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THE CARDINAL REPORT

Serving students, parents and our community

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

Danielle Mikula, Superintendent



On Saturday December 7, members of our community came together for the South Shore Education Foundation Fundraiser, an annual tradition that began in 2008. This event took place at the Bell Town Hall for the third year in a row and included food, refreshments and donations from many local businesses. As community members enjoyed small bites and merriment in support of the Foundation, they also enjoyed connection and the fulfillment we feel when we give back to something greater than ourselves.

The South Shore Education Foundation provides incredible opportunities for our students each year. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised well over \$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 leads the Foundation, and all of its members continue to give their time and energy in service of providing opportunities to the amazing children who attend South Shore.



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 wonderful opportunities. Some of these include opportunities to enhance youth basketball offerings, special field trips and experiences, a beautiful new telescope, cameras, and instructional technology. Recently, the Foundation made a substantial donation to our Career and Technical Education Department with a new plasma

table. This will allow students to combine engineering, mathematics, design, welding, and other skills to create new masterpieces. All of the experiences given by the Foundation allow our students to create meaning, memories, and identity.

To all of the Foundation members and to all of you who have donated, volunteered and cheered on our school, *thank you*. Our district is incredibly blessed and so honored to have such strong community support. May you all have a peaceful holiday season, and a bright and hopeful New Year!



Spotlight on Student Learning: State Report Card

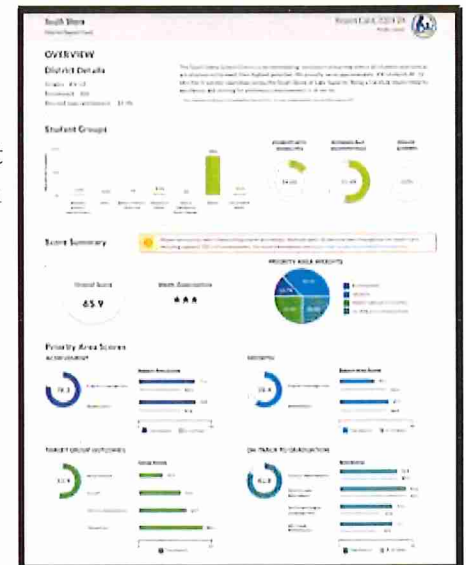
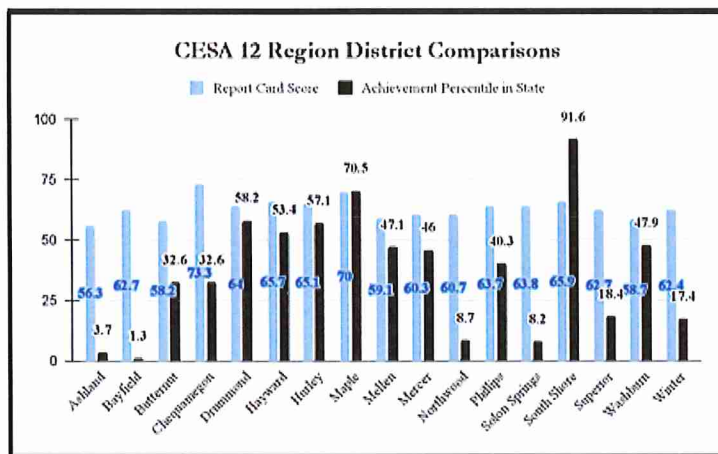
Michelle Simpson, 4K-12 Principal & Director of Curriculum & Instruction



The State of Wisconsin released its annual report cards for every public district and school in the State of Wisconsin at the end of November. State report cards provide each district and school with an overall score as well as additional details about how that score was reached. Report cards are broken up into four areas: achievement, growth, target group outcomes, and on-track for graduation. While all schools have scores in each of these areas, the weight of achievement and growth scores on a report card differ from district to district, as it is based on the percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged. At South Shore, growth scores are a higher percentage of the district's final score.

What is South Shore's Score?

This year, the South Shore School District met expectations on its State Report Card, with a score of 65.9. The elementary school exceeded expectations with a score of 77.3, and the Jr/Sr. High met expectations with a score of 62.2. It is important to recognize that this score is based on three years of data, which includes data from testing immediately following the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is also important to note there were some significant changes to one of the state assessments, the Wisconsin Forward Exam, during the 2023-2024 school year which impacted how growth scores were calculated. Full versions of the District's report cards with further details on the scores can be found <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/>.



