

Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023 6:00 PM

R-P Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford, Minnesota 55971

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Adoption of Agenda**

5. **Public Comments - Limited to 5 minutes per person**

6. **CONSENT AGENDA - roll call vote**

6.A. August 28, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

6.B. August 21, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

6.C. Donations in the amount of \$9,500

6.D. August hand payables, wires & payroll liabilities in the amount of \$321,724.98

6.E. August payroll in the amount of \$264,530.91

6.F. September board bills in the amount of \$205,016.16.

6.G. PERSONNEL:

6.G.1. Resignations:

Rick Hanson - Custodian as of 9/15/23

6.G.2. Hires:

Matt Geiwitz - Full-time Custodian

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.A. Approve the certification of the proposed levy for 2023 payable in 2024. Set the levy rate at the maximum.

7.B. Teacher sub rate.

8. **ADMIN REPORTS:**

8.A. Superintendent Report

8.B. Elementary Report

8.C. Middle School / High School Report

8.D. Activities/ Community Education/ Facilities Report

9. **INFORMATION: The following meetings will be held in the Forum Room.**
Strategic Plan: Listening/Work Session on Focus Areas Goals, Mission & Vision - Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - 6:00 p.m

Strategic Plan: Listening/Work Session on Focus
Areas Goals, Mission & Objectives - Monday,
October 16, 2023 - 5:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting - Monday, October 16,
2023 - 6:00 p.m.
Strategic Plan: Completion of Content -
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 6:00-8:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #239

The special meeting of the Rushford-Peterson School District #239 was called to order by Chairperson Chris Grindland at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023 in the Forum Room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Chris Grindland, Matt Helgemoe, Jeff Michel, Ken Sawle, Carl Schollmeier, Nancy Snyder and Amy Woxland

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Superintendent Ben Bernard

District Office Personnel: Laura Hahn

Motion by Helgemoe, seconded by Schollmeier to adopt the agenda. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Sawle, seconded by Michel to adopt the Resolution Approving a Joint Powers Agreement with Hiawatha Valley Education District (HVED) for the Acquisition and Betterment of an Education Facility in Winona, Minnesota and taking other Actions with Respect Thereto. Motion carries with a roll call vote of 7:0.

INFORMATION:

Strategic Plan: Listening/Work Session - Monday, September 18, 2023 - 5:00 p.m in the Forum Room

Regular Monthly Meeting - Monday, September 18, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. in the Forum Room

Motion by Helgemoe, seconded by Woxland, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Grindland, Chairperson

Matt Helgemoe, Clerk

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #239

The regular meeting of the Rushford-Peterson School District #239 was called to order by Chairperson Chris Grindland at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Chris Grindland, Matt Helgemoe, Jeff Michel, Ken Sawle, Carl Schollmeier, Nancy Snyder and Amy Woxland

Members absent: none

Administration Present: Superintendent Ben Bernard, Angela Shepard, Jake Timm and John Loney

District Personnel: Laura Hahn

Motion by Sawle, seconded by Michel to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Snyder, seconded by Helgemoe to approve the following consent agenda items: July 17, 2023 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes; July hand payables, wires & payroll liabilities in the amount of \$285,462.89, July payroll in the amount of \$264,488.33, August board bills in the amount of \$218,977.43; PERSONNEL: Resignation: Helen Carney - Foodservice Assistant; Hires: Kari Blum - Head of Food & Nutrition Services, Lakyn Rasmussen - Kids' Club Director, Jessica Pohlman - Foodservice Assistant and Kendra Vix - JH Volleyball Coach. With a roll call vote of 7:0, motion carried unanimously.

With regards to Superintendent Bernard's Evaluation, Chairperson Grindland read the following statement: For all Standards and Elements included in the 2022-23 Superintendent Evaluation, Superintendent Bernard was rated as "Highly Effective" or "Effective" based on the MSBA Superintendent Evaluation model.

Motion by Michel, seconded by Snyder to table the Hiawatha Valley Education District Joint Powers Agreement agenda item to allow time for Superintendent Bernard to communicate to the public and field questions and to schedule a special meeting for August 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum Room to consider the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Woxland, seconded by Helgemoe to approve the 2023-2024 Safe Learning Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Woxland, seconded by Michel to set the following date and time for the Truth-in-Taxation meeting – Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Rushford- Peterson Schools Forum Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Woxland, seconded by Schollmeier to set the following date and time for the January Organizational and Regular Monthly Meeting – Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Forum Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sawle, seconded by Michel to approve the hiring of Smith Schafer to complete the audit of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Woxland, seconded by Snyder to approve the handbooks for 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Michel, seconded by Woxland to approve the High School Credit Agreement with Good Shepherd Lutheran Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Bernard presented the Superintendent's report.

Angela Shepard presented the Elementary report.

Jake Timm presented the Middle School / High School report.

John Loney presented the Activities / Community Education report.

INFORMATION:

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Motion by Michel, seconded by Helgemoe, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Grindland, Chairperson

Matt Helgemoe, Clerk

DONATIONS - September 2023

8/21/2023	RP Booster Club	\$9,000	Timing System for Track
9/8/2023	Anonymous	\$500	Student Chromebook fees

Total \$9,500

We thank the above donors for their generous donations and support of our school district and activities!

