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THE CARDINAL REPORT

Serving students, parents and our community



South Shore Lion's Conduct Vision Screenings

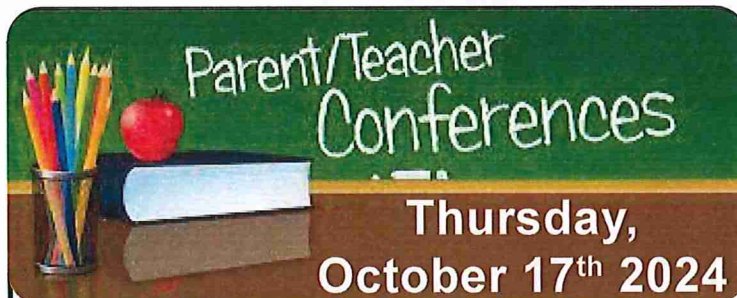


South Shore Lion's Laurie Gucinski, Mary Ann Morris, Carl Anderson, and Judy Moyer utilized the South Shore Lions Club's "Spot" camera to do vision screening with 4K-6th grade students at South Shore Elementary School.

There were 94 children screened, and of those, 9 were referred for further evaluation.

Laurie, Mary Ann, Carl, and Judy were trained and received certification on the use of the camera for vision screening by Prevent Blindness Wisconsin, an organization which is providing training to Lions club members statewide.

Thank you Lion's Club members for your service.



Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled with the hope they will bring about a closer relationship between parents and teachers, and they result in a direct benefit to the child through a better understanding of the child and the objectives of the school. Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 17th from 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at both the elementary and Jr-Sr High schools.

Elementary conferences are prearranged and junior and senior high conferences, you register when you arrive at the school.

Students are always welcome to accompany their parents/guardians to conferences.



**Election Day
Tuesday,
November 5th**

**Polls are open
at your
respective
polling places
from
7am - 8pm**



Wisconsin School Board Week

Danielle E. Mikula, District Administrator

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards has designated October 6-12 as Wisconsin School Board Week – a time to raise awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our communities. This month we join all public school districts across the state in celebrating and recognizing our local board members for their commitment to the children and families we serve.

School board members give the citizens of our community a voice in educational decision-making. Throughout the year, our board members devote a significant amount of their time and energy to the continuous improvement of our district. In addition to attending meetings and events, they spend countless hours preparing for meetings, studying issues, and reading and overseeing policy. The Board monitors and oversees a multi-million dollar budget and reviews the district's progress toward strategic goals.

Thank you to the following individuals who have been elected by our community to serve on the Board of Education: Clyde Clauson, Mark Hoefling, Becky Kavajecz, James Stemwedel, Terry Burhans, Merlyn Coy and Justine Broderson. Please join us in recognizing and thanking our local school board members for their leadership, public service, and commitment to kids!



Clyde Clauson
Board President



Mark Hoefling
Vice President





Becky Kavajecz
Clerk



James Stemwedel
Treasurer



Terry Burhans



Merlyn Coy



Justine Broderson



Thank You

WISCONSIN SCHOOL BOARD WEEK 2024



Learning meets real-world experience!

Mr. Olkowski's Industrial Maintenance class had the opportunity recently to aid Pioneer Critical Power service technicians with the replacement of critical parts and components needed for the school's generator. They asked tough questions and got to get their hands dirty with a real-world problem.





Spotlight on Student Learning: The Power of Attendance!

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

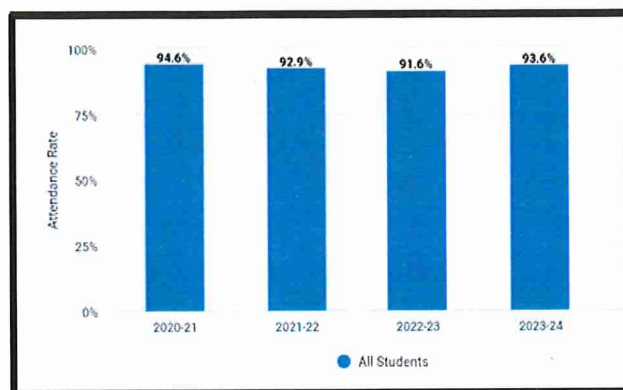
It is no surprise that the National Center of Educational Statistics reports that “Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance.” (NCES, 2009) Expert teachers, impactful instruction, high quality resources, and great experiences all impact student learning. However, students have difficulty benefiting from these if they are not present in school. This is why student attendance is linked to students' ability to read, graduation and dropout rates, student's future income, and even incarceration rates!

