/February. School Liaison Contract-Adding some language about office hours hope to have approved at December meeting, there is overwhelmingly support for this Township-Hoping to finalize contract this December meeting or at least get approval until all member meeting in March, expected to pass with no issues. Training-DARE for Jordan, Jordan was more than excited to get trained doing this, this is an intense training and not your typical attend and get certificate, would love for graduation a council member and myself go down to Stillwater to attend. Staffing-Still on track for a Jan 1 start of 7-day coverage, pending medical release for Erik, we will have officer on duty for at least 10 hours per day. I will backfill PTO with part timers, but it is expected officers take extended PTO or vacations during their 6 or 8 days off based on schedule, the schedule for the

year is complete so plenty of notice for this to be accomplished and it has been relayed to the officers. Looking forward to this new change. Follow ups from Previous Council Meeting MN Post Board Training Reimbursement So Far for 2022 ~ \$2446 this will be payable in July of 2023 but should tie to 2022 budget for hours/cost/etc.

Erik and Ashley's Benefit - Awesome turnout, cannot thank the staff at Knuckleheads/Tami and Family/Sean's Clan/Sawdey's for the help, this event was an awesome community builder and the shows the extreme support we have as a community and for the police department. A very special thank you from the whole department and myself to everyone. Events coming up:

Winter at the Beach 12/10

School Frosty Dance 12/17

Traffic Stops – 52 Property Check – 90
Vehicle in Ditch – 1 Abandon Vehicle – 2

Deer Possession Permit – 1 Welfare Check – 1

Scam Call – 1 AOA – 1
Ambulance – 3 Juvenile Issue – 1
Garbage Dumping Complaint – 1

Stolen Property – 1 Vandalism – 1
Mental Health Call – 1 Crash – 1
Disturbance – 1 Alarm – 1

Total Calls – 18 Self-Initiated - 142 Mayor:
Nothing to report.

Council:

Council Member Lange would like from now moving forward all reports to be written and not read. If someone has a question about the report, they can ask.

Clerk: Sewer billing – Usage must be a dollar amount. They can't do percentages. It is set up correctly now, but we do need to change the fee ordinance.

Attending a free Webinar on Grants on December 15th at 10 am from the League of

MN Cities. Attending a Small City Group via Microsoft teams on December 15th at 1 pm.

Will be working on month end, quarter end, year-end reporting.

Reminder for Council - The Elected Leaders' Foundation for Beginners and Advanced Program. Personnel Committee: Met but nothing to report. Facilities/Equipment Committee: Has not met. Land Use Committee: Has not met. Park Improvement Committee: Has not met. Council Member Kingsley suggested ordering the storage unit for the playground equipment. Clerk Meyer said it was on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss when to order it. Events & Rec. Committee: Winter at the Beach went very well. Old Business: Engineering RFP Decision Motion made by Kingsley to hire Bolten & Menk as the new city engineers second by Lange. MPU

Waste Management Contract: There was discussion on 3- or 5-year contract. Motion made by Kingsley to go with the 5-year contract with Waste Management for garbage pick up second by James. MPU

Cleaning Person: There was only one proposal for cleaning city hall and the fire hall, this was from Christina Cox for \$350/month. There was discussion on if they should hire someone or have the current staff do the cleaning. Motion made by James for Christina Cox to do the cleaning for \$350/month second by Lange. Roll Call vote Lange yes, James yes, Lathrop abstained, Benson yes, and Kingsley no. MP

New Business:

DARE Training for J. Zempel:

Saxton explained that Officer Madsen can not do DARE anymore due to working with Aitkin County. Officer Nelson said he would be able to help out this year if needed but he would only be able to do it once a week whereas in the past it was done twice a week. There was discussion as to if they wanted to send Zempel to the DARE Training since he is still in the

running for a position at the Rosemont Police department. The council is always wanting the employees to attend training.

Motion made by Lange to send Zempel to the DARE Training. Motion died due lack of a second.

Resolution 2022-21 Designating a polling place: Mayor Lathrop would like the city to go back to in person voting. There was discussion on if they should or not. There were two resolutions presented, one for mail-in balloting and one for in-person voting.