Rushford-Peterson Public School

Payment Reg by Bank and Check

AUG 2023 HAND PAYABLES, WIRES & PAYROLL LIABILITIES

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001	P24021	48459		Wire	1	2046	TRANSAX		No	Yes	No 08/07/2023	10.20
001	P24021	48460		Wire	1	2267	CARDCONNECT		No	Yes	No 08/07/2023	164.99
001	p2402p	48489		Wire	1	12990	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE		No	Yes	No 08/14/2023	6,328.06
001	p2402p	48490		Wire	1	2289	AVIBEN		No	Yes	No 08/14/2023	7,592.33
001	p2402p	48491		Wire	1	46168	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT		No	Yes	No 08/14/2023	4,429.58
001	p2402p	48492		Wire	1	49200	RUSHFORD STATE BANK		No	Yes	No 08/14/2023	39,185.79
001	p2402p	48493		Wire	1	56000	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSN		No	Yes	No 08/14/2023	24,957.56
001	p2402p	48577		Wire	1	46168	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT		No	Yes	No 08/28/2023	5,048.02
001	p2402q	48578		Wire	1	49200	RUSHFORD STATE BANK		No	Yes	No 08/24/2023	41,157.11
001	p2402q	48579		Wire	1	12990	COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE		No	Yes	No 08/24/2023	6,544.15
001	p2402q	48580		Wire	1	2289	AVIBEN		No	Yes	No 08/28/2023	7,592.33
001	p2402q	48587		Wire	1	2132	COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE		No	Yes	No 08/28/2023	1,330.20
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001	p2402q	48591		Wire	1	56000	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSN		No	Yes	No 08/28/2023	25,649.24
001	P24021	48592		Wire	1	1903	KWIK TRIP		No	Yes	No 08/25/2023	797.50
001	P24021	48593		Wire	1	1903	KWIK TRIP		No	Yes	No 08/25/2023	3,657.00
001	p2402q	48598		Wire	1	2110	GUARDIAN		No	Yes	No 08/29/2023	8,441.00
001	P24021	48458	45188	Check	1	1346	SHEPARD, ANGELA		Yes	Yes	No 08/03/2023	40.00
001	P24021	48471	45189	Check	1	1219	EDMENTUM INC.		Yes	Yes	No 08/09/2023	792.00
001	P24021	48475	45192	Check	1	2167	GAMBLERS SOFTBALL		Yes	Yes	No 08/09/2023	700.00
001	P24021	48470	45193	Check	1	1177	GOYETTE, JACQUELYN LEIGH		Yes	Yes	No 08/09/2023	216.00
001	P24021	48474	45196	Check	1	1802	HUDL		Yes	Yes	No 08/09/2023	11,400.00
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001	P24021	48477	45199	Check	1	2194	OLSTAD, COLE		Yes	Yes	No 08/09/2023	496.00
001	P24021	48472	45200	Check	1	1513	RPM ATHLETICS		Yes	Yes	No 08/09/2023	8,493.00
001	P24021	48478	45201	Check	1	54093	SPRING GROVE FAMILY SWIM CENTER		Yes	No	No 08/09/2023	148.00
001	P24021	48473	45202	Check	1	1686	TURF MAINTENANCE		Yes	Yes	No 08/09/2023	2,053.90
001	p2402p	48488	45211	Check	1	48175	RP EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL		Yes	Yes	No 08/10/2023	133.35
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001	P24021	48495	45214	Check	1	1015	CASH		Yes	Yes	No 08/16/2023	1,500.00
001	P24021	48576	45294	Check	1	04615	BERNARD BUS SERVICE		Yes	Yes	No 08/23/2023	28,643.18
001	p2402q	48581	45295	Check	1	02370	AFLAC		Yes	No	No 08/24/2023	217.68
001	p2402q	48582	45296	Check	1	1274	MERCHANTS BANK		Yes	Yes	No 08/24/2023	10,673.16
001	p2402q	48583	45297	Check	1	37815	MN SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ASSN		Yes	No	No 08/24/2023	71.29

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AUG 2023 HAND PAYABLES, WIRES & PAYROLL LIABILITIES

9/14/2023

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001	P24021	48605	45307	Check	1	2315	LEE, JENNY		Yes	No	No	08/31/2023	397.00
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001	P24021	48603	45309	Check	1	2301	RISLOVE, CHELSEY		Yes	No	No	08/31/2023	83.50
001	P24021	48604	45310	Check	1	2314	SPRAGUE, SARAH		Yes	No	No	08/31/2023	590.60
001	P24021	48602	45311	Check	1	1784	ZITZOW, AMBER		Yes	No	No	08/31/2023	600.00