Knowing how important it is that students have good attendance, we must define what “good attendance.” While missing just two days a month may not seem like a lot, students who miss two days of school a month miss 10% of their school year! (Attendance Works, 2024) Good attendance is defined as having an attendance rate of at least 95%. Under state law, parents may excuse their child from up to ten days of school for the entire school year. This is approximately one day per month.

By the Numbers

Over the past several years, South Shore has consistently had an attendance rate below 95%. In 2020-2021, the district had a 94.1% attendance rate; this accommodated for students learning both virtually and in person. In 2021-2022, the attendance rate dropped to 92.95. It dropped again in 2022-2023 to 91.6%. While student attendance rose in 2023-2024 to 93.6%, the district still did not meet the 95% attendance rate. Our student achievement data reflects that attendance is impacting our students' learning.

Our student's attendance trend tells us that we need to try something new! This year, the district has a goal of having students AND staff at least a 95% attendance rate. Each class has a Cardinal mascot. If they collectively have a 95% attendance rate at the end of each week, they can add an accessory to their Cardinal. During a monthly assembly, students celebrate their attendance at school and display their Cardinals.



How Can You Help?

We need your help! Improving student attendance is not an easy goal, and we need help from our families and our community. Here are a few little things you can do to help us with attendance:

- **Every Student, Every Day:** Talk to your child or the students you know about the importance of being at school every day. If you have students that work for you, talk to them about the importance of attendance! Habits in school impact habits in the workplace.
- **Routines:** Establish bedtime and morning routines to help your child get the sleep they need and make it on the bus in the morning.
- **Belonging At School:** Talk to your child or the students you know about the things they are doing at school, and encourage them to get involved in extracurricular activities at school. From Latchkey & Battle of the Books for our elementary students to Forensics & Sports for our Middle School and High School Students, there is something for everyone!



How Sick is Too Sick?

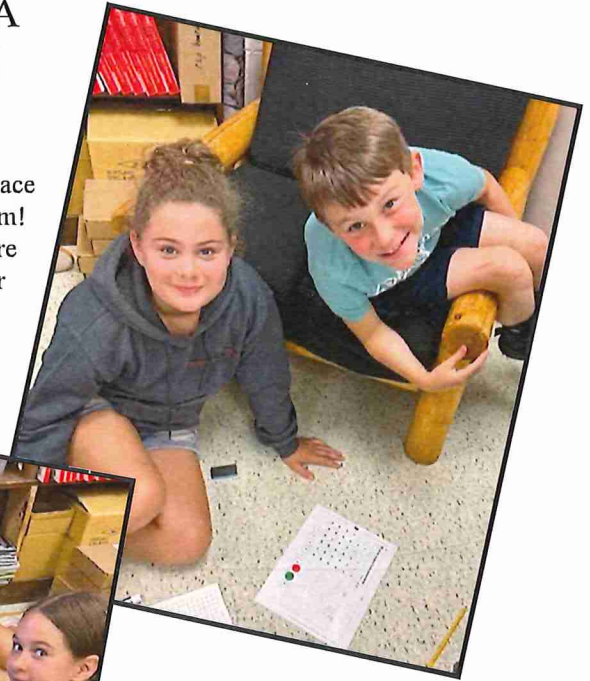
There are times that our students **DO** need to stay home! One question that often comes up is, “how sick is too sick to send my child to school? The WI Department of Instruction put together a guide to help families. They suggest students stay home if:

- They have a fever of 100.40 or higher. Children should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- They have unexpected vomiting or diarrhea. Children should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- They have a serious sustained cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.

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Math + Games = A Winning Combo!

The 5th grade is thoroughly enjoying the hands-on workplace games in their math curriculum! These interactive activities are helping students apply their math skills in fun and engaging ways.



MATH



Our 4th graders have been hard at work developing their reading, writing, and vocabulary skills while teaming up with partners to build their science knowledge!

They've been studying geological processes and will soon head out to explore geological features in our area.

Can't wait to see what they discover!

