

OCTOBER

# COMMUNITY NEWS



2023

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

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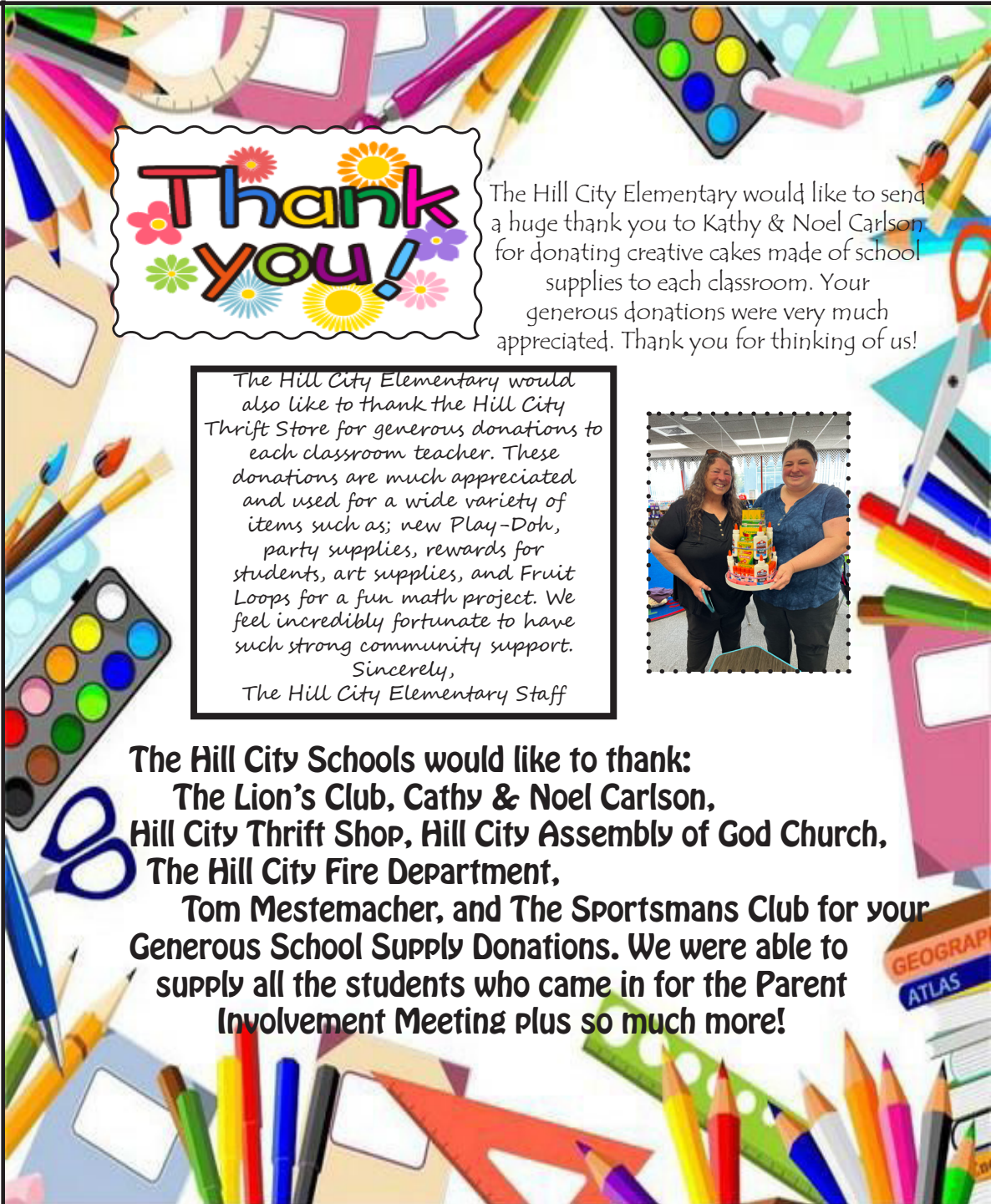
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**Thank  
you!**

The Hill City Elementary would like to send a huge thank you to Kathy & Noel Carlson for donating creative cakes made of school supplies to each classroom. Your generous donations were very much appreciated. Thank you for thinking of us!