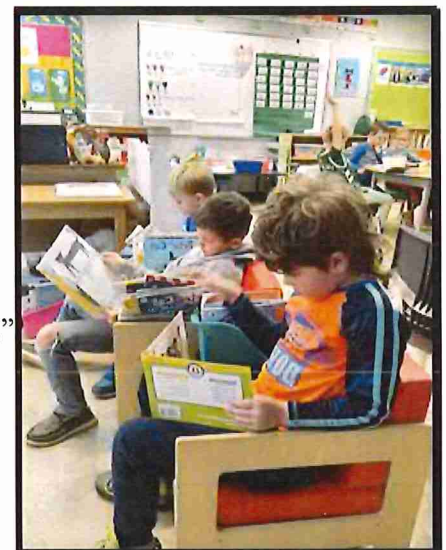
What are the Highlights?

Our achievement as a district is higher than 91.6% of districts in the state of Wisconsin, and the highest of surrounding schools in our area. South Shore Jr-Sr High School is in the top 4% of the state, and South Shore Elementary School is in the top 8%. The visual to the left represents the outcomes of districts in our region. The light blue line and number represents the

Report Card Score, and the black line and number represents student achievement percentile in the state of Wisconsin. We are proud of our results, and we commend our students, staff and parents for the collective efforts to reach for excellence!

Next Steps for South Shore

Our growth scores and attendance are the two areas where we are prioritizing improvements. As a district, our report card score of 65.9 "Meets Expectations," the elementary school "Exceeds Expectations," and the Jr-Sr High "Meets Expectations." Attendance is one area that decreases our score significantly. While there are direct scores on the report card that are reflective of our student's attendance, students' academic growth and achievement can also be significantly impacted when they miss school. We need your help with this! Please continue to support



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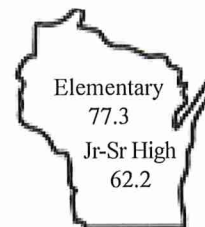
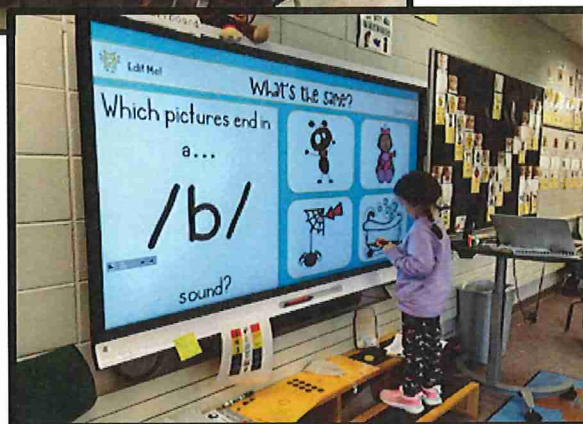
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your child with coming to school every day. If they are home ill, please work with your child's teacher so that your child is able to make up any learning opportunities that they may have missed.

As a school, we are also continuing to work on addressing the needs of students who struggle the most to show growth in Target Group Outcomes. We are excited about the work our teachers have been doing around the science of reading, student engagement, wellness, and assessment to keep improving in those areas. Our mission at South Shore states that we exists "to provide a rigorous, relevant, high-quality, positive learning environment to foster success in every student," and our staff is dedicated to making this a reality for every South Shore student.



All school and district report cards can be accessed online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards> along with more resources that explain the report cards.



Quiz Bowl Victory!

South Shore Quiz Bowl kicked off game six against Superior in an intense battle of wits and strategy. For one of our team members, a former Superior student, this matchup is always the ultimate rivalry!

This game was a nail-biter, with questions bouncing back and forth as both teams played it safe, refusing to answer unless they were 110% confident. But in the end, South Shore claimed victory!

In a fun twist of fate, the final score was the exact same as last year's game versus Superior—just flipped in our favor this time!





South Shore Students Honor Local Veterans

by Danielle Mikula, District Administrator



On Monday, November 11, the South Shore School District recognized and honored those who have served our country. Local veterans were invited in for coffee and treats while connecting and sharing stories with students. This was followed by a special assembly for veterans with songs, speeches and music.

During the assembly, our student body President Daniel Truchon welcomed veterans and led the school through the pledge of allegiance. Geometry & Construction students shared how they used mathematics to get two appropriately-sized flags for our flagpole, and dedicated the new flags to our local veterans. Elementary students sang songs celebrating America and the high school band performed the national anthem. South Shore graduate and veteran Kevin KC Johnson shared reflections from

his service as our honored speaker.

