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South Shore School District

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The South Shore Education Foundation: **A Legacy That Continues** to Impact Students

Danielle Mikula, Superintendent

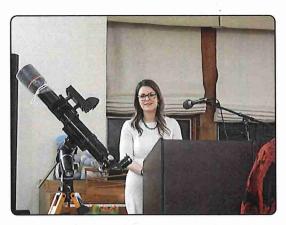


strong sense of community, camaraderie, and pride filled the room on Saturday, December 2, at the South Shore Education Foundation Fundraiser Event at the Bell Town Hall. Community and belonging is the common thread we all share. It is what builds strong schools. It helps us all to stay inspired to do all of the good we can, in all of the ways we can. It brings infinite hope for what is yet to come. As community members enjoyed small bites and merriment in support of the Foundation, they also enjoyed connection and the joy we feel when we give back to something greater than ourselves.

It is challenging for me to find adequate words to express the gratitude our school has for the South Shore Education Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised an astonishing \$500,000 in support of the school district. The founding officer and first president of the Foundation, Mervin P. Shaffer, started the Foundation in 2005 and began what is now a legacy that spans decades of support for the children of our community. Current President Kevin Kavajecz continues to lead the Foundation with dedication and unwavering Cardinal Pride.



Over the last year alone, thanks to the work of the Foundation and the generosity of individuals like all of you in our community, our students have had great opportunities. We had the St. Scholastica Steel Drum Band visit our school and share the gift of music. Our business education department has a beautiful set of new professional cameras for students to use at school events. High School



choir students got to attend "The Sound of Music" at the Duluth Playhouse. We even have a talented composer and former South Shore graduate, Jacob Kavajecz, who is composing a special song for our music department with the support of the Foundation. Our high school mathematics department also has updated technology in pursuit of progressive practices and increasing math achievement. One of the most recent special donations to the Foundation is a beautiful new telescope for the school, which will include a visit from an astronomer. All of these experiences

allow our students to create meaning and memories that they otherwise could not have.

Sense of community is not only central to who we are as a human species, but it is central to who we are at South Shore. You can see it in our classrooms and you could feel it in the room on the evening of the fundraiser.

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There is no greater power for change and hope than a community discovering what it loves. If one thing has become clear to me in the last 17 months as your superintendent, it is that this community loves its school. When that love is put into action, no matter how small, lives are impacted. Each of you who has donated or volunteered or cheered on the Foundation and the school district are having an active positive impact on your community and the children growing up in it. From the



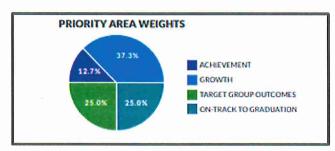
bottom of our hearts, we at the South Shore School District are so grateful to each of you. May you all have a peaceful holiday season, and a bright and hopeful new year.



Spotlight on Student Learning: State Report Cards

Michelle Simpson, 4K-12 Principal & Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Report cards have long been used as a means of communicating information on student progress with families. However, what may not be common knowledge is that report cards are also used to communicate the progress of schools. Beginning in 2011, the State of Wisconsin began releasing annual report cards for every public district and school in the State of Wisconsin. State report cards provide each district and school with an overall score as well as additional details about how that score was reached. State report cards for the 2022-2023 school year were made public in November, and can be found on https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/.





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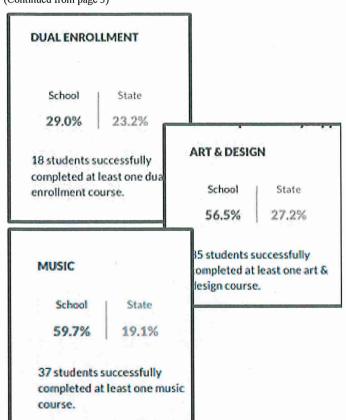
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Accountability Rating Category	Minimum	Maximum	
Significantly Exceeds Expectations - ★★★★	83	100	
Exceeds Expectations - ★★★★☆	70	82.9	
Meets Expectations - ★★★☆☆	58	69.9	
Meets Few Expectations - ★★☆☆	48	57.9	
Fails to Meet Expectations - ★☆☆☆☆	0	47.9	

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DONATES DICTIONARIES TO 3RD GRADERS

We are grateful to the Ashland Elks Lodge 350 for supporting our students' learning at South Shore Elementary. Students were very excited to receive them. They quickly put to use their dictionaries in class during our weekly vocabulary practice. They are also building the practice to use context clues to determine an unknown word in a text and then verifying it with a dictionary. They are eager to take them home!





