

December



2022

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Thank You for Your Service



Beautiful Quilt of Valor

presented to :

David Whalen



Sergeant Johnathan Ryan

HILL CITY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Quarter 2022-2023

Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 9
A	A	A	A
Emma Finke Kyle Grimsbo Tanner Harcey Riley Holm Raven Miranda Kira Schuety Michelle Smith Niyelle Solie Andrew St Martin Torie Thompson-Nau Ally Zapzalka	Emmett Bray Taleigha Cook Brooklyn Harcey Camyrn Hunt Easton Kingsley Alixandra Leach Adrianna Leverty-Taylor Shaley Pearson Hayden Schafer Annika Spangler Lainee Spangler	Dylan Blaisdell Bellona Dunham Adrianna Harcey Trevor Kingsley Steven Meyer Kaija Neary Matthew Washburn Abby Zapzalka	Madison Barnes Mackenzie Benson Reese Boleman Callee Gerber Jackson Kingsley Jasmine Kingsley Madilyn Swanson
B	B	B	B
Quintarian Borders Adrianna Foix Jack Major Hayden Passig	Cheyenne Brinson Starr Stimson Joseph Swanson Dillon Wheeler	Destiny Hobson Kennidy James Nellie Jimenez Kristina Marinaro Brielle Olson Imani Richey Jacob Roper	Jaeger Ahonen Jacob Bockoven Mariah Dahl Micah Pinksa Kaydince Saxton
Grade 8	Grade 7	Grade 6	
A	A	A	
Savannah Blaisdell Emily Casper Dani Hannula Taylor Washburn	Avery Bailey Haley Barnes Hannah Barnes Shyanne Benes Reid Johnson Kyleah Kaslow Mason Kingsley Vannessa Kingsley Chloe Marinaro Tyler Pearson Kayleigh Richards	Pearl Johnson Benjamin Jurvelin Jace Zapzalka	
B	B	B	
Christen Boleman Frankin Goodrich Coltyn Harcey Michael Kalstad Nathan Kingsley Paycen Martin James Roper	Jaxson Caldwell-Paulley Kendel Humphrey Artemis Mercado	Waylan Bray Juniper Mercado	



Congratulations!

Hill City School Board

Jay Zapzalka, Chairman 67880 353rd Ave Hill City, MN 55748	Joell Miranda, Clerk PO Box 253 Hill City, MN 55748	Bambi Lange, Treasurer 505 Ione Ave Hill City, MN 55748
Mark Meyer, Vice Chair PO Box 42 Hill City, MN 55748	Ron Saxton 33528 St. Hwy 200 Hill City, MN 55748	Rich Kingsley 67889 353rd Ave Hill City, MN 55748

Committee Assignments for 2022

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, Mark Meyer,
(Rich Kingsley, Alt.)
- Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
- Mark Meyer (Bambi Lange, Alt.)
- Bambi Lange and Joell Miranda
(Ron Saxton, Alt.)
- Joell Miranda and Jay Zapzalka
- Joell Miranda and Ron Saxton
- Bambi Lange
- Jay Zapzalka
- Mark Meyer and Jay Zapzalka
- Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer
(Rich Kingsley, Alt.)
- Bambi Lange and Mark Meyer
- Bambi Lange 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

1. Approved the Agenda.
2. Correction and Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings of July 25, August 5, 22, 29 and September 7. Bambi was absent but voted yes. Needs correction
3. Approved the following:
 - *August 2022 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 09/10/2022;
 - *Investments and wire transfers will be reported next month;
 - *Cash receipts
4. Recognitions: Homcoming committee for a great homecoming week. Did an awesome job!
5. Transportation Report: Everything is going really smooth
6. Curriculum Committee: More to come after Meeting
7. Policy Committee: None to Report
8. School and Community Health Committee: None to Report
9. Safety/Transportation Committee: None to Report.
10. Community Education Report: Report attached to Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
11. Early Childhood Report: Report attached to