In a thank you letter to the school district following the assembly, a local veteran wrote,



"On behalf of all of the veterans of the South Shore area, we would like to thank the students and staff for the consideration and thoughtfulness of remembering how important our veterans are to our community and country. Our veteran community is extremely proud and thankful for the South Shore students' respect and honor that they have shown to all of our veterans."



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.

★ SOUTH SHORE ★ VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you, Chippewa Valley Bank!

A big shoutout to Chippewa Valley Bank representatives Melissa Bartlett and Keasha Wilcox for visiting our Life Skills class to talk all things finance!

Chippewa Valley Bank also presented our school district with a check for \$2500 toward student experiences.

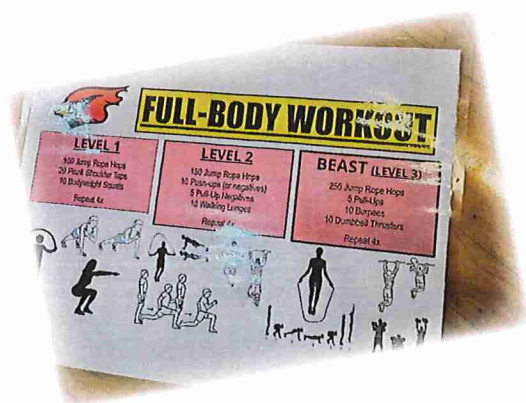
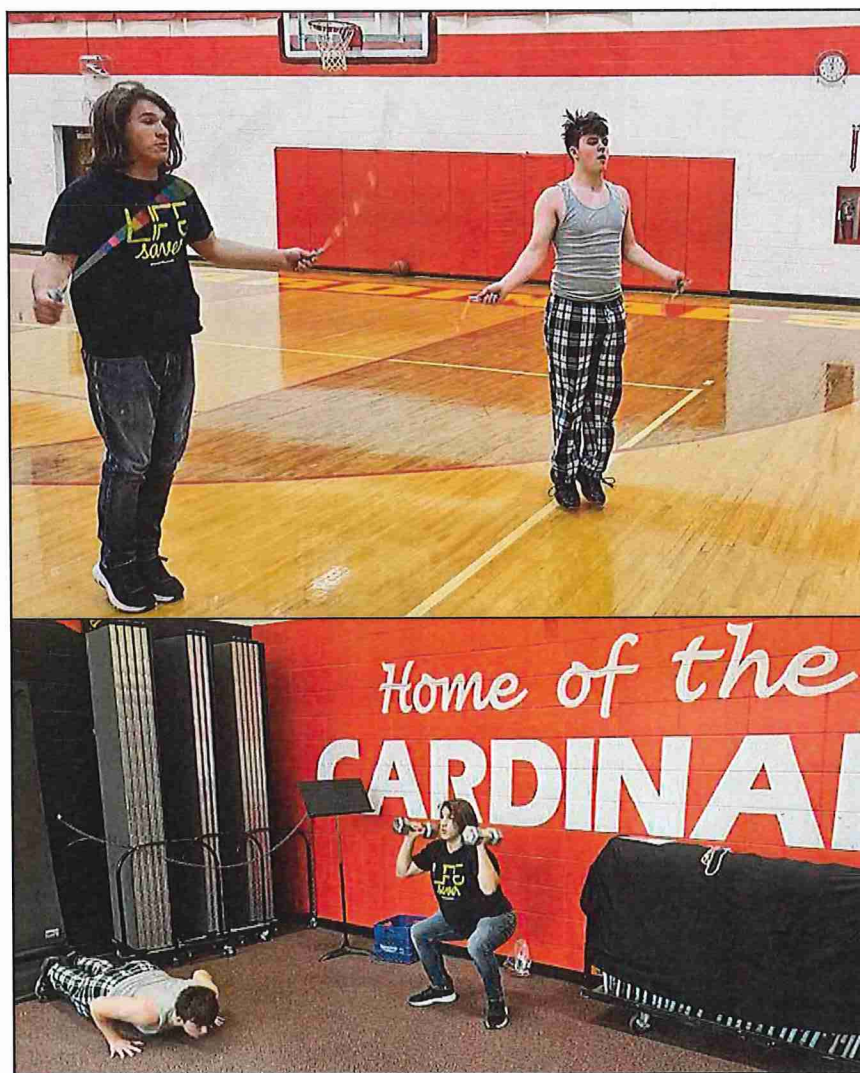


Two of our high school seniors have truly taken ownership of their personal fitness and made big gains this quarter!