Motion made by Lathrop accept the resolution for in-person voting second by James. Roll call vote Lange yes, James, yes, Lathrop yes, Benson no, and Kingsley no. MP

Accept Clasen & Scheissl to do the 2022 Audit Motion made by Lange to hire Clasen & Scheissl to do the 2022 audit second by Kingsley. MPU The council would like the audit to be done earlier in the year.

Approve Resolution 2022 – 22 setting the 2023 Levy

Motion made by Lange to approve Resolution 2022 – 22 setting the 2023 final levy at \$233,795.65 second by James. Roll call vote Lange yes, James, yes, Lathrop yes, Benson yes, and Kingsley yes. MPU

The council will set the final budget at the December 27th meeting

Up Coming Meetings:

NO Work Session on December 27th, December 27th – 6:00 pm Regular Meeting

Adjourn:

Motion made by Benson to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm second by James. MPU

Sean Lathrop, Mayor

Tami Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer



City of Hill City Minutes
Regular Council Meeting - 6:00 pm
December 27, 2022
City Hall Community Room, 125 Lake Ave

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lathrop called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Present Mayor Sean Lathrop, Council Members Dave Lange, Brenda James, and Dan Kingsley. Council Member Lin Benson was absent with notice.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Mayor Lathrop added the following to New Business: j. Council Members and k. Waste Management.

Guest Speaker

The City Council asked Anne Marcotte, Aitkin County Commissioner, to come to the meeting to thank her for her years of service on the Aitkin County Board. Mayor Lathrop presented her with a certificate and flower. Commissioner Marcotte talked about her accomplishments over the years being with the County.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by James to approve the following consent agenda items, minutes of Regular Council Meeting 12/13/2022, Claim's, EFT's, & Transfer from 12/7 - 12/21 \$12,506.26, Financial Report, and Resolution 2022 - 23 Donation from Hill City Lions in the amount of \$5,000.00 towards the electronic sign, except for the SEH bill as the council would like more information, second by Lange. MPU

Public Forum

No public spoke.

Old Business

J. Zempel - DARE Training

Officer Zempel will not be going to Rosemont to work and is planning on staying as a Hill City Officer for the next few years.

Motion made by Lange to approve Zempel to attend the DARE training, if Zempel leaves before one year of the training he will reimburse the city 100% of the cost and if he leaves before two years of the training, he will reimburse the city 50% of the cost, second by Lathrop. MPU

New Business

When to order a storage container for the

playground equipment

The new playground equipment is set to be delivered on or about January 17th. Clerk Meyer has sent an email verifying this but has not received a reply as of the meeting time. The council feels that we should have the storage container delivered the week of January 9th.

Approve 2023 Budget

Mayor Lathrop informed the public the total receipts for the 2023 budget would be \$642,266.57 and the total Disbursements would be \$709,607.57. The council set the levy amount at \$233,795.65 at the previous meeting. Motion made by Lange to approve the 2023 budget second by James. Motion passed with Council Member Kingsley voting no.

Approve LG220 - Hill City Archery Raffle Permit

Motion made by Lange to approve the raffle permit for the Hill City Archery Club second by Kingsley. MPU Approve Hill City Lion's Club Fishing Contest

Motion mace by Kingsley to approve the Hill City Lion's Club Fishing Contest Permit second by James. MPU

2023 Newsletter Volunteer Signup sheet

Mayor Lathrop would like to see the sign-up sheet posted on Facebook to see if we get any volunteers. Council Member Kingsley suggested asking the exercise group that uses the fire hall if they would sign up for a month. Clerk Meyer will get the signup sheet on Facebook.

Stop sign at Henrietta Ave and Cedar St - Sean

Mayor Lathrop would like the stop signs going North and South on Cedar St at the Henrietta Ave. intersection be removed for the winter. When stopping at the intersection you can't get momentum to make it up the hill on the snowy/ icy road. He talked with Public Safety Director Saxton about it. Saxton informed the council there is no Statute requiring there to be a stop sign. Clerk Meyer suggested doing the same with the stop signs going East and West on Lone Ave at the Elm St. intersection.

Motion made by Lathrop to remove the North/ South Stop signs on Cedar St at Henrietta Ave and the East/West stop signs on lone Ave. at Elm St. from November 1st to April 15th second by Lange. MPU

Approve Pay Estimate #3 (Final)

KLM sent the paperwork to close out the Water Tower project and the final payment to Viking Industrial Painting in the amount of \$31,060.00. There is a small punch list that still needs to be completed. G. Casper said that these items are covered under the warranty and bonding, and we could close out the project. The council would like more information before closing out the project. Casper will contact KLM.