South Shore Students Show Respect and Appreciation for Veterans



by Danielle Mikula



On Friday, November 10, 2023, the South Shore School District recognized and honored those who have honored our country with its highest form of service. Local veterans were invited in for coffee and treats while connecting and sharing stories with students. Next, students presented a special assembly for veterans with songs, speeches and music.

During the assembly, Girl Scouts Troop 4416 lead the pledge of allegiance, followed by our Cardinal Choir singing the National Anthem. Elementary students sang songs celebrating America and the high school band performed America the Beautiful. Guest speaker and veteran Diamond Gullick shared reflections from her service.

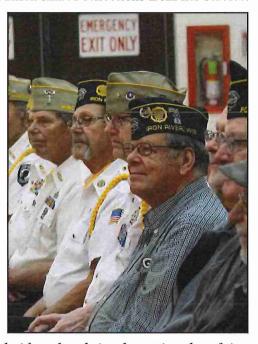
South Shore 3rd grade student, Blair Bailey, shared a moving story

of how she started a lemonade stand this summer to raise money to honor a veteran with a plaque on the Across the Pond Exhibit.

In a thank you letter to the school district following the assembly, a local veteran from the American Legion Post 531 wrote,



"The warm welcome we received upon entering the school was heartwarming, as students smiled and shook our hands, showed us to tables, offered refreshments and engaged us in conversation. Songs presented by the classes were priceless, and we want to thank the music



director, band, teachers and aides who obviously put in a lot of time and effort for the program. The 3rd grade student's speech showed us the consideration and kindness of our young people. The Veterans Day

program presented by the district allowed us to once again recall past experiences and memories of the times we spent serving our country and the importance of protecting the freedoms we enjoy as Americans."

Teaching our students respect and appreciation for those who have served America is just as important to our future as teaching math and reading. Our gratitude at a district is not only for what our veterans did on duty serving our country, but for the example they continue to set in our community. On behalf of our students, staff and administration: Thank you to all veterans for your incredible sacrifice and service.



CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS

South Shore School District Board of Education Meeting Agenda In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Mark Hoefling, President Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held in the Instructional Media Center (IMC) at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

Members of public may attend in person or through ZOOM. All public participants' phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may email dmikula@sshore.k12.wi.us with "Public Comment" in the subject line. Those messages received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Board President who may then allow them to speak during Public Participation.

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the office at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Regular School Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday, December 20, 2023 5:30 p.m. Jr-Sr High School IMC

- 1. Welcome
 - 1.01 Call to Order /Roll Call
 - 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Recognition/Highlight
 - 2.01 We Are South Shore
 - 2.02 Acknowledge and Accept Donations
- 3. Audience Participation
 - 3.01 Audience Participation Guidelines limited to five (5) minutes
- 4. Agenda Modifications
 - 4.01 Modifications to Agenda Items or Prior Minutes
- 5. Consent Agenda
 - 5.01 Approve Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - 5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget Report (Ending November 2023)
 - 5.03 Approve Personnel Report
- 6. Committee Report/s
 - 6.01 Finance & Operations
 - 6.02 Policy & Governance
- 7. New Business
 - 7.01 District and School Report Card Presentation
 - 7.02 Facilities Management Timeline for Next Steps
 - 7.03 South Shore Scholars Program Update
 - 7.04 Winter Athletics Update
- 8. Board/Admin Reports

8.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report

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8.02 Superintendent's Report

9. Upcoming Dates

10. Meeting Closing

10.01 Adjournment

Board of Education School Board Regular Meeting Minutes Meeting Held Wednesday, November 15, 2023

5:30pm - 7:17pm

(Minutes to be approved at the 12-20-23 Board meeting)

A REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in the LMC at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI and virtually via Zoom. The meeting had been properly publicized in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. Welcome

1.01 Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Hoefling at 5:30pm.