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SEPTEMBER 2023 BOARD BILLS

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001	P24033	48614		Check	1	03188	CARD MEMBER SERVICES		No	No	No	09/18/2023	2,022.68
001	P24033	48615		Check	1	04101	LEADING EDGE FUNDRAISING		No	No	No	09/18/2023	9,294.25
001	P24033	48616		Check	1	04615	BERNARD BUS SERVICE		No	No	No	09/18/2023	32,224.12
001	P24033	48617		Check	1	04649	BIO-RAD LABORATORIES		No	No	No	09/18/2023	485.63
001	P24033	48618		Check	1	04698	QUALI-TEE SCREEN PRINTING		No	No	No	09/18/2023	472.50
001	P24033	48619		Check	1	06559	BLICK ART MATERIALS		No	No	No	09/18/2023	30.44
001	P24033	48620		Check	1	06620	BROWN TIRE & BATTERY		No	No	No	09/18/2023	277.81
001	P24033	48621		Check	1	08886	CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO		No	No	No	09/18/2023	11.16
001	P24033	48622		Check	1	1046	MN DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY		No	No	No	09/18/2023	200.00
001	P24033	48623		Check	1	1050	DECKER EQUIPMENT		No	No	No	09/18/2023	43.30
001	P24033	48624		Check	1	1062	ASPEN CAPITAL		No	No	No	09/18/2023	575.00
001	P24033	48625		Check	1	1086	SCHOLASTIC WEEKLY READER		No	No	No	09/18/2023	242.55
001	P24033	48626		Check	1	1291	EDUCATOR BENEFIT CONSULTANTS, L		No	No	No	09/18/2023	63.47
001	P24033	48627		Check	1	13177	CONTINENTAL CLAY COMPANY		No	No	No	09/18/2023	1,158.40
001	P24033	48628		Check	1	13281	CUSTOM COMMUNICATIONS INC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	4,679.30
001	P24033	48629		Check	1	1349	HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT		No	No	No	09/18/2023	5,783.73
001	P24033	48630		Check	1	1391	ACENTEK		No	No	No	09/18/2023	4,333.41
001	P24033	48631		Check	1	1586	PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO.		No	No	No	09/18/2023	515.40
001	P24033	48632		Check	1	1587	L & R SMALL ENGINE		No	No	No	09/18/2023	122.72
001	P24033	48633		Check	1	1654	ANDERSON AUTO, LLC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	293.00
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001	P24033	48636		Check	1	16945	CARDMEMBER SERVICE		No	No	No	09/18/2023	18,139.65
001	P24033	48637		Check	1	1708	IXL LEARNING		No	No	No	09/18/2023	1,350.00
001	P24033	48638		Check	1	1714	MINNESOTA ENERGY RESOURCES		No	No	No	09/18/2023	1,534.60
001	P24033	48639		Check	1	1716	MPLC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	306.04
001	P24033	48640		Check	1	1822	PET WASTE ELIMINATOR		No	No	No	09/18/2023	186.99
001	P24033	48641		Check	1	18398	FILLMORE COUNTY JOURNAL		No	No	No	09/18/2023	152.84
001	P24033	48642		Check	1	1856	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		No	No	No	09/18/2023	5,862.54
001	P24033	48643		Check	1	1901	GRANDPA DON'S MEATS		No	No	No	09/18/2023	49.50
001	P24033	48644		Check	1	1908	REGION VIII FFA		No	No	No	09/18/2023	300.00
001	P24033	48645		Check	1	2021	CDW GOVERNMENT		No	No	No	09/18/2023	5,249.60
001	P24033	48646		Check	1	20401	GOPHER SPORT		No	No	No	09/18/2023	704.00
001	P24033	48647		Check	1	2063	JEWISON, DAVID	Ind/Sole Proprietor	No	No	No	09/18/2023	695.00
001	P24033	48648		Check	1	2136	HART COUNTRY MEATS		No	No	No	09/18/2023	1,235.00
001	P24033	48649		Check	1	2152	AVI SYSTEMS INC.		No	No	No	09/18/2023	2,079.92
001	P24033	48650		Check	1	2177	WIESE USA		No	No	No	09/18/2023	986.67

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001	P24033	48654		Check	1	22380	HARRIS REFRIGERATION		No	No	No	09/18/2023	758.75
001	P24033	48655		Check	1	2248	MUD HOLE CUSTOM TACKLE, INC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	13.97
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001	P24033	48658		Check	1	25138	IEA INC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	137.25
001	P24033	48659		Check	1	27122	INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287		No	No	No	09/18/2023	365.70
001	P24033	48660		Check	1	28050	J W PEPPER AND SON INC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	663.00
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001	P24033	48663		Check	1	31200	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, LI		No	No	No	09/18/2023	688.77
001	P24033	48664		Check	1	32000	M & M LAWN & LEISURE		No	No	No	09/18/2023	288.39
001	P24033	48665		Check	1	38000	MN STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE		No	No	No	09/18/2023	1,650.00
001	P24033	48666		Check	1	39800	NASCO		No	No	No	09/18/2023	411.04
001	P24033	48667		Check	1	41400	NORMAN'S ELECTRIC SERVICE INC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	2,319.48
001	P24033	48668		Check	1	46078	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL		No	No	No	09/18/2023	130.40
001	P24033	48669		Check	1	46082	POSTMASTER		No	No	No	09/18/2023	310.00
001	P24033	48670		Check	1	46104	PRO-ED		No	No	No	09/18/2023	870.00
001	P24033	48671		Check	1	46784	RATWIK, ROSZAK & MALONEY P.A.		No	No	No	09/18/2023	125.00
001	P24033	48672		Check	1	46804	PERFORMANCE FOODSERVICE LA CRI		No	No	No	09/18/2023	20,616.63
001	P24033	48673		Check	1	46967	ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS		No	No	No	09/18/2023	13,678.26
001	P24033	48674		Check	1	48020	RUSHFORD, CITY OF		No	No	No	09/18/2023	30,139.90
001	P24033	48675		Check	1	50856	SCHILLING SUPPLY COMPANY		No	No	No	09/18/2023	2,191.63
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001	P24033	48678		Check	1	52157	SELCO		No	No	No	09/18/2023	672.01
001	P24033	48679		Check	1	56030	SUPER DUPER PUBLICATIONS		No	No	No	09/18/2023	199.95
001	P24033	48680		Check	1	56040	PAM'S CORNER		No	No	No	09/18/2023	879.41
001	P24033	48681		Check	1	58450	TIME FOR KIDS		No	No	No	09/18/2023	217.80
001	P24033	48682		Check	1	58479	THORSON GRAPHICS, LLC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	393.84
001	P24033	48683		Check	1	61247	VOLKMANN APPLIANCE & TV INC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	4,931.49
001	P24033	48684		Check	1	61278	VERIZON WIRELESS		No	No	No	09/18/2023	53.44
001	P24033	48685		Check	1	61658	WEST MUSIC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	84.75
001	P24033	48686		Check	1	63056	WINONA NURSERY INC		No	No	No	09/18/2023	345.45