School Police Partnership Agreement
The city and Hill City School wish to participate in a school/police partnership. The school will pay the city \$15,000 to partially reimburse the city for the cost incurred.

Motion made by James to approve the agreement with the school district second by Lange. MPU

Narcan Policy
Public Safety Director Saxon present the council a Narcan Policy. Narcan is used in suspected opioid-involved overdoses and accidental exposures.

Motion made by James to approve the policy second by Lange. MPU
Council Members

Mayor Lathrop thanked Dan Kingsley and Brenda James for their time on the city council. Dan Kingsley will continue working on the electronic sign project. George Casper also thanked Kingsley and James.

Council Member Kingsley congratulated Tom Semler and Scott Brenny to the council. They will be sworn in at the January 10th city council meeting.

Waste Management
City Hall received several phone calls concerning the increase in rates for garbage and recycling pickup. Mayor Lathrop asked that city hall post an explanation on the city Facebook page.

Recycling Bin
Council Member Lange asked if the city wanted to commit to plowing around the recycling bin on the township lot. No action was taken.

Up Coming Meetings January 10th - Regular Meeting

Adjourn Motion made by Kingsley to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm second by James. MPU

Sean Lathrop, Mayor
Tami Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer



Employment Opportunities

Why should you work for Aitkin County CARE

- ✓ You're a valued part of an organization and an asset to the team
- ✓ You will enjoy the work making a difference in people's lives
- ✓ CARE provides **flexible** hours
- ✓ Care provides non-medical care to our aging population disabled adult
- ✓ Make valuable personal connections
- ✓ You will help individuals stay in their home.
- ✓ **\$14.00 an Hour**

Aitkin County CARE
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Aitkin, MN 56431

CONTACT US TODAY

Kim Nutting 218-927-1383 Ext. 2
Dawn Harrison 218-927-1383 Ext 5

The Events and Planning Committee is looking for businesses who may want to donate a new bike for our upcoming Spring Easter Egg Hunt.

If you would like to donate, please contact
City Hall 218-697-2301



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The Hill City Events & Planning Committee would like to thank everyone who donated or helped in any way with the Winter at the Beach Event. Thanks are in order for, but not limited to: the Hill City Lions Club, the Hill City Thrift Shop, the Hill City Legion Post 340, the Hill City Ladies Auxiliary, Mendy Oukrop & the Hill City Prom Committee, the Cozy Cove Coffee Company, Tom & Jeanne Fasteland, Bill Klennert, Amanda Goodrich, Dave Lange, George Casper, Pat Jordan, and Steven Meyer. And a HUGE thank you to Bruce Mell and Ken Rollins!

We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the Medallion Hunt Prize Package, including but not limited to: Ken Olson, the Hill City Lions Club, the Haypoint Jackpine Snowmobile Club, the Hill City Thrift Shop, and Last Call Entertainment.

The Events and Planning Committee is continuously looking for New Volunteers!! Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 5:00 pm in the HC City Hall Community Room.

From 9:00 am to 11:00 am, Donuts with Dawn will be at the pop-up Senior Citizen Center on Mondays in January and February. On the 9th, come take part in cribbage. On the 16th, will be a discussion with Dawn. The 23rd will be board games and the 30th will be a meeting with Ron Saxton, public safety director. This will continue into February, with a sing-a-long on the 6th, Valentine cookie decoration on the 13th, bingo on the 20th, and adult coloring on the 27th.

A decorative invitation card for Valentine Craft Night. The card features a red border and a background of pink hearts. At the top right is a large red heart. The text is centered and reads: 'YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR VALENTINE CRAFT NIGHT FEBRUARY 8, 2023 4:30-6:00PM COMMUNITY ROOM AND COMMONS'. Below this, it says: 'THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT, SO PLEASE BE SURE TO ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN!'. At the bottom, it says: 'Sponsored by Community Ed and ECFE'. There are two smaller red hearts on the left and right sides of the card.