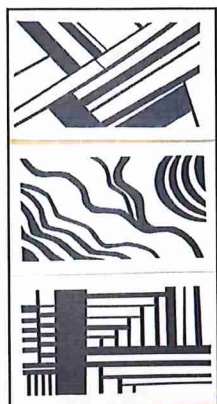
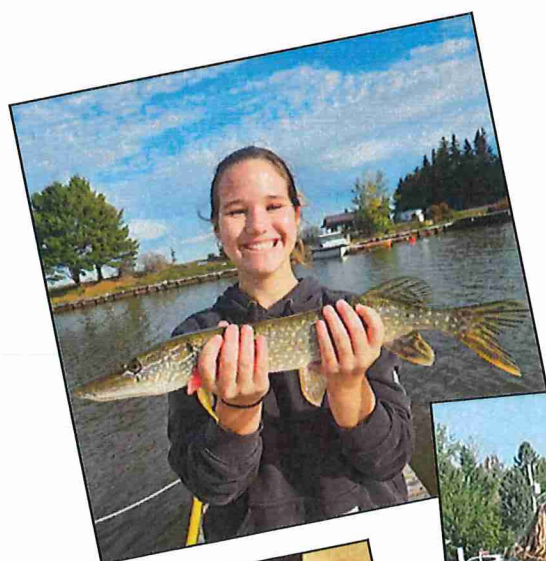




They're working in black and white,
but their creativity is full color!



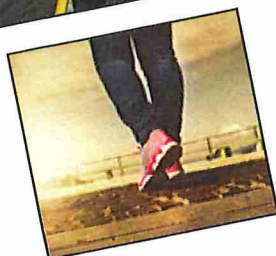
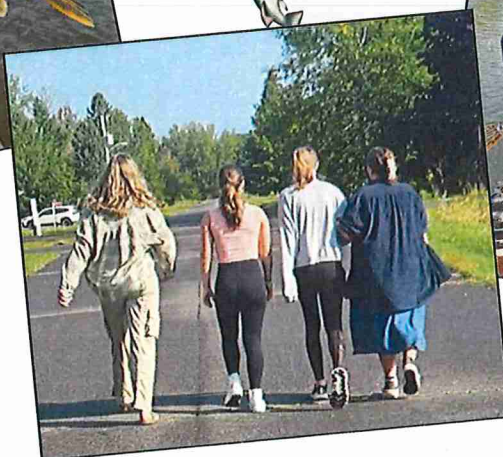
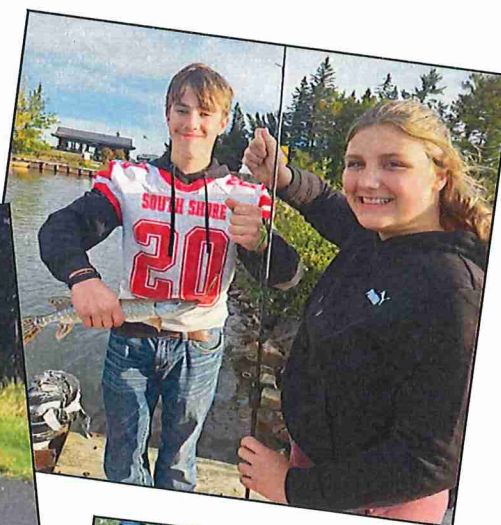
High school art students began the year with a focus on the elements of art line and texture. They limited our color palette to black and white to focus on creating compositions that show balance and movement through arranging positive and negative space.



Lifetime Activities (PE) students enjoyed another walking and fishing trip to the Port Wing Marina!

Miles of walking and 40 minutes of fishing is not a bad way to start a beautiful October day.

Here are some of the lucky anglers and unlucky fish!



REFERENDUM INFORMATION



On November 5, 2024, the South Shore School District will ask taxpayers to vote on a building referendum worth \$14.75 million to address critical building system needs and to add educational spaces to enhance student learning.

The community conversations about the referendum have been both inspiring and exciting. Below are some **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** about the proposed referendum project.

Q How did the District decide on what projects are the most urgent?

In 2021, the South Shore School District formed a Long-Range Planning Committee to evaluate the District's current and future needs. One of the District's primary goals is to address space requirements by 2026. The school buildings, constructed in 1977 and 1990, have only undergone one renovation in the last 48 years. Following professional assessments and extensive community input, it became clear that critical updates are needed to maintain and improve the facilities. The District is committed to addressing the most urgent needs based on feedback from a Facilities Focus Group, staff, students, and over 300 community members who participated in a community-wide survey.

Q The survey asked for feedback on over \$23 million of needs. How did the District decide on a \$14.75 million referendum solution?

The community-wide survey asked residents to provide feedback on projects totaling \$23.5 million. After analyzing survey feedback and discussions with the Focus Group and staff, the District prioritized the most urgent needs and reduced the referendum amount by 35%, bringing it to \$14.75 million. This reduction reflects the removal of certain projects, including childcare

facilities and additional classrooms, and a scaled-down building addition; as well as the \$3 million District contribution from fund balance.