The Hill City Elementary would also like to thank the Hill City Thrift Store for generous donations to each classroom teacher. These donations are much appreciated and used for a wide variety of items such as; new Play-Doh, party supplies, rewards for students, art supplies, and Fruit Loops for a fun math project. We feel incredibly fortunate to have such strong community support.  
Sincerely,  
The Hill City Elementary Staff



**The Hill City Schools would like to thank:  
The Lion's Club, Cathy & Noel Carlson,  
Hill City Thrift Shop, Hill City Assembly of God Church,  
The Hill City Fire Department,  
Tom Mestemacher, and The Sportsmans Club for your  
Generous School Supply Donations. We were able to  
supply all the students who came in for the Parent  
Involvement Meeting plus so much more!**

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

Jay Zapzalka and Sarah Kingsley  
(Mark Meyer, Alt.)

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
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 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, May 1, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sarah Kingsley, Mark Meyer, Joell Miranda, Jeremy Nelson, Ron Saxton, and Jay Zapzalka.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Correction and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting.
  - \*April 2022 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through 04/11/23;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Recognitions- Lake Country Power for the grant for the purpose of STEAM Technology improvements. Thank you to all of our teachers for their hard work during the 22-23 school year. Thank you Eric Hill, Bill Clarke, Markie Meyer, Tom Semmler, Val Golden, Lange's Nursery, and the City of Hill City for all their hard work dealing with the snow.
4. Comments from Visitors- None
5. Transportation Report: None
6. Policy Committee: None
7. Curriculum Committee: No Report
8. School and Community Health Committee: None
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: None
10. Negotiation Committee: AFSCME letter of desire to negotiate. Notice of Intent to negotiate by the community education coordinator.
11. Community Education Report: There was no report.
12. Early Childhood Report: None
13. Building & Grounds Director Report: None to report
14. Principal's Report: Attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
15. Superintendent Report: Attached to Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
16. Approved hiring Caitlin Smith as 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher starting for the 23-24 school year as per HCUE Contract.
17. Approved hiring Kimberlee Mueske as School Nurse starting in the 23-24 school year.
18. Approved the School Nurse Contract for 23-25.
19. Approved hiring Katie Vanderport as Yearbook Advisor for the 23-24 school year the HCUE

contract.

20. Approved the Facilities Director Contract for 23-26.
21. Approve posting for .83 FTE District Computer Technician.
22. Approved posting .17 FTE Computer Science Teacher.
23. Approved the revised Co-Op agreement with Northland Community Schools
24. Approved a tentative graduation list for 2023
25. Discuss/Review Fall and Winter coaching list-activity coaches for the 2023-2024 school year.
26. Discussed and Reviewed Early Childhood funding model.
27. Discuss and Review the capital fund balance.
28. Approved the following: Adam Johnson, Superintendent as LEA Representative, Tara Mattson as Title I Contact, Principals as Title IIA and IID contact and Adam Johnson, Superintendent as Homeless Liaison for the 23-24 school year.
29. 1st readings of Policies.
30. Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended: Next Regular Board Meeting on May 22, 2023
31. Approved to close the Meeting in Accordance with M.S. 13D.05, Sub. 3(b) to discuss an employee evaluation.
32. Approved to re-open and close the Meeting in accordance with M.S. 13D.03 to discuss labor negotiation strategy.
33. Approve to re-open the Meeting and adjourn at 7:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Joell Miranda, Clerk

**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 May 22, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed all members present.



1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Correction and approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 1, 2023.
3. Presented current bills through May 9, 2023.
4. Recognitions: Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023
5. Early Childhood Report: Little Bees graduation on the 31st @ 11 am. Looking into Blandin Grants.
6. Principal's Report: Attached to Official Minutes and made a part thereof.