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Minnesota Department of Education
Levy Limitation and Certification Report
2023 Payable 2024

District Number-Type: 0239-01
District Name: Rushford-Peterson Public Schools
Home County: FILLMORE

Date Printed: 9/18/23
Limits Updated: 9/18/23
Proposed Submitted: 9/18/23

LIMIT

PROPOSED

SUBTOTALS BY LEVY CATEGORY

GENERAL - RMV VOTER
GENERAL - RMV OTHER
GENERAL - NTC VOTER
GENERAL - NTC OTHER
COMMUNITY SERVICE - NTC OTHER
GENERAL DEBT - NTC VOTER
GENERAL DEBT - NTC OTHER
OPEB DEBT - NTC VOTER
OPEB DEBT - NTC OTHER

The School Board has voted to certify the MAXIMUM levy authority.

After October 1st, the county auditor should consult the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) website for the district's current levy limitation and use this amount for the Truth in Taxation notices.

SUBTOTALS BY FUND

GENERAL FUND
COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND
GENERAL DEBT SERVICE FUND
OPEB/PENSION DEBT SERVICE FUND

If there is a change to the district's levy limitation after October 1st, the county will be notified by MDE via email. Before finalizing tax computations for the Truth in Taxation notices, counties should double check the MDE website to be sure no changes have been made to the district's levy limitation that the county is not already aware of through this email process.

SUBTOTALS BY TAX BASE

REFERENDUM MARKET VALUE
NET TAX CAPACITY

SUBTOTALS BY TRUTH IN TAXATION CATEGORY

VOTER APPROVED
OTHER

TOTAL LEVY

TOTAL LEVY

The school district must submit the completed original of this form to the home county auditor by September 30, 2023. A duplicate form must be submitted to Minnesota Department of Education, School Finance Division, 400 NE Stinson Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55413, by October 7, 2023.

The certified levy listed above is the levy voted by the school board for taxes payable in 2024.

Signature of School Board Clerk

Date of Certification



Superintendent's Report 9/15/23

Attendance Changes

Day		KG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Change	
09/15/2023	Totals	52	39	40	40	48	39	47	44	58	65	61	55	47	635		
06/01/2023	Totals	40	42	42	46	38	44	43	58	63	58	56	45	48	623	12	End of 23-24 School Year
09/16/2022	Totals	40	41	42	46	38	43	42	57	63	57	56	44	50	619	16	2nd Friday of the School Year

Facilities

- The new concession stand has had the area around it prepped and seeded.
- There was also work completed on the waterway by the practice football field. The soil there is very sandy and there were areas that had eroded. These areas were filled in with black dirt and seeded.



Strategic Plan

The Group has set meetings for the following dates and times. Specific content for these meeting dates will be determined at the 9/18 Meeting. These sessions are open to the public to listen or give input.

- Monday September 18th @ 5 PM (Review of Survey Results, initial draft of Focus Areas / Goals)
- Wednesday October 4th, @ 6PM (Listening / Work session on Focus Areas Goals & Mission Vision)
- Monday October 16th, @ 5PM (Listening / Work session on Focus Areas Goals & Objectives)
- Wednesday Nov 15th 6:00 PM-8:00PM (Completion of Strategic Plan Content)

Please contact me with questions.

Ben Bernard

Elementary School Board Report
September 18, 2023
Mrs. Shepard
Respect. Integrity. Excellence.

Angela Shepard-

11TH & 12TH Picture Days

15th Fire drill

22nd Club Choice Fundraiser

October 2 – 6 Homecoming Week



Library time for Mrs. George Kindergarten



Milk/Snack Break for Kindergarten and 1st grade



Snack Break Fun.

Early Childhood- Emily Johnson, Alison Kjos

It was fun to see all the smiles from the 60 Lille By Preschool Students!

We appreciated the generous donation of \$2300 from Johnson Rolling Acres Farm for the preschoolers to have milk during snack this year!