Q Why is the District considering a referendum now?

The District has been fiscally responsible with the annual maintenance budget and has performed incremental systems maintenance each year. The needs of the building systems and upgraded educational spaces are too great to be performed within this annual budget.

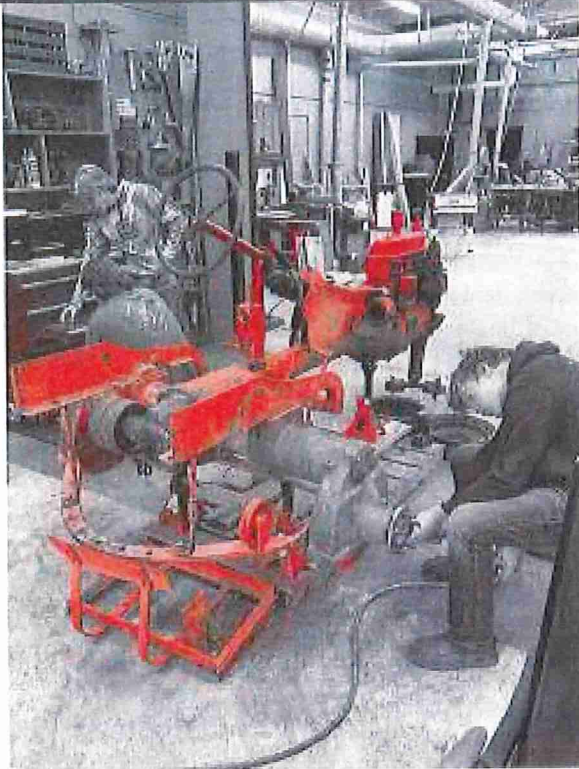
By moving forward with the full project now, the District will achieve the following outcomes:

- The entire building will become more energy efficient, saving on annual operating costs.
- The District can budget for predictable building maintenance costs, with little to no surprise costs.
- Addressing multiple building projects at one time allows the District to achieve significant cost savings and minimizes learning disruptions during construction.
- Construction and material costs rise, every year; completing these projects now enables us to avoid future escalated cost.

For More Information

CALL District Office 715.774.3167 | **EMAIL** referendum2024@sshore.k12.wi.us | **VISIT** sshore.org | **FOLLOW** 

REFERENDUM INFORMATION



Q How much of the project will be invested in updating infrastructure?

More than one third (34%) of the total project budget is allocated to maintaining and upgrading essential building systems. The remaining portion will focus on enhancing safety and security, modernizing educational spaces, and improving the fitness center.

Q What portions of the building are planned to have air conditioning after the facility improvements?

The entire facility will have improved indoor air quality through upgraded ventilation to meet current code requirements. During the February Community Focus Group meeting, the team reviewed air conditioning (AC) options. Due to cost considerations and the expense of modifying the existing system for AC, only the new additions were identified for AC. The current plan includes adding AC to the new classrooms, front entry, and weight/fitness center additions.

Q What happens if the referendum fails?

If this referendum does not pass, the needs will not go away. The District will face tough decisions to address these needs that may include significant budget cuts that could directly impact students. Delaying these much-needed facility improvements means students will continue learning in outdated, non-temperature-controlled buildings that are energy inefficient. Future repairs will become more expensive.

Q How can I take a building tour and learn more about the needs?

Join us at the South Shore School on October 17, 2:00-3:00 PM or 5:00-6:00 PM to hear about all of the details of the project needs and solutions, get your questions answered, and take a tour of the school.

To check out additional FAQs, send a question, or learn more about the building referendum details, visit the District's website: sshore.org/referendum-information

Information Session

Don't miss the final information sessions!

Thursday, OCTOBER 17
2:00-3:00 PM & 5:00-6:00 PM
South Shore School

JOIN US for referendum presentations and tours of the building, followed by Q&A.



Scan Me! Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to visit the District's website. More information can be found there about the process, needs, plan, and referendum.

Don't Forget to VOTE!

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Polls open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

For more voting information or to learn about absentee voting visit MYVOTE.WI.GOV.