7. Superintendent Report: Attached to Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
8. Second Readings of Policies.
9. Approved hiring Greg Bullock as .83 District Computer Technician.
10. Approved hiring Kimberlee Mueske as .33 FTE Medical careers teacher starting in 2023-2024 school year.
11. Approve the Community Education Programmer contract.
12. Approve posting for an 18 day dishwasher/cook's helper for the 2023-2024 school year.
13. Approve a Cross Country Co-Op with Deer River/Northland for the 23-24 school year.
14. Approve a track and field Co-Op with Deer River/Northland for the 23-24 school year.
15. Adopt the 23-24 Resolution for Membership in the MSHSL.
16. Approve carrying over 1.88 unused vacation days to MARSS Secretary Jessica Boatman to the 23-24 school year.
17. Meetings to be attended and Meetings attended: Next Regular Board Meeting is June 26, 2023
18. Approved to adjourn Meeting at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Joell Miranda, Clerk

## 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 pm. on June 26, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed all Members Present.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Correction and Approval for the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2023.
  - \*May 2023 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through June 8, 2023;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Recognitions- Thank You Mandy Huusko for a great year at Hill City School. Recognize and Acknowledge the Blandin grant of \$200,000.00 over the next 3 years for Early Childhood funding. Acknowledge the resignation of Tina Harcey as the Assistant Cook.
4. Comments from Visitors- Presentation by Ideal Energies.
5. Transportation Report: None

6. Policy Committee: None
7. Curriculum Committee: No Report
8. School and Community Health Committee: None
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: None.
10. Negotiation Committee: Setting up Meeting dates with HCUE and AFSCME
11. Community Education Report: There was no report.
12. Early Childhood Report: None.
13. Building & Grounds Director Report: Starting on buck thorn removal, looking at insurance updates/renewals also.
14. Principal's Report: None
15. Superintendent Report: None
16. Approve adopted 2024 budget.
17. Approved hiring Zac Erickson as EC-12 Principal starting the 2023-2024 School Year.
18. Approved Administrative Variance for Zac Erickson.
19. Approved hiring Gretchen Larson as the 18-day assistant cook/dishwasher starting in the 23-24 school year.
20. Approved hiring Matthew Alleva as the .41 Science Teacher for the 23-24 school year.
21. Approved hiring Katherine Vanderport as the .41 FTE Visual Arts Teacher for the 23-24 School Year.
22. Approved hiring Lisa Cannella as the .67 FTE STEAM Teacher for the 23-24 School Year.
23. Approve hiring Greg Bullock as the .17 FTE Computer Science Teacher for the 23-24 School Year.
24. Approved to rescind the motion to post for a .5 FTE Music Teacher and approve to post for a 1.0 FTE Music Teacher.
25. Approved the purchase of service agreement with ISD 318 for a shared music position.
26. Approved solar contract with Ideal Energies.
27. Approved the purchase of student technology devices in the amount of \$33,000.00.
28. Approved Resolution to Designate Adam Johnson and Jessica Boatman as Iowa and proxy for EDIAM.
29. Approved the 23-24 Specific Services Contract with AARC.
30. Approved the Early Childhood professional services agreement with North Homes, Inc. for the 23-24 school year.
31. Approved the 23-24 Purchase of Services Agreement with IASC for Special Education Program Services.
32. Approved carrying over unused vacation days to the 23-24 school year.
33. Approved the MOA for AFSCME for the Juneteenth

holiday.

34. Approved Breakfast, Lunch and Milk prices. Ala Carte Meals will be priced according to each food/ beverage selected. Money must be IN accounts to purchase Ala Carte items.
35. Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended: Workshop on July 12, 2023 @ 5:30. Next Regular Board Meeting on July 24, 2023.
36. Approved to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Joell Miranda, Clerk

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2  
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA**

The Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed the all Members present except Jeremy Nelson. Jeremy arrived at 5:57 p.m. and Jay had to leave at 5:57 p.m.