Roll call: Present in person: K. Terry Burhans, Clyde Clauson, Merlyn Coy, Mark Hoefling, Rebecca Kavajecz, James Stemwedel. Present virtually: Justine Broderson (5:32 pm). Also present: Danielle Mikula, Superintendent. Absent: James Stemwedel

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Recognition/Highlight

2.01 We are South Shore

Our Reading Specialist, Mrs. Sullivan gave a presentation on Middle School reading class. They have read over 200 books so far this year.

2.02 Acknowledge and Accept Donations

The South Shore School District would like to thank community member and former South Shore teacher, Dan Madison, for his generous donation to the following departments:

- Art Department: \$1,000.00
- Music Department: \$1,000.00

3. Audience Participation

3.01 Audience Participation Guidelines None

4. Agenda Modifications

4.01 Modifications to Agenda Items or Prior Minutes None

5. Consent Agenda

5.01 Approve Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and October 23, 2023 Special Board Meeting

5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget (ending October 2023) General fund 96228-96396 and payroll/direct deposit 900013194-900013273 and manual checks 1808-1810 and 3741-3749.

5.03 Approve Personnel Report

Motion by Clauson second by Burhans to approve the consent agenda as printed and posted. Roll call vote: Yes: Broderson, Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz. No: None. Abstain:

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None. Absent: Stemwedel. Motion carried by roll call vote.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Teaching & Learning

Met on November 1, 2023, and discussed:

- · Right to Read Act 20
- Student Data
- College and Career Readiness

6.02 Finance & Operations

The committee met on November 7, 2023, discussed the following:

- Stakeholder feedback survey results on facilities
- · Recommended update for meal reimbursement rates
- · Long-term planning for facilities needs
- · Reviewed bills and budget balances

6.03 Policy & Governance

Met on November 9, 2023, to establish the Dress & Grooming Policy Advisory Group. Members included students, parents, teachers, administration and board members.

The group will meet monthly for a few months to develop guidelines to bring to the Board for approval.

7. New Business

7.01 Portrait of a Graduate: College & Career Readiness Discussion

 Update from Michelle Simpson and presentation of Portrait of a Graduate.

7.02 Meal Reimbursement Rate Update

Motion by Clauson second by Coy to approve the updated meal reimbursement rates as presented. Breakfast \$10, Lunch \$10, and Dinner \$15. Allow combining total for day and subtract allowance for meals included as part of an event. Roll call vote: Yes: Broderson, Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Stemwedel. Motion carried by roll call vote.

7.03 Staff and Parent Feedback on Facilities Needs Dani reviewed results of surveys.

7.04 Website Process Update & Preview

Dani Mikula presented a preview of the new website. Waiting on domain name before we can switch over.

7.05 Strategic Roadmap Q1 Progress Report

Michelle Simpson and Dani Mikula presented the Strategic Roadmap Q1 Progress Report.

8. Board/Admin Reports

8.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report - Mark Hoefling

Mark Hoefling presented a report from the CESA #12 Board of Control (Continued on top of next column)



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8.02 Superintendent's Report

State report cards were released today and are available on the DPI website

9. Upcoming Dates

- December 5, 2023 Finance & Operations Committee 5:30pm
- December 13, 2023- Policy & Governance Committee 5:30pm
- December 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 5:30pm

10. Closed Session - The board will convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statues 19.85(1)(c) as specified.