Dear Parents and Students,

Attendance is important to a successful school year. Daily attendance is important and it also helps to:

- Reduce stress
- Make it easier to connect with friends and teachers
- Support learning

For the months of February and March, there will be an **Attendance Challenge**.

- If you miss 1 or fewer days of school in either February or March you will be able to play Mr. Johnson in a game of Elimination.
- If your entire class has 90% attendance for either the month of February or March your whole class will get to play Mr. Johnson in a game of Elimination.

As a school it is our goal to partner with you to help your children have a successful year! Let's work together to spread the word regarding how important attendance is at school to help with having a successful year!

MDE (Minnesota Department of Education) states that the goal is to have: **90% of students at school 90% of the time.**

Please help us work toward meeting this goal whenever possible. If you need help with or have questions regarding attendance, call (218-697-2394). We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,
Ms. Huusko



ISD #2 Breakfast Menu February 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1 Turkey Bacon Pizza	2 Cinnamon Bagel	3 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	
<u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	6 Muffins, Yogurt	7 Oatmeal, Cereal	8 French Toast, Sausage Link	9 Apple Frudel	10 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	Fruit, Juice & Milk Served Daily with Breakfast
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	13 Waffles, Cheese Stick	14 Oatmeal, Cereal	15 Breakfast Burrito	16 Strawberry Bagel	17 No Elementary Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	18
4 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Oatmeal, Cereal	22 Sausage Pizza	23 Muffins, Yogurt	24 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	25 Menu subject to change at anytime
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	27 NO SCHOOL	28 Oatmeal, Cereal				



ISD #2 Lunch Menu February 2023




	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1 Beef Tacos w/ fixings, Black Bean Salsa, Corn, Rice	2 Sausage Pizza, Salad Bar, Corn	3 BBQ Pork Sandwich, Potato Wedge, Baked Beans	
Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch	6 Cheese Quesadilla w/ Fixings, Veggies & Dip	7 Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Carrots and Peas	8 Chicken Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, Salad Bar	9 Mashed Potatoes Beef Gravy, Beans & Corn, Roll	10 Turkey Ham & Cheese Sub, Baked Chips, Veggies & Dip	11 <u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of
12	13 Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Tataer Tots, Green Beans	14 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Salad Bar, Cookie	15 White Chicken Chili, Turkey & Cheese, Veggies & Dip	16 Sloppy Joes, Fries, Baked Beans	17 No Elementary Burrito w/ Fixings, Rice & Beans	18 fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Macaroni Hotdish, Mixed Veggies, Roll	22 Chicken Fajita w/ Fixings, Refries Beans, Rice	23 FARM TO SCHOOL	24 Cheese Burger, Fries, Green Beans	25 5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a
26	27 NO SCHOOL	28 Shrimp Poppers, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Garlic Breadstick				One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 	1 OPEN GYM 7-9	2 GBB vs LaPorte AB 7,8 HOME 5:45	3 GBB vs North Woods AB 7,8 AWAY 5:30	4 BBB & GBB vs Silver Bay AB Home 2:00
5 OPEN GYM 6-8	6 BBB vs Mille Lacs AB HOME 5:45	7 GBB vs Floodwood AB 7,8 AWAY 5:45	8 OPEN GYM 7-9	9 BBB vs South Ridge AB JH HOME 5:45	10 BBB vs Chisholm ABJH AWAY GBB Varsity Wrenshall Away	11 
12 OPEN GYM 6-8	13 GBB vs Ogilvie AB 7,8 AWAY 5:45	14 BBB vs McGregor AB JH AWAY 4:15 GBB vs EC AB HOME	15 OPEN GYM 7-9	16 BBB vs Northland AB JH HOME 5:45 GBB vs Nevis AB 7,8 AWAY 6:00	17 NO SCHOOL for Elementary	18 GBB 7 & 8 vs Hibbing 9:00
19 OPEN GYM 6-8	20 GBB vs Carlton A 7,8 AWAY 5:45 NO SCHOOL	21 GBB vs Northome AB 7,8 AWAY 5:45	22 OPEN GYM 7-9	23 GBB vs LFBF A 7,8 HOME 5:45	24 BBB vs Braham AB HOME 5:45	25
26 OPEN GYM 6-8	27 BBB vs Ely AB JH HOME 5:00 NO SCHOOL	28 BBB vs Sebeka AB JH AWAY 5:45				This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org