1. ICS Building Project.
2. Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Joell Miranda, Clerk

**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, July 24, 2023.

Roll Call showed all Members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Consider Consent Agenda and remove as needed.
  - \*Corrected and Approved the Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 26, 2023
  - \*June 2023 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through July 2023;
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Recognitions: The resignation of Amanda Rutanen as 7-12 Math teacher and Assistant Volleyball

Coach and Aimee Linder as the Cooks Helper/ Dishwasher. Thank you for your time at Hill City School.

4. Transportation Report: None to Report.
5. Curriculum Committee: None to report.
6. Policy Committee: Set Meeting in August to go through policies.
7. School and Community health Committee: No Report.
8. Safety/Transportation Committee: Meeting scheduled for August 23rd at 7:30 p.m.
9. Negotiations Committee: No Report
10. Community Education Report: There was No Report.
11. Early Education Report: None to Report
12. Building & Grounds Director Report: Buck Thorn project on track. It's looking good. August 11th AC unit finished. Shot clocks installed last week. School Auction with closing date of August 14th.
13. Principal's & Superintendent's Report: Attached to Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
14. Approved the resolution of intent to facilities maintenance and capital facilities bonds.
15. Approved the resolution stating the intention of the School Board to fund costs of certain projects.
16. Approved hiring Haley Locken as assistant cook starting the 23-24 school year as per AFCSME contract and pending background check.
17. Approved to set rates of pay for substitute instructors for the 23-24 school year to align with IASC rates.
18. Approved pay rates for athletic event workers for the 23-24 school year.
19. Approved to maintain the extra-curricular participation rates at the same level for the 23-24 school year as they were during the 22-23 school year.
20. Approved the professional services agreement with North Homes, Inc. for the 23-24 school year.
21. Designated the Official District Publication.
22. First reading of the 23-24 Student, Staff, and Activities Handbooks.
23. Reviewed and approved posting for quotes.
24. Meetings to be attending and Meetings attended: Next Regular Board Meeting on August 28; IASC Board of Director Meeting on August 1, 2023; Region 27/28 Meeting on August 4, 2023; Aitkin County Family Services Meeting on August 15, 2023; IASC Administrative Meeting on August 22, 2023.
25. Approved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Joell Miranda, Clerk

**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 at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call showed all were present except Jeremy Nelson

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved hiring Allan White as the 1.0 FTE 7-12 Mathematics Teacher for the 23-24 school year.
3. Approved hiring Catherine Jones as Dishwasher/ Cooks Helper starting the 23-24 school year.
4. Approved hiring Marie Ahonen as Girls Assistant Volleyball Coach starting the 23-24 school year.
5. Approved hiring Isabel Jones as Girls Junior High Volleyball Coach starting the 23-24 school year.
6. Approved to rescind the motion to approve the purchase of services agreement with ISD 318 for shared music position.
7. Approved posting for a .5 FTE, 90 day, Band/Music/ Choir Teacher.
8. Approved the Foster Care Transportation Agreement for Sept. 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.
9. Meetings to be attended and Meeting Attended: Next Regular Board meeting: August 28, 2023.
10. Approved to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Joell Miranda, Clerk

**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, August 28, 2023.

Roll Call showed all members were present except Joell Miranda.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approved the Agenda with as presented.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Consider Consent Agenda and remove as needed.
  - \*Corrected and Approved the Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 24, 2023 and Workshop Meeting of July 24, 2023.
  - \*July 2023 bills presented for payment;
  - \*Current bills through August 24, 2023

\*Investments and wire transfers;

\*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.