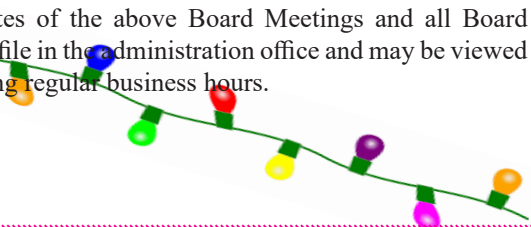
- the Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
12. Building & Grounds Director Report: Report attached to Official Minutes and made a part thereof.
 13. Principal's Report: None to Report
 14. Superintendent's Report: None to Report.
 15. Had a second reading of Policies: Crisis Management Plan, 416 Drug & Alcohol Testing and 418 Drug-Free Workplace/ Drug-Free School.
 16. Approved hiring Delaney Finke as 1.0 FTE Paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 School Year as per AFSCME contract.
 17. Approved posting for a Full Time Custodian as per the current AFSCME Contract.
 18. Accepted the resignation from Adam Johnson as the Credit Recovery Math Teacher and Approved to Post for Math Credit Recovery Teacher.
 19. Appointed Suppliers for Propane and Snowplowing.
 19. Approved the Amended and Revised joint powers agreement regarding the establishment of the Itasca Area Schools Collaborative.
 20. Superintendent Johnson recommends the Board set the Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2022 Payable 2023 at the maximum.
 21. The Truth and Taxation meeting will be held on Monday December 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hill City Community Room, Room 230. At which time the budget and levy will be discussed and the public will be allowed to speak.
 22. Approved the 2022-2023 Preliminary Seniority List.
 23. Discussed and set date for Policy Meeting to 1:00 pm on Mondays.
 24. Meetings to be Attended and Meetings Attended: November 14, 2022 6 pm. Set a Special Meeting for November to canvas votes. This must take place

between November 14-18. The 2023 MSBA Leadership Conference is currently scheduled to be an in-person event on January 12 & 13 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Next Regular Board Meeting is October 24, 2022

25. Approved to adjourn at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: 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.

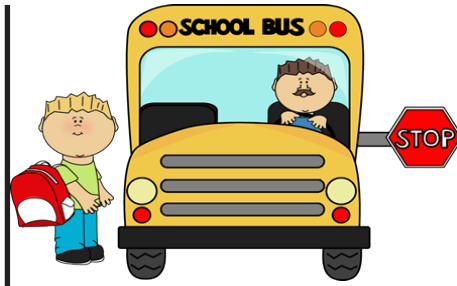


Reminder from the Nurse!

With cold & flu season in full swing remember to wash your hands, eat your fruits & veggies, & stay home when you are sick!

Thank you so much for helping keep our staff and students healthy.

From,
Nurse Cassie



With the Wintery Weather upon us, just a reminder: The buses may be running a few minutes earlier each morning to accommodate for the driving conditions. So please as always, be at your stop and ready to go 5 to 10 minutes before your assigned time, to prevent missing the bus.

Thank You!



Upcoming Concert

Dates:

Elementary Christmas Concert:

Friday, December 16

at 1:30 pm

Hill City School Gymnasium

ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #12:
School
Boundaries**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when school provides clear rules and consequences.

46%
of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.*

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "School boundaries" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.

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

Working Together to Form Boundaries

An assistant principal of a middle school in Colorado was fed up with discipline problems. So many students were behaving badly that he expelled 97 of them.

Then the assistant principal was suspended. Why?

Because while some parents and teachers supported his action, many thought the expulsions were too extreme and poorly handled. They demanded his suspension because they felt he was using unusually harsh punishment to enforce school boundaries.

All schools need boundaries. They need to set clear standards and expectations for how students should act and learn. Yet setting these standards isn't easy—and neither is enforcing them. Many schools grapple with how to discipline students in appropriate and effective ways.