Last week, they tackled the BEAST Challenge:

- 1000 jump rope hops
- 20 pull-ups
- 40 burpees
- 40 dumbbell thrusters (squat + shoulder press)

Their consistent, high-quality effort is paying off in a big way! Keep up the amazing work, gentlemen!



3rd graders are finding any way they can to learn outdoors!

They combined a phonics game with fractions for scoring—building literacy and math skills while enjoying the fresh air.



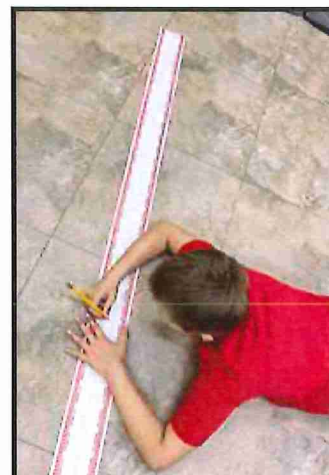
Christmas Break
December 23rd
through
January 1st



The 4th graders did a fantastic job teaming up to create ratio tables for the first 30 multiples of double-digit numbers!



They put their multiplication skills to work, using a variety of strategies to tackle the task. Way to go, 4th grade mathematicians



SOUTH SHORE JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL

1ST QUARTER

HIGH HONOR ROLL

12th Grade:

McKenna Coy
Christian Francisco
Azure Grant
Maximillano Martinez
Emmitt Peterson
Samuel Swanson
Daniel Truchon

11th Grade:

Adeline L.
Chalee Luzzatto
Melina Muller



10th Grade:

Richard Caratzola
Sophia Truchon
Dexton Wilcox

9th Grade:

Rylee Dahlgren
Spencer Jensen
Josephina Martinez
Idella Wilcox

8th Grade:

Elijah Ciembronowicz
Owen Zakovec

7th Grade:

Zoey Halma
Mason Lahti
Mya Peterson
Liam Zakovec

HONOR ROLL

12th Grade:

Elliott Klavon
Brandee Madison
Edward Pudas

11th Grade:

Lyric Belan
Owen Bratley
Emma Curtis
Lillian Nollet
Prirapapha Sattanusart
Alexys Wehrman

10th Grade:

Sylas Jardine
Dylan Johnson
Mads Purzner

9th Grade:

Myla Deputy-Phillips
Tucker Mueller
Brody Verne

8th Grade:

Jaxson Kaseno
Sophia Nollet
Rhyah Ray
John Truchon

7th Grade

Ferran Maki
Jarrett Olesiak

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 1st, 2025, the following offices are to be elected. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 28th, 2025 and expiring April 24th, 2028.

Office	Incumbent
Town of Clover	James Stemwedel
Town of Orienta	Mark Hoeftling

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 7th, 2025 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 18th, 2025.

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 27th, 2024 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 2024.

Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk
South Shore Board of Education