3. Recognitions:
4. Transportation Report: Bus routes are figured out. Bus is going to Super One and down Split hand road.
5. Curriculum Committee: Math curriculum came in.
6. Policy Committee: No Report.
7. School and Community health Committee: No Report.
8. Safety/Transportation Committee: No Report
9. Negotiations Committee: None
10. Community Education Report: There was No Report.
11. Early Education Report: None to Report
12. Building & Grounds Director Report: Design team meeting with ICS.
13. Principal's Report: Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
14. Superintendent's Report: Report is attached to the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
15. Second Reading of Handbooks.
16. Approved hiring Elizabeth Woodworth as a full-time paraprofessional starting the 23-24 school year.
17. Approved the resolution to authorize the execution of an energy services agreement with ICS.
18. Appoint suppliers for propane, garbage pick up, and snowplowing.
19. Approved E-Learning Plan for the 23-24 school year.
20. Approved preliminary substitute instructor list for 23-24 school year.
21. Approved Kindergarten milk prices for the 23-24 school year at \$26.50 per student.
22. Adopted Policies.
23. Meetings to be attended and Meetings Attended: Sept. 8 District 27-28 Superintendent Meeting; Sept. 12 IASC Board of Directors Meetings; ARCC Levy Meeting; Sept. 21 Superintendent insurance/ advisory meeting @ Proctor; next Regular Board Meeting September 25, 2023
24. Approved to close the Meeting in accordance with M.S. 13D.03 to discuss labor negotiation strategy.
25. Approved to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted, Joell Miranda, Clerk



# VETERANS DAY

ARMY  
MARINE CORPS  
NAVY  
AIR FORCE  
SPACE FORCE  
COAST GUARD

Please join us for our  
*Annual Hill City Veterans Day Program*  
Friday, November 10, 2023  
at 10:00 a.m.  
Hill City School Gymnasium

NOVEMBER 11, 2023  
HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED

WWW.VA.GOV

## THE EIGHT PATHWAYS

Automotive/Transportation    Business    Computer Science    Construction  
Education    Healthcare    Manufacturing    Natural Resources/Agriculture

NEXT Career Pathways is looking forward to an exciting year of Exploring, Experiencing, Excelling, and Evolving with all of our students, educators, and business partners. As we look at the coming school year we want to welcome back our returning educators, and give a warm welcome to new NEXT Career Pathway team members!

**WELCOME**

- Greg Campbell • Automotive Pathway Teacher, Grand Rapids
- Zac Erickson • Principal, Hill City
- Dianne Hazetin • Middle School Principal, Greenway
- Pat Kattick • Education and Business Pathways Teacher
- Ambor Kangard • Natural Resources/Agriculture Pathway Teacher, Deer River
- Mark Matherway • Construction Teacher, Greenway
- Jordyn Novberg • Automotive/Construction/Manufacturing Pathways Teacher, Grand Rapids
- Megan O'Tole • Business Pathway Teacher, Greenway
- Daniel Pace • Superintendent, Greenway
- Chris Ryberg • Natural Resources/Agriculture Pathway Teacher, Greenway
- Dr. Delana Smith • Principal, Deer River

## BOOKS ARE FUN

# BOOK BLAST

Our journey begins when your student brings home their Treasure Map!!!!

**THIS IS A BOOK DRIVE UNLIKE ANY OTHER!**

- Students will take home at least **one new, age-appropriate book**
- Students can earn **EXCITING REWARDS!**
- Students could win a **CASH-FILLED TREASURE CHEST** or even an **iPAD!**
- Most importantly, **students can help their classmates earn books too!**

All this, just for taking 7-minutes to complete the Treasure Map.

**HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?**  
**COMPLETE YOUR TREASURE MAP!**

Your student will bring home a Treasure Map flyer.

- Visit the link or QR Code on the Treasure Map from your phone or computer.
- Register your student and invite friends and family members who might want to help your child get books.
  - Invite **10+** and your student will earn **EXCITING REWARDS!**
  - Invite **15+** for a chance to win a **CASH-FILLED TREASURE CHEST** or even an **iPAD!**

A local quilting group, the Over the Hill Quilters, will be presenting honor quilts to local veterans who have served in any of the conflicts in the Gulf/Middle East. We have worked with the local Veterans groups to compile a list of names. If you are unsure if your name is on the list, or would like to check if someone's name is on the list, please contact Elaine Klennert at Roadside or email Laurie Holm at lholm@isdoo2.org or Jessica Boatman at jboatman@isdoo2.org. Thank you for your service and we hope to see you on November 10th at our annual Veterans Day program at Hill City School.