As a parent you can help the process by working with your child's school. Encourage your school to create a conduct code at the beginning of the year, review the code with the students, and send a copy of it home to inform parents. Suggest that students help in



creating the code. For example, Streetwater High in National City, California, created "The Link Crew"—twelfth graders who explained the dos and don'ts of behavior to new students and talked with students with whom teachers were struggling. Grades and attendance improved, and fewer new students spent time in the principal's office.

When parents and educators work together, they can create a supportive environment for establishing and enforcing school boundaries. And the more families, schools, and communities work together to establish consistent boundaries, the better off our children will be because they will know what to expect.

Helpful Hints

Tips that make creating clear school boundaries easier:

- **Get involved in a parent-teacher policy organization.**
- **Focus on the positive and build on what's working.**
- **When conflicts occur, don't be pushy. Calmly state your concern and suggest solutions.**

Evaluate Your Child's School

Inform yourself about school boundaries by visiting your child's school and asking yourself these questions:

- Overall, how are students behaving?
- How do adults and students interact with each other?
- When conflicts occur, how are they resolved?
- How do the school boundaries you observe match the boundaries you have at home?

What's Your View?

Public Agenda interviewed more than 1,100 Americans about education reform. They found that:

- 54% say teachers are doing either a "fair" or "poor" job dealing with discipline.
- 52% say it is a serious problem that local public schools aren't teaching good work habits, such as being on time and doing homework.
- 49% say the worst-behaved students are getting most of the attention.

Do you agree with these statements when you think about the education your child is getting? Why or why not? Contact the president of your school-parent group (such as a PTA or PTO) and raise these issues. Or talk to the principal or a teacher. Discuss how parents and educators can work together and make school boundaries an issue people feel good about.



More Stuff You Can Use

A Parent's Guide to Innovative Education. This book offers positive strategies for how parents and children can bring out the best in their schools. (Available from The Noble Press, Inc., 1020 South Wabash Avenue, Suite 4D, Chicago, IL 60605; 1-800-283-3572.)

Final Word

"Schools should be safe, orderly, and conducive to teaching and learning." —Jean Johnson and John Immerwahr, authors of *First Things First: What Americans Expect from the Public Schools*

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Quick Tip:
Children learn better when school boundaries are clear.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Are the rules at your school clear? Why or why not?
- Do you feel your school's consequences for violating rules are fair? Why or why not?
- How would you make school boundaries and consequences more clear?

Hill City Schools and Nor-Tran are excited to announce that we will be putting stop arm cameras on all of our buses to help ensure the safety of our students. This is a grant funded opportunity that we are able to get these services. As always, please stop for the school buses when arms are extended and lights are on. Thank you to Nor-Tran for being awesome partners to provide transportation for our students.



Working for a better future.

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The City of Hill City will be accepting quotes for the cleaning of City Hall and the Hill City Fire Hall. Insurance required. Call (218) 697-2301 for details.

Quotes will be accepted through December 12, 2022.

Quotes may be emailed to cityhall@hillcity-mn.com

or mailed to:

City of Hill City

P.O. Box 160

Hill City, MN 55748

Please Join Us For

Madelyn Johnsons

Winter Concert

Cozy Cove Coffee Co.
Hill City MN
December 10th @5PM



Open to the public

Come and celebrate the holiday season with us!

For questions, text (218) 428-6416



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

HOLIDAY MAKE-AND- TAKE

DECEMBER 14, 2022
Community Room and Commons
4:30-6:00 PM

This is a family event, so please be sure to accompany your child and join in on the fun!

Sponsored by Community Ed and ECFE

The Hill City SWARM is doing amazing things this year so far!!!

GREAT JOB!!!



Some Upcoming Events that they have planned for December:

1st - Honor Roll Awards

Hot Chocolate & Donuts!!!



17th - *Frosty Fling*

21st - Toy Delivery from the

Toy Drive that's going on now for

Pre-K ~ 1st grade &

The Christmas Movie!!!