Motion by Clauson second by Coy to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to WI State Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for Superintendent Evaluation Superintendent Goals and Mutual Expectations Quarterly Check-In. Roll call vote: Yes: Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz. No: None. Abstain: None. Excused: Broderson. Absent: Stemwedel. Motion carried by roll call vote. Entered closed session at 7:04pm.

11. Meeting Closing

11.01 Adjournment

Motion by Burhans to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk



Music Students Attend The Sound of Music

On Saturday, December 9, the senior music students traveled to the Duluth Playhouse to see *The Sound of Music l*ive. The cast were incredible, and the setting beautiful. We

all agree that the littlest Von Trapp Gretl was the show stopper!

Experiences of this nature bring a new perspective for each of us. We are thankful to the South Shore Education Foundation for sponsoring this experience!

SOUTH SHORE JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL 1⁵⁷ OUARTER

HIGH HONOR ROLL

HONOR ROLL

12th Grade:

Ethan Bratley Paige Lahti Gracelyn Lovejoy Kiley Mueller Carter Ray

11th Grade:

McKenna Coy
Estela Dias Saiz
Azure Grant
Natalia Greene
Elliott Klavon
Kalyssa L'Heureux
Rosa Lund
Maximillano Martinez
Samuel Swanson
Daniel Truchon

10th Grade:

Ameri Fujimori Erica Johnson Adeline L Chalee Luzzatto

9th Grade:

Sylas Jardine Trinity Maki Mosiah Martinez Madeline Purzner Sophia Truchon Dexton Wilcox

8th Grade:

Rylee Dahlgren Spencer Jensen Josephina Martinez Summer Nicoletti Idella Wilcox

7th Grade:

Elijah Ciembronowicz Jaxson Kaseno Ella Kennedy Anna L Rhyah Ray John Truchon Owen Zakovec

12th Grade:

Peyton Jardine Emily Montgomery Giorgia Pellizzoni Ashton Rantala Faith Whitmore-Langley

11th Grade:

Bryce Bertrand Thanawat Kaewrith Brandee Madison Alessia Miller Emmitt Peterson Edward Pudas Brian Tapani

10th Grade:

Lyric Belan Owen Bratley Emma Curtis Ainhoa Pareja Fernandez Alexys Wehrman

9th Grade:

Richard Caratzola Gabriella L'Heureux Brooklyn Lehto

8th Grade:

Allyson Golly Aastah Hoyer Nathaniel Spuhler

7th Grade

Sophia Nollet Xander Wilcox



NOTICE OF ELECTION School Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the South Shore School District on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, the following offices are to be elected. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 22nd, 2024 and expiring April 26th, 2027.

Office

Incumbent
Clyde Clauson
Merlyn Coy

At-Large
Town of Tripp

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Finance Registration Statement (Form EB-I) and a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EB-162) must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 in the District Office of the South Shore School District, located in the South Shore Elementary Building, in Port Wing, Wisconsin (mailing address, Post Office Box 40, Port Wing, WI 54865).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if a primary is necessary, the primary shall be held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024.

A description of the school district and township boundaries, and other information regarding the School Board Election, may be obtained from Dani Mikula, District Administrator, in the Main Office of the School District, telephone: 715-774-3167.

No later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd, 2023 prescribed for filing declarations of candidacy the incumbent shall file written notification with the school district clerk if the incumbent is not a candidate for reelection to his or her office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Given under my hand, this 8th day of November 2023.

Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk South Shore Board of Education

South Shore Scholars

After-School Enrichment Program

What: South Shore Scholars is an after school enrichment program designed to ignite learning, skill development and connections for students in grades Kindergarten and up. Our program incorporates evidence-based interventions, games and outdoor activities to enrich the development of each Cardinal. Program activities are designed by a licensed teacher and facilitated by teachers, program staff and paid student workers. We aim to add cool activities based on interests and needs such as robotics, STEM, and more!

When: Programming is offered from 3:15-5:00pm Monday through Thursdays when school is in session per the South Shore School District calendar for the 2023-24 school year.