Trick or Treat! You're invited to the  
Hill City Community

## TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

OCTOBER 31, AT 4:00 PM

Lake Avenue, Hill City

No  
homemade  
treats! Please  
use store  
bought only.



# JACOBSON

## TRUNK OR Treat



SATURDAY **OCT 28TH** 4 PM - 6 PM

AT THE JACOBSON PARK AND REC AREA

**FREE EVENT**

REFRESHMENTS - PRIZES  
FOR BEST COSTUMES AND  
TRUNKS

TRUNK-ERS, PLAN FOR ABOUT 100  
KIDS, AND PLEASE PRE-BAG YOUR  
CANDY - THIS HELPS KEEP OUR  
PARK CLEAN

QUESTIONS? CALL OR TEXT HANNAH AT  
218-398-7551



The Hill City Assembly of God would like to send out a BIG thank you to all who participated and donated to the Hill City School supply drive. Donations from the Hill City Lion's Club and the Moose Willow Sportsman Club, as well as, donations from individuals throughout the community gave us the opportunity to provide backpacks, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, glue, rulers, notebooks, binders and so much more to our kids. Plus we will have the funds to provide more supplies later in the school year.



ElderCircle offers  
in-person  
exercise  
sessions in Hill  
City and

Jacobson! Times and locations below.  
Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) is a low-impact Ptness program designed speciPcally for older adults to build muscle strength, improve balance and increase flexibility to maintain or regain an active lifestyle. Sessions are 90 minutes, held twice a week, led by trained volunteers.

Open to adults of all ages at no cost.

- Hill City Fire Hall
- Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:30 am
- Jacobson Community Center
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

If you are interested in either attending as a participant and/or serving as a volunteer, please contact:

Lori Whitted at [lori@eldercircle.org](mailto:lori@eldercircle.org) or  
218-999-9233 x278



City of Hill City Minutes  
Budget Work Session  
August 22, 2023  
Hill City Community Room

Budget Work Session- 5pm.

Mayor Lange called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Each department head discussed their proposed budget. Clerk Meyer will type up each department's proposed budget and will present levy amounts at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

City of Hill City

Dave Lange, Mayor Brandi Caverly, Deputy Clerk

Regular Council Meeting - 6:00 pm

August 22, 2023

Hill City Community Room

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lange called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Council present were Mayor Dave Lange, Council Members Sean Lathrop, Scott Brenny, Lin Benson and Tom Semler. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Add to new business c. Pikus RV Permit, d. Training request for Casper and Jordan

Motion made by Benson to accept the agenda with the above-mentioned additions, seconded by

Lathrop. MPU

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Lathrop to approve the following consent agenda items; minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and Public Hearing 8/8/2023, Claim's, EFT's, & Transfer from 8/8 - 8/17, \$29,764.18, Monthly Council Pay for August, second by Brenny. MPU

Public Forum - No public spoke.

Engineer Report: Hwy 169/200 round-about project

▫ There will be an informational zoom meeting about this project on August 28 th . George has asked Andrew to attend this meeting. GIS Mapping  
▫ They have received data from MN Rural Water and have put it into maps for George to review, along with the information collected by their intern, and will continue with supplemental collections to get maps up to date. Water Treatment Plant Piloting

▫ Phases one and two are complete, with positive results so far.

▫ Phase three is site survey and geotechnical boring analysis.

▫ Final phase will be a report on the findings.

▫ Mayor Lange has been asked to make a brief presentation to officials with the MN Legislature on September 28 th at Campus North. This would be for potential state bonding

for the water treatment plant. Andrew will help put together some key points. Grant Funding

▫ There may be possible funding for the Wastewater Pond Project, waiting on more information.

▫ Hill City airport may get some funding from MN Dot Aeronautics for an obstruction clearing project. Andrew will work with them and find out what percentage will be covered by Aeronautics. The city may still get some help to offset costs from the Airport Layout Plan Grant. CEDA Report. Community Brainstorming Sessions

▫ The preliminary survey report was composed of 32 total responses, with 23 online and 9 in person responses. Eleven people attended the 2 in person sessions.