Door Decorating Contest

Thank you SWARM for all you do

Winter at the Beach

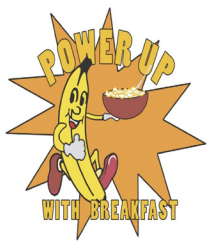
*Saturday December 10th from 3-5pm
at the Hill Lake Beach Hill*

- Hayrides
- Santa Claus
- Sliding on the hill (bring a sled)
- Hot Cocoa
- Bonfire
- Hot Dogs
- Goodie Bags
- Cookies

We'll also be kicking off the Medallion Hunt.

Brought to you by
The City of Hill City Events & Rec Committee.







ISD #2 Breakfast Menu December 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cereal Bar	2 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt	3
4 <u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	5 Muffins Yogurt	6 Oatmeal Cereal Grahams	7 French Toast Sausage	8 Breakfast Burrito	9 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick	10 Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
11 fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components	12 Apple Frudel	13 Oatmeal Cereal Grahams	14 Breakfast Pizza	15 Nuri Grain Bar	16 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt	17
18 4 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	19 Assorted Muffins Cheese Stick	20 Oatmeal Cereal Grahams	21 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25 One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 Menu subject to change at anytime

ISD #2 Lunch Menu December 2022

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of				1 Mashed Potatoes, Hamburger w/ Gravy, Corn Green Beans, Roll	2 Corn Dogs, French Fries, Coleslaw	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	5 Shrimp Poppers, Rice, Cali Veggies, Baby Carrots, Garlic Breadsticks	6 Unbreaded Chicken Sandwich L,T, French Fries, Baked Beans	7 Creamy Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Hot Ham & Cheese Veggies & Dip	8 Quesadilla w/ Fixings, Corn Salsa	9 BBQ Pork Sandwich, JoJo Potatoes, Green Beans	Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	12 Chicken Strips, Tater Tots, Mixed Veggies, Roll	13 Rotini Pasta w/ Red Sauce, Green Beans, Bread Sticks	14 Turkey Tacos w/ Fixings, Corn Salsa	15 Farm2School Pork Roast, Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Veggies, Roll	16 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Salad Bar	17
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	19 Breaded Chicken Patty on a Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Baked Beans	20 White Chicken Chili, Corn Bread, Veggies w/ Dip	21 Cheeseburger on a Bun, French Fries, Peas	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL
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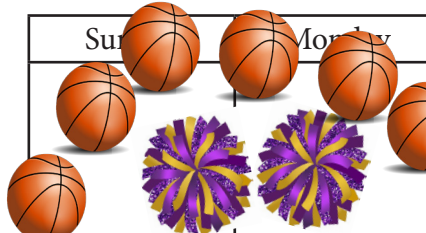



For the Full Non-Discrimination statement see: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/FNS/CivilRight/048413>

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DeCeMbEr 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BBB vs Mt. Iron-Buhl HOME 5:45 AB JH	2 GBB vs Aitkin HOME 5:45 AB 78	3 BBB vs Ely HOME 5:45 AB JH
4 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	5 GBB vs McGregor AWAY 5:45 AB 78 	6 BBB vs Carlton AWAY 5:45 AB JH	7 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	8	9 BBB vs Northland AWAY 5:45 AB JH	10 B GBB Tourney HOME B BBB Tourney Eveleth
11 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	12	13 GBB vs International Falls HOME 5:45 AB 78	14 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	15 GBB vs East Central HOME 5:45 AB BBB vs Mille Lacs HOME 5:45 AB78	16 BBB vs Deer River HOME 5:45 AB JH	17 FROSTY FLING
18 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	19 GBB vs Bigfork HOME 5:45 AB 78	20 GBB vs Sebeka HOME 5:45 BBB vs Blackduck AWAY 5:45	21 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	22 GBB vs Greenway AWAY 5:45 AB 78	NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL
24 	25 	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 Varsity BBB Tourney NO SCHOOL		29 Varsity BBB Tourney NO SCHOOL
<p>This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org rSchools</p>						