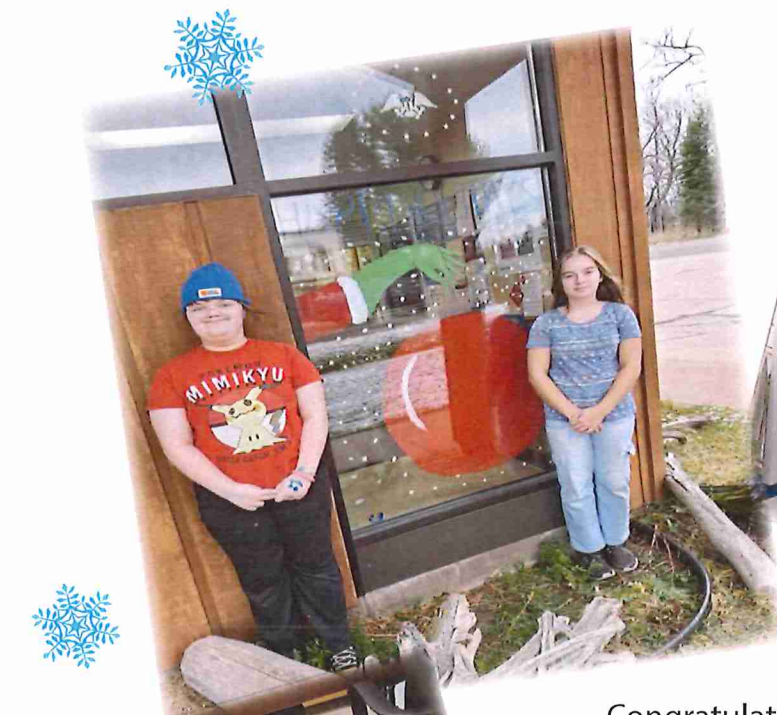




PTO Meeting

YOU'RE INVITED
to our next PTO
meeting which will be held on
Monday, January 6, 2025
Jr-Sr High School Library
5:30pm





Congratulations to Viv, Elsie, and Anastasia for winning the showcase windows at the Port Wing Post Office and for everyone's creative ideas in making our hallway festive!

Special thanks to our amazing art teacher Kathy Irwin for helping make the vision a reality.



Yearbooks for Sale

Are you still looking for the perfect Christmas present for the person who is hard to buy for? If so, The South Shore Yearbook group is selling prior year's yearbooks for \$25 each. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Following are the years and quantities available:

7-12 Grade Yearbooks

1990 - 25	2010 - 6
1991 - 11	2011 - 3
1993 - 27	2013 - 23
1994 - 27	2014 - 8
1995 - 25	2015 - 2
1996 - 49	2016 - 12
1997 - 32	2020 - 19
1998 - 13	2021 - 11
2007 - 7	2022 - 23
2008 - 18	2023 - 13
2009 - 4	

4K-6 Grade Yearbooks

2022 - 30
2023 - 13



If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook please contact Jolene Anderson at janderson@sshore.k12.wi.us or 715-774-3500.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

December 16

Boys Basketball at Solon Springs

December 17

Girls Basketball at Bayfield
HS Choir Caroling at Corny
Memorial Blood Drive

December 18

Regular Board Meeting



December 19

BBB at Bayfield
MSBBB vs Mellen at Home

December 20

GBB vs Washburn at Home

December 28

Boys Basketball at Frederic
Game time: 4:15pm

December 30

Boys & Girls Basketball vs Shell
Lake at Home

January 2

Staff & Students Return

January 3

Boys Basketball vs Spooner at Home
GBB at Flambeau



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

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

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 18, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

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 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and December 11, 2024 Special Board Meeting
 - 5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget Report (Ending November 2024)
 - 5.03 Approve Personnel Report
6. New Business
 - 6.01 Building Project Pre-Design Process Update
 - 6.02 Trap Shooting Team Consideration
 - 6.03 Insurance Quote Approval
 - 6.04 Consider Approval of Contracts for Architectural and Construction Management Services
7. Board/Admin Reports
 - 7.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report
 - 7.02 Superintendent's Report
8. Upcoming Dates
 - 8.01 Upcoming Dates
9. Closed Session - The Board will Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) as Specified
 - 9.01 Adjourn to Closed Session 19.85(1)(e) to Discuss Deliberating or Negotiating the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session
- 10 Meeting Closing
 - 10.01 Adjournment

**• Board of Education •
School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held Wednesday, November 13, 2024
5:30pm - 6:57pm**

(Minutes to be approved at the 12-18-24 Board meeting)

A REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 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 Clauson at 5:30pm.

Roll call: Present: Justine Broderson, K. Terry Burhans, Clyde Clauson, Mark Hoefling, Rebecca Kavajecz, James Stemwedel. Absent: Merlyn Coy, Also present: Danielle Mikula, Superintendent.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Recognition/Highlight

2.01 We are South Shore

We recognize the community for supporting the referendum.

2.02 Acknowledge and Accept Donations

- Chippewa Valley Bank donated \$2500 toward student experiences.

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 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting and October 28, 2024 Special Board Meeting

5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget (ending October 2024) General fund 97757-97911 and payroll/direct deposit on 900014185-900014268, 38373847.

5.03 Approve Personnel Report

- No new hires or separations to report at this time.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Policy & Governance

Met on November 7, 2024

Dani Mikula, Michelle Simpson, five staff, five students and three parents were present.

- Reviewed and discussed cell phone policy through large and small group discussion.
- Dani to prepare a draft policy and share with the group in attendance via email for feedback.
- Further discussion and public input at the November 13, 2024 regular Board meeting. We hope to have a draft ready for first read in December.