Kindergarten- Krissy Kelly, Lacey Drinkall, Carissa George

Kindergarten has been spending time learning the rules of our classrooms and for the school. We have made new friends and enjoyed spending time with friends we knew in preschool.

Next week we will begin our apples and 5 senses units. We will end our apple unit on October 4th with a field trip to the Pine Tree Apple Orchard in Preston.

1st- Becky Lind, Jessica Burt

Top Highlight: We are excited to be using our new UFLI phonics program! The students are learning the different ways we produce sounds.

Favorite Project: "All About Me Bag" was a fun activity we did to help students get to know each other. Each student brought in five items that described them. The students were able to show-and-tell their classmates about their items.

2nd- Shannon Kopperud, Clay Olstad

We are having a great start to the school year. Some highlights so far we are busy learning our routines and getting back into the swing of things. It is fun to see the excitement and high energy coming back from summer vacation. Math we have started right away with place value. Reading we are working through main idea. We have begun our animal unit in science as well. Our favorite project thus far was learning about bus safety and creating our own art project buses.

3rd- Hannah Pape, Jade Olstad

Third grade has been off to a great start! Our highlight has been enjoying getting to know our new students. We have started to dig into our third grade curriculum and have started reading the novel Third Grade Angels together. We have started working on rounding in math and a favorite thing so far has been exploring different science tools for science.

4th- Jon Theuer, Meredith Johnson

WOW!!! 4th grade in the HOUSE!!! Whoop, whoop!

First weeks of school have been ELECTRIC!!! In 4th grade we have been reviewing rules, expectations, and consequences, and just having a lot of fun getting to know one another. Math - We have been reviewing some 3rd grade concepts like large subtraction and addition problems, place value, comparing, standard form, expanded form, word form, and every fourth graders FAVORITE thing rounding (that is sarcasm...). Overall this group is excellent at math! Reading - We started our first story Lewis and Clark and Me in our reading books, it is taking a while to get used to ALL THIS writing (4th graders direct quote) but we are getting there, the 3rd grade teachers did an excellent job teaching writing to these students! Huge shout out to them!

We did a couple of STEM activities, Save Fred and paper chains, to practice working in teams and problem solving! Students did awesome!



5th- Chris Drinkall, Emily Charlebois

We are happy to report that our fifth graders have had a fantastic start to the school year! Our efforts during the first week were aimed at making every student feel at ease and ready to conquer a successful year ahead. We introduced important classroom procedures, and provided a refresher on Google Classroom, ensuring that students are well-equipped in utilizing this valuable tool. We also completed our fall benchmark testing to provide a baseline and assess the students' academic progress. With a fantastic group of students, we are excitedly anticipating an incredible year ahead filled with learning and growth.

K-4 Reading Intervention- Margaret Marklowitz

Intervention is concluding benchmark testing this week and will be looking over data to start setting up groups and working with students by early next week.

K-5 Math Intervention- Dave Lind

Elem math intervention is working on getting testing done and determining qualification for additional assistance

Title- Mary Wolter

Title is working on completing Fall Benchmark Testing. It was great to see the students back and ready to go!

PE- K, 1, 2, 4- Teresa Brown

Kindergarten and first graders are working on locomotor movements. The benchmark for locomotor movements is to demonstrate hop, gallop, slide, skip and run while maintaining balance. We are also working with bean bags. We are working on improving our eye hand coordination by tossing and catching in various ways and using various body parts to toss and catch. We are working on using an underhand toss to a partner or target. The benchmark is to throw underhand stepping with the opposite foot. For second grade we are working with bean bags. We are working on improving our eye hand coordination by tossing and catching in various ways and using various body parts to toss and catch. We are working on using an underhand toss to a partner or target. The benchmark is to throw underhand using a maturing pattern. 4th graders are working on eye hand coordination using footballs. We are introducing what offense and defense means and some patterns to run as a receiver. We are practicing throwing to a person who is moving and how to catch a football while moving. . The benchmark for 4th grade is throwing overhand within a task that requires force for distance, demonstrating four of the five critical elements of a maturing pattern in a closed environment.

PE- 3, 5- Nikki Schultz

3rd and 5th grade are both participating in Football. They are running down to the practice football field, which is an excellent exercise for them and new. They have learned how to throw the football properly and are learning different running routes.

Highlight- Today, a 5th grader was excited and told me I am the best PE teacher ever because I will let them eventually use flags in PE football.

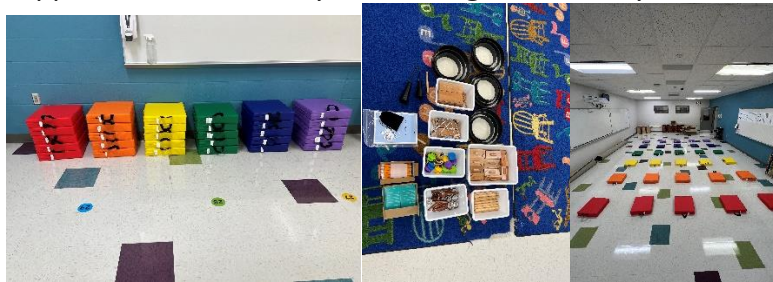
Special Education –Aspen Blum, Amber Meisch, Tracy Agrimson