Enrollment Information: Participation in South Shore Scholars is available for grades K and up and will be based on a first come, first served basis as space is limited. In order to ensure proper staffing, snacks and supplies, **parents must sign up students ahead of time**. Parents must reserve a spot 24 hours in advance for drop-in care. Fees must be paid in advance in order for a child to attend.

Programming Fees*					
4 days per week	\$25				
3 days per week	\$20				
2 days per week	\$15				
Drop in Care	\$10				

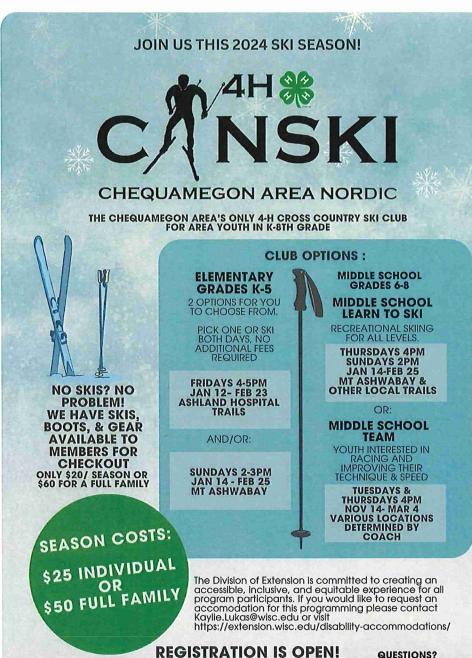
^{*}Families who qualify for free and reduced lunch may qualify for a free or reduced rate for South Shore Scholars. Please inquire with Diana Reijo if you would like to see if you qualify: dreijo@sshore.k12.wi.us

- A snack will be provided daily.
- Students must have proper outdoor apparel as activities will include time outside.
- In order to participate in South Shore Scholars, students must demonstrate the ability to follow directions and rules of the program, including behavior expectations
- Transportation is available via the after school activity bus at no additional cost. Bus privileges are dependent on student behavior and ability to meet expectations.

Program Lead: Jeannette Johnsrud-Evavold jevavold@sshore.k12.wi.us







UPCOMING EVENTS...

December 18

Boys Basketball at Washburn Girls Basketball at Spooner

December 19

Girls Basketball vs Buttternut at Home

December 20

Regular Board Meeting

December 21

Elementary Winter Program 2pm - High School Gym Jr-Sr High School Concert 6pm - High School Gym

December 27

Girls Basketball Tournament at Clayton High School (Game times: noon and 1:30pm)

December 28

Girls Basketball Tournament at Clayton High School (Game times: noon and 1:30pm)

December 30

Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament vs Frederic at Home (Game times -2:30pm & 4:15pm)

January 2

Students Return
Boys Basketball at Northwood

REGISTRATION IS OPEI LEARN MORE AT: 4HCANSKI.ORG QUESTIONS? CONTACT IAN MEEKER AT 715-373-3287 OR IAN.MEEKER@WISC.EDU

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Christmas Break December 25th thru January 1⁵⁵ Students return on Monday, January 2nd









January Activity Calendar

January 2024							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
,	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	Winter Break - No School	BBB at Northwood	Finance & Operations Committee Meeting	BBB vs Butternut at Home	GBB at Drummond		
7	PTO Meeting BBB at Drummond	9 GBB at Hurley	10 Policy & Governance	11 BBB at Hurley Finance & Operations Committee Meeting -	GBB vs LCO at Home	13	
14	15		Committee Meeting	Community Focus Group			
	BBB vs LCO at Home	GBB at Mellen	17 Regular School Board Meeting	18 2nd Quarter Ends	19 In-Service - No Students BBB at Mellen	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	BBB at Cameron GBB at Solon Springs	BBB vs Mercer at Home GBB vs Mercer at Home	Finance & Operations Committee Meeting - Community Focus Group	GBB at Bayfield	BBB at Solon Springs	,	
28	JV GBB vs Superior at Varsity GBB vs Washburn at Home	BBB at Bayfield	31			4	

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