▫ Results of the survey included how long people have been residents of Hill City, reasons for living here, what people like or dislike about the area, what new amenities residents would like to see brought in, and how they would rate the overall quality of life in Hill

City.

Old Business:

9-Month CD to 12-month CD- Clerk Meyer emailed the council members that the 9-month CD was up, but we could roll the 9-month CD into a 12 month CD at a much higher interest rate of 4.25 percent. The council members each responded individually to go ahead and roll it into the new 12-month CD.

New Business:

New Police Squad, Public Safety Director Ron Saxton requested permission to order a new squad car for the P.D. as the old squad has over fifty thousand miles on it currently. Ford is experiencing wait times of two years so Ron suggested switching to Dodge, which has a much shorter wait time of about eight months. We can switch most equipment from the old squad to a new one without having to replace it. Motion made by Benson to approve up to \$55,000.00 to move forward on the purchase order, second by Semler. MPU

Voting Operations, Technology, & Election Resource Account Agreement

Motion made by Lathrop to sign agreement, second by Semler. MPU

Pikus RV Permit

This was tabled so the council may look at the RV Ordinance and see what is required for city sewer & water. Training request for Casper and Jordan  
George and Pat would like to go to MN Rural Water training in Mt. Iron on September 7. Motion made by Lathrop to approve the request, second by Brenny. MPU

Up Coming Meetings:

a. September 6 - Events and Planning Meeting 6 pm

b. September 12 - Regular Meeting 6 pm

c. August 28 - Round-a-bout Zoom Meeting 10 - 11 am

d. August 31 - Mark Jeffers - Naturally Better Marketing

Campaign 9 - 11 in Aitkin

Adjourn

Motion made by Lathrop to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm second by Benson. MPU

Dave Lange, Mayor Brandi Caverly, Deputy Clerk

# MOVIE NIGHT

Join Us for an evening of fun.

1st & 3rd Fridays ★ 6:30 pm ★ Community Room



Pumpkin Decorating and Carving

October 23, 2023

5:00 -6:30 pm

Community Room and Commons

Sponsored by the Community Ed and ECCE



OPEN GYM BASKETBALL  
SUNDAY NIGHT'S  
6 PM- 8 PM

**Open Gym Adult  
Volleyball  
Wednesday Night's  
7 pm - 9 pm**





# HOMECOMING 2023

~ Tuesday ~  
Hornets vs. Bigfork  
@ Bigfork  
7:00 p.m.

## OCTOBER 2 - 6

~ Thursday ~  
Cross Country vs Crosby-Ironton  
@ Emily Greens Golf Course  
3:30 p.m.

*Coronation*  
Thursday - 7th Hour  
HC/N STORM JH Football vs MIB  
@ HOME 5:00 p.m.  
**Hornets vs. NE Range**  
@ HOME 7:00 p.m.

### Dress Up Days

Tuesday - Movie Theme by Class  
Wednesday - Rhyme without Reason  
Thursday - Barbie  
Friday - Purple Pride Day



~ FRIDAY ~

**HC/N STORM FOOTBALL**  
vs  
**Carlton @ HOME**  
7:00 p.m.

Burger Bash  
before the  
Football Game  
(Campus Life Kickoff)  
&  
Dance Afterwards

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**Find all the games  
for all the  
sports**

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~Activities Calendar~

**Boom!**

All The Games for  
All the Sports

You can also be notified of these changes by signing up  
with - Notify Me  
Bottom Right of the Screen - just click and follow the  
instructions and you're set!

This Calendar is Updated as soon as we can with  
any changes.

# Hill City School



# Class of 2024

# Homework

## HELP

Beginning in October

After School  
Tuesdays  
Wednesdays &  
Thursdays

In the Turn Around Room



*Minnesota Grown Apples will be served to all students for lunch on,*

*Thursday October 12,  
2023*

GREAT LAKES  
GREAT APPLE CRUNCH DAY



## Cozy Cove Harvest Festival

Saturday October 14th

1 - 4 p.m

Come Join Us For;

Games

Crafts and canned goods

Fire Pit and Smores

Pizza by the slice

Treats and Sweets

Fun for all ages!