The elementary special education department has been working on refining the routine and overall use of the sensory room, or as we call it, "The Wiggle Room." The students who utilize this space have been learning how to use the equipment, and how to appropriately choose

which equipment to use, based on their needs. We had very generous community donations towards items in the Wiggle Room, which has been exciting for everyone; the teachers, the paraprofessionals, and the students

Music- Elizabeth Landherr

The school year has started off great for Mrs. Landherr's music classroom. Things are looking a little different in her room this year. Mrs. Landherr applied for a PIE Grant in the Spring to allow for different seating in her classroom. Now instead of the rugs on her floor, you will be seeing colored circles with numbers and colorful square cushions. The students have learned their numbers and colors so fast and have adjusted really well to these new seats! Having cushions instead of rugs allows for the students to have a bit more personal space while learning. You will also see that Mrs. Landherr has lots of new instruments in her room this year. Mrs. Landherr used the money that had been donated by the community at the Elementary Music Concerts to purchase new instruments for the students. The students are very excited to have more instruments to learn and play during class. We are so grateful to have a community who supports our Elementary Music Program. Thank you.

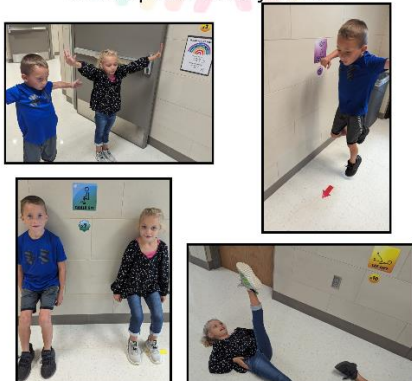


Social Worker- Kelly Smith

1. Top highlight--CHECKING OUT THE COOL NEW SHOES!
--Max and Mira helped test out the NEW elementary Sensory Path!
2. Favorite project--Currently helping work on a scavenger hunt for Homecoming week!

R-P Elementary Sensory Path

The sensory path is a series of guided movements for kids to follow, shown by markings on the ground or walls. As students follow the path and complete the movements, they work off excess energy and develop their gross motor skills. The various movements on a path are often designed to engage different parts of the body and brain.



Middle/High School Board Report
September 18, 2023
Mr. Timm
Respect – Integrity – Excellence

GOAL 1: Personalize learning for all students in pursuit of their academic excellence.	Upcoming career opportunities for our students: - BCC CTE Exploration Day – 30+ careers represented, held at Caledonia High School parking lot on September 21 (Freshman and our Ag Construction class will be attending) - Late October/Early November – Junior tour of all three post-secondary institutes in Winona										
GOAL 2: Develop well-rounded students in the areas of character, community & academics.	The school year is off to a great start. I would like to thank the staff and students for “Being Good Human Beings” and showing Trojan Pride. It is great to see the building full of people and even better to watch the interactions amongst staff and students in the pursuit of learning and making everyone a better person. Our CTE teachers will be attending job alike meetings with area teachers on the following dates through the Perkins Consortium: - Sept 27 – Guidance Counselors - Sept 28 – Business - Oct 23 – FACS - Oct 24 – Agriculture/Technology Education										
GOAL 4: Promote and provide positive school and community culture that engages all stakeholders.	Our Middle School and High School Student councils are planning many fulfilled Homecoming activities. In addition to the events listed below other planned events include dress up days, painting downtown business window with School Spirit and the MS/HS Friday morning breakout sessions. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 30%;">Monday, October 2</td><td>Coronation of King and Queen Volleyball vs. Southland JH Pumpkin Bowl (VB) v. Southland</td></tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Tuesday, October 3</td><td>JH Pumpkin Bowl (FB) v. GET</td></tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Thursday, October 5</td><td>Pre-School-12 Pepfest Power Puff and Boys VB (Jr v Sr) Cross Country @ Lewiston</td></tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Friday, October 6</td><td>Parade and Pep Rally Varsity Football v. Cotter</td></tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Saturday, October 7</td><td>MS Pumpkin Bowl Dance following game Homecoming Dance – 8:00</td></tr> </table>	Monday, October 2	Coronation of King and Queen Volleyball vs. Southland JH Pumpkin Bowl (VB) v. Southland	Tuesday, October 3	JH Pumpkin Bowl (FB) v. GET	Thursday, October 5	Pre-School-12 Pepfest Power Puff and Boys VB (Jr v Sr) Cross Country @ Lewiston	Friday, October 6	Parade and Pep Rally Varsity Football v. Cotter	Saturday, October 7	MS Pumpkin Bowl Dance following game Homecoming Dance – 8:00
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Miscellaneous	October 19-20 – MEA Break October 12 – Fall Parent/Teacher Conference October 13 – No School (Staff Development Day) October 22 – National Honor Society Ceremony November 16 – Academic Letter Ceremony December 1 – End of 1st Trimester										

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Bluff Country Collaborative

2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT



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Caledonia, MN 55921
www.bluffcountrycollaborative.org

Regional Partnerships.
Local Impact!

A Message From BCC Leadership

Partnerships Create Value!