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7. New Business

7.01 Facilities Referendum Results & Next Steps

The referendum passed. Staff from HSR and Miron presented on next steps. Design and preconstruction phase will last approximately 9 months with stakeholder input at the beginning.

7.02 Student Cell Phone Policy Workgroup Update

Overview of the information presented in the Workgroup meeting last week.

7.03 District Wellness Goal Strategic Actions Update

Presentation by Mrs. Truchon

Motion by Kavajecz, second by Hoefling to approve the proposed changes to the Strategic roadmap for 24-25. Absent: Coy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7.04 OSHA Safety Inspection Results

On October 30, 2024, the OSHA State Inspector conducted an inspection and walkthrough of the district. The results included no safety violations or corrective actions.

8. Policy Updates

8.01 NEOLA Volume 33.2 Updates- 1st Reading

9. Administrative & Other Reports

9.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report

Meeting is next week.

9.02 Superintendent's Report

Shout out to:

- Sophie Truchon went to State in Cross Country
- Group went to Eau Claire for Women in Math - Azure Grant, AddymL., Chalee Luzzatto, & Prirapapha Sattanusart
- Two students went to honors band - Daniel Truchon and McKenna Coy
- Veterans Day assembly - our students did a nice job and it was well attended by our local veterans
- WASDA discussions around probable future changes at federal level with Department of Education and Title IX

10. Upcoming Dates

10.01 Upcoming Dates

- December 11, 2024 - Special Board Meeting 5:30pm
- December 18, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting 5:30pm (fun sweaters and treats)

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

11.01 Superintendent Evaluation 19.85(1)(c) Superintendent Goals and Mutual Expectations Quarterly Check-In

Motion by Hoefling, second by Burhans to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) at 6:48pm for the superintendent goals and mutual expectations check-in. Roll call vote. Yes: Broderson, Burhans, Clauson, Hoefling, Kavajecz, Stemwedel. No: None. Absent: Coy. Abstain: None. Motion carried by roll call vote.

12. Meeting Closing

12.01 Adjournment

Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk



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Special School Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held Wednesday, December 11, 2024

5:30pm - 6:51pm

(Minutes to be approved at the 12-18-24 Board meeting)

A SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 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 Clauson at 5:30pm.

Roll call: Present: Justine Broderson, K. Terry Burhans, Clyde Clauson, Mark Hoefling, Rebecca Kavajecz, James Stemwedel. Absent: Merlyn Coy, Also present: Dani Mikula, Superintendent.

2. Audience Participation

2.01 Audience Participation Guidelines

No one registered at this time.

3. New Business

3.01 Student Learning Workshop: Report Cards, Achievement and Instruction Presentation by Principal Simpson. Discussion.

3.02 Student Cell Phone Policy- 1st Reading
Overview and discussion.

4. Closed Session - The Board will Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) as Specified

4.01 Closed Session

Motion by Stemwedel, second by Burhans to Adjourn to Closed Session 19.85(1)(e) at 6:18pm to Discuss Deliberating or Negotiating the Investing of Public Funds, or Conducting Other Specified Public Business, Whenever Competitive or Bargaining Reasons Require a Closed Session. Roll call vote:

Yes: Broderson, Burhans, Clauson, Coy, Hoefling, Kavajecz, Stemwedel. No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried by roll call vote.

5. Meeting Closing

5.01 Adjournment

Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk



JANUARY 2025 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day No School	2	3 BBB vs Spooner at Home GBB at Flambeau	4
5	6 BBB vs Washburn at Home PTO Meeting	7 MS All-Conference Band at Northwestern Varsity GBB at Butternut	8	9 BBB at Butternut	10 GBB at Drummond	11
12	13 BBB vs Drummond at Home	14 GBB vs Hurley at Home	15 Regular Board Meeting	16 BBB vs Hurley at Home	17 Varsity GBB at LCO End of 2nd Quarter	18
19	20 In-Service No School for Students BBB at LCO	21 MSGVB at Solon GBB vs Mellen at Home	22	23	24 BBB vs Mellen at Home MS All-Conference Choir at Ashland HS	25
26	27 Varsity GBB vs Solon Springs at Home	28 BBB at Mercer GBB at Mercer	29	30 MSGVB at Drummond GBB vs Bayfield at Home	31 BBB vs Solon Springs at Home	

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