## ECFE Classes October

11th, 20th, 27th

9:30 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

in Room 250




# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu October 2023



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 E-LEARNING DAY	3 CEREAL BAR	4 BREAKFAST PIZZA	5 OATMEAL, CEREAL, GRAHAMS	6 CINNAMON ROLL, YOGURT	7
8 <b>Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily</b>	9 MUFFINS, CHEESE STICK	10 STRAWBERRY BAGEL	11 FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE LINK	12 OATMEAL, CEREAL, GRAHAM	13 CINNAMON ROLL, CHEESE STICK	14 <b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of
15	16 NUTRIGRAIN BAR, CHEESE STICK	17 CEREAL BAR	18 CINNAMON ROLL, YOGURT	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components
22 Menu subject to change at anytime	23 APPLE FRUDEL	24 OATMEAL, CEREAL, GRAHAM	25 BREAKFAST PIZZA	26 CEREAL BAR	27 CINNAMON ROLL, YOGURT	5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a
29	30 CINNAMON MINI BAGEL	31 MUFFINS, CHEESE STICK				One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.

# ISD #2 Lunch Menu October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	2 E-LAERARNING DAY	3 Chicken Strips, Tater Tots, Corn, Apple	4 Beef Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll	5 Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Veggies & Ranch Apple, Peaches	6 Pepperoni Pizza, Salad Bar	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	9 French Bread Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Orange	10 Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Veggies & Dip, Peaches, Orange	11 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Beans, Garlic Toast, Carrots	12 The Great Apple Crunch at Lunch! Unbreaded Chicken, LTO, Bun, Peas	13 Turkey ala King, Buscuit, Veggies, Kiwi, Pineapple	14 Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
4 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	16 Chicken Tacos w/ Fixings, Corn Salsa, Black Beans, Pineapple	17 Chili, Corn Bread, Peppers & Ranch, Apple	18 Hot Dogs, Brats, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Milk, Oranges	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	23 Chicken Poppers Mashed Potato, Gravy, Corn, Roll, Peaches	24 Lasagna Rolls w/ Sauce & Cheese, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread	25 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Veggies & Ranch, Pears, Apples	26 FARM 2 SCHOOL	27 Cheese Burger, Fries, Green Beans, Peaches, Orange	Menu subject to change at anytime
29	30 Breaded Chicken Sandwich w/ Bun L,T,O, Sweet Potato Tots, Peppers&Ranch	31 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Veggies & Dip, Pineapple, Kiwi				

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**Erickson's Update**



Dear families,

I hope this update finds you well. As the new school year begins, I want to take a moment to share with you some important updates on the first few weeks of school. During this time, our students and staff have been busy learning and getting to know each other. Teachers have been working hard to establish a positive and engaging learning environment, while students have been adjusting to new routines and expectations. We have conducted orientation sessions, icebreakers, and team-building activities to help everyone feel welcome and connected.

In addition to these activities, students have been receiving introductory lessons on key subjects and taking assessments to help us identify their strengths and areas for improvement. These assessments and lessons are crucial in helping us tailor our instruction to the specific needs of each child.

A reminder that attendance is crucial to your child's academic success and overall well-being. When students miss school, they miss out on important learning opportunities and risk falling behind their peers. Moreover, long-term absences can contribute to lower academic achievement, lower graduation rates, and a higher risk of dropping out of school. I urge all families to prioritize regular attendance and to work with the school to ensure that your child is present and engaged in their learning. Together, we can help your child achieve academic excellence and develop the skills needed for lifelong success.

As we move forward, I encourage you to stay engaged and connected with your child's learning journey.

Regular communication with your child's teachers can be critical in identifying and addressing any issues or concerns that may arise. Additionally, setting achievable academic and personal goals with your child can help keep them motivated and focused throughout the year. I am confident that with the support of our families and community, our students will have a successful and rewarding academic year. Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to our school.

Sincerely,  
Zac Erickson, Principal