The 2022-23 academic year was a year of positive growth for the Bluff Country Collaborative (BCC). Building on established school, community, and business relationships in Southeastern MN, the BCC transitioned from a single grant-funded model to a braided funding model.

A more sustainable, braided funding model allowed the BCC to engage stakeholders in Fillmore and Houston Counties more directly and collaboratively. Coordinating with member school districts and with funding and support from 192 area businesses and industry professionals, our Youth Workforce Navigator worked to facilitate career exploration and skills development opportunities for more than 1,550 area junior high and high school students during the 2022-23 academic year.

We invite you to read our annual report and learn about our work and its positive impact on our area schools, businesses, and communities. Some 2022-23 Bluff Country Collaborative highlights include:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Exploration event held outdoors during the Fall Semester where employers bring equipment, facilitate fun activities, and allow students to see, touch, and experience CTE Careers in our communities.
- Annual Career Fair and Hiring Event for Employers, Students, and current job seekers held Spring Semester, where employers can meet and engage with our future workforce and line up interviews.
- Contractor Trades Panel Discussion (Spring Semester), where students not planning to attend college can meet, learn about, and ask questions of local trade and Union representatives.
- Employer/Business Tours, where students travel to a place of business and see firsthand the everyday internal operations of local and area businesses
- Mock Interviews for Juniors and Seniors, hosted by area industry and business professionals
- In-Class Speakers where current industry professionals can engage with students and talk about jobs in various career fields

The Bluff Country Collaborative leadership team would like to take this opportunity to thank our BCC schools, businesses, partners, industry professionals, and students who helped make 2022-23 a success. We look forward to continuing to facilitate and develop career pathways, experiential learning, and employer engagement opportunities in Fillmore and Houston Counties.

Gratefully,

Your Bluff Country Collaborative Leadership:



Our Mission

The mission of BCC amplifies local and regional experiential learning efforts, ensuring that all students in Southeastern Minnesota receive a combination of education and experience in grades 7-12 needed to pursue a meaningful career and/or education pathway after high school graduation.

Sustainable & Collaborative Impact

"BCC and their sponsored events have been beneficial for us, as they allow us to build relationships with prospective employees over time. Through these relationships, we get a much better understanding of the available employment pool and how to attract and retain quality talent in our area."

- Lane Powell, Harmony Enterprise



"Exploring opportunities in construction with young people at BCC events strengthens our future workforce. We get our name out there so once they turn 18, Wieser Brothers is at the top of their list for career opportunities in the trade industry."

- Abby Voss, Wieser Brothers

"We appreciated the opportunity to educate local high school students on the various career opportunities that Kwik Trip's vertical integration provides."

- Mia Rentmeester, Kwik Trip



"The BCC has been a great way to connect our future workforce with employers in the area. We want to keep our best and brightest in SE Minnesota, and the BCC helps show our students the great careers and industries that are available in their backyard."

- Jake Timm, Principal Rushford-Peterson

In 2022-23, BCC Students:

Discovered & Explored Multiple Careers



Bluff Country Collaborative
CTE Exploration Day
Dream Job Event
Industry Tours

Total Participation

Number of Participating:		
Students	Employers	Schools
550	24	7
354	41	4
149	6	4
=====	=====	
1,053	71	

Learned & Engaged with Industry Professionals



Bluff Country Collaborative
Classroom Speakers
8th Grade Career Day*
Trade Panels/Assemblies
Mock Interviews

Total Participation

* Houston Public Schools

Number of Participating:		
Students	Employers	Schools
48	6	3
120	15	4
80	7	5
84	60	3
=====	=====	
322	88	

Experienced Area Businesses - "Tried it Out"



Bluff Country Collaborative
Career Fair / Hiring Event
Job Shadows &
Work Experiences

Total Participation

Number of Participating:		
Students	Employers	Schools
200	33	6
35	12	3
=====	=====	
235	45	

Although the BCC may not directly coordinate Job Shadows and Work Experiences, it plays a vital role in leveraging its network and professional resources to connect area schools with local employers.

About Bluff Country Collaborative

In the summer of 2017, local economic development staff began speaking with businesses about the dire need for employees. These conversations revealed that regional employers wanted to engage with local students to build workforce pipelines but needed more connections to the schools and additional capacity to manage programs. Simultaneously, the SE Perkins Consortium was facilitating conversations with area school districts to discuss experiential learning opportunities. These school districts were eager to provide experiential learning opportunities for their students. Still, they needed more community and business partners to offer programming on a larger scale.

When economic development and education leaders met and realized they were working on the same issue, albeit from different perspectives, it was immediately apparent that an opportunity existed to create a "bridge" between schools and businesses. This new partnership ultimately formed the Bluff Country Collaborative, an innovative effort to connect business, education and local government, and organizations committed to the region's economic sustainability.

Since 2017, the BCC's work has continued to expand, enabling thousands of students in Fillmore County, Houston County, and the surrounding area to actively target and explore numerous career pathways and employment opportunities with local and regional employers, beginning as early as 7th grade.

The BCC Leadership Partners

Allison Wagner (CEDA)

Director, Houston County, MN
Economic Development Authority

Amy Grover

Associate Director
Southeast Service Cooperative

Beth Christensen

Regional Youth Programs Coordinator
Workforce Development, Inc.

Brian Cashman

Secondary Coordinator
Southeast Perkins Consortium

Chris Hahn (CEDA)

Director, Fillmore County, MN
Economic Development Authority

Sarah Ness

Program Manager
Southeast Service Cooperative

MaryAnne Smith

Youth Workforce Navigator
Bluff Country Collaborative

"Ensuring the economic vitality of rural communities in Houston and Fillmore Counties by connecting schools, employers, local government, and community resources in an effort to provide meaningful, hands-on experience to the next generation of workers."

The Youth Workforce Navigator Role

The role of Youth Workforce Navigator provides a vital connection between area schools and local employers. Through a visible presence within each of the partner school districts, the Youth Workforce Navigator's primary focus is working with teachers and administrators to help identify and coordinate experiential learning opportunities for area students relevant to community workforce needs.

Since 2020, MaryAnne Smith, has served as the BCC Youth Workforce Navigator. An ag and math educator by profession, MaryAnne is uniquely qualified for this work, and understands first-hand the needs and challenges area students, teachers and administrators encounter related to career exploration, career pathway development, and engagement opportunities.

As the Youth Workforce Navigator, MaryAnne spends approximately 40 percent of her time at partner schools developing close working relationships with teachers and administrators, listening to their needs, and connecting them with area businesses. This physical presence also allows MaryAnne to quickly identify opportunities to collaborate with other schools with similar needs, maximizing participation for events like CTE Exploration Day, Trade and Industry Panel Discussions or Industry Tours.

As a result of her excellent work as the BCC Youth Workforce Navigator, MaryAnne Smith was named a **2022 Rising Star under 40** by the 7 Rivers Alliance, Tri-state Leadership Council.

BCC Partner School Districts



Caledonia, MN



Houston, MN



La Crescent - Hokah



Lewiston-Altura



Mabel-Canton



Rushford-Peterson



Spring Grove, MN

2022-23 Funding Partners

Platinum Partners



Southeast
Service
Cooperative

Arlin Falck
Foundation



Workforce
DEVELOPMENT, INC.
*The Workforce Development Board
of Southeast Minnesota*

Gold Partners



Silver Partners

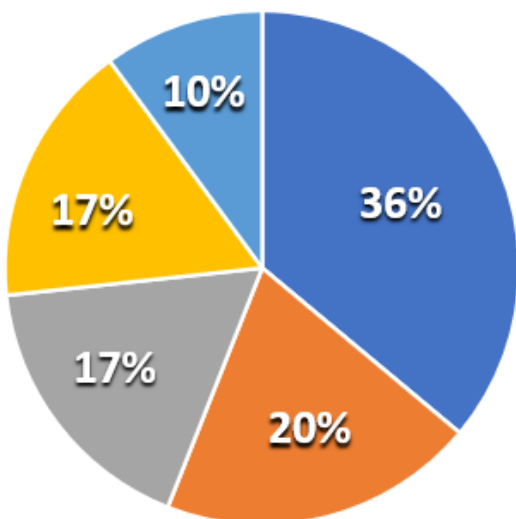


Bronze Partners

Caledonia Veterinary Clinic
Consolidated Energy
Dewey Enterprises

Gunderson Lutheran
Sleepy Hollow Chevrolet Buick

2022-23 Funding Sources



- Southeast Service Cooperative
- Area Business Partners
- Partner School Districts
- Community & Regional Grants
- Perkins Grant Funding

For more information on the Bluff Country Collaborative, Career Engagement Events in your area, or how your business or organization can become involved in preparing Southeastern Minnesota's future workforce, please visit our website at www.BluffCountryCollaborative.org, or contact MaryAnne Smith, BCC Youth Workforce Navigator at bccnavigators@gmail.com or 507-251-4388.



John Loney
Trojan Activities/Community Ed.

September Board Report

Fall Activities:

- Anyone interested in working at home events in the following areas please contact me:
 - Volleyball: line judges, jr. high officials
 - Football: scoreboard operators
 - Basketball: shot clock operators, scoreboard operators, officials

- Home events next week:
 - 9/18: JV & 9th grade football vs, Goodhue 5 and 6:30pm
 - 9/19: LA/RP Cross Country meet @ Ferndale 4:30pm
 - 9/19: Volleyball vs. Lewiston-Altura
 - V-7:15pm, JV-6pm, 9th-4:45pm and 8th & 7th 4:30pm (played side/side)
 - 9/21: Jr. High Football vs. Blooming Prairie 8th-4:30pm 7th-5:30pm

Trojans Lead

- Our first meeting will be this coming Thursday 9/21/23 in the Forum Room
 - Trojans lead is open to all students in grades 9-12

Three Rivers Conference Leadership Summit

- RP hosted the TRC Summit on 9/13/23
- Thank-you to Coach Brian Bergstrom, who spoke on Leadership
- 106 students from all 11 conference schools attended
- During the Summit student representatives discussed in groups the following topics:
 - Leadership
 - Sportsmanship as an participant
 - Sportsmanship as a fan, and a great discussion appropriate chants while supporting their teams

Just a reminder of the RP Twitter Account: @RPTrojansJLoney if you want to keep track of RP activities..

GO TROJANS!

Sincerely,

John Loney,
RP Activities/Community Ed. Program Director