**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 held in the **Instructional Media Center (IMC)** at **South Shore Jr-Sr High School**, Port Wing, WI at **5:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, October 16, 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, October 16, 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 - September 18, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
 - 5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget Report
(Ending September 2024)
 - 5.03 Approve Personnel Report
6. Committee Report/s
 - 6.01 Finance & Operations
7. New Business
 - 7.01 Facilities Referendum Updates & Discussion
 - 7.02 2024-25 Budget Review & Preparation for Annual Meeting
 - 7.03 Start College Now/Early College Credit
8. Policy - 1st Reading
 - 8.01 NEOLA Volume 33.1 Updates - 2nd Reading
 - 8.02 po8500 Food Services - 2nd Reading
 - 8.03 po8531 Free and Reduced Price Meals 2nd Reading
 - 8.04 po8700 Lactating Employees - 2nd Reading
9. Administrative & Other Reports
 - 9.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report
 - 9.02 Superintendent's Report
10. Upcoming Dates
 - 10.01 Upcoming Dates
11. Meeting Closing
 - 11.01 Adjournment

**• Board of Education •
School Board Regular Meeting Minutes
Meeting Held Wednesday, September 18, 2024
(Minutes to be approved at the 10-16-24 Board meeting)**

A Regular Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, in the LMC at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI. 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 5:30 pm.

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

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. RECOGNITION / HIGHLIGHT

2.01 We Are South Shore

- Third grade student Isaak Ostrander was recognized for a \$400 donation he made to the school from the Lion's Club Fishing Contest that he won!

2.02 Acknowledge and Accept Donations

- The Fig Leaf, \$1,000
- The Herbster Community Church, \$500

3. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

3.01 Audience Participation Guidelines - Limit 5 minutes

4. Agenda Modifications

4.01 Modifications to Agenda Items or Prior Minutes

None.

5. Consent Agenda

5.01 Approve Meeting Minutes

- August 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

5.02 Approval of Bills and Budget

- Approval of Bills and Budget (ending August 2024)
General fund 97513-97515, 97516-97517, 97522-97604
and payroll/direct deposit on 900013996-900014106,
1839-1843 and 3821-3826.

5.03 Approve Personnel Report

- Hires: Jolene Anderson, Business Education Teacher and head Girls Basketball Coach, start date September 23, 2024

Motion by Burhans second by Hoeffling to approve the consent agenda. Absent: Broderson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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6. Committee Reports

6.01 Finance & Operations

- Referendum update & discussion
- Review bills and budget balances
- Committee was given copies of recent assessment report on air quality
- Committee discussed van replacement process
- Committee heard presentation on two potential cost-sharing formulas and provided their thoughts and recommendation.
- Team discussed updates on communication and upcoming meetings
- Committee reviewed 24-25 preliminary budget
- Discussed the process of adopting two levies (one if referendum passes, one if it does not)

6.02 Policy & Governance

- Went over 33.1 NEOLA Update for Review with Tom and those policies are all ready for first read.
- In addition, NEOLA has newly updated Food Service policies. Tom will load those in tonight and we will include with first read at next regular Board meeting so we can close out the Food Service audit.
- Next time, we will have another (last?) round of updates, 33.2 and then we will be caught up.

7. New Business

7.01 Facilities Referendum Updates & Discussion

- Messaging has started (print, digital, face-to-face)
- Discussed Preliminary Project Timeline, if Referendum passes
- First face-to-face information sessions will be at the Bell Town Hall tomorrow, at school October 1, in Oulu on October 2nd, two at school on October 17
- Posters will be going out to the community soon
- A fact sheet will be going out soon

7.02 2024-25 Budget Review & Preparation for Annual Meeting

Overview of budget, explanation of differences from previous and discussion

7.03 School Safety Drills Update

Reports to Board will be in September and June. Staff did all the training. We've had four drills already and they went very smoothly.

7.04 Strategic Plan Progress Updates

Updates on what teams are currently working on toward our four strategic goals.

8. Policy Updates

8.01 Technical Corrections Volume 33.2

8.02 NEOLA Volume 33.1 Updates- 1st Reading

8.03 po8500 FOOD SERVICES- 1st Reading

8.04 po8531 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS - 1st Reading

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8.05 po8700 LACTATING EMPLOYEES- 1st Reading

9. Administrative & Other Reports

9.01 CESA 12 Delegate Report

Met September 17th.

- Diamond Gulek explained the new data system at CESA that will be accessible to District Administrators Cell phone issues at other school
- Fixed sewer issues

9.02 Superintendent's Report

- Middle school girls basketball won both of their games last night
- Home cross country meet in Iron River tomorrow
- Home volleyball (Pink Out) on Friday

10. Upcoming Dates

10.01 Upcoming Dates

- October 2, 2024 - Finance & Operations Committee 5:30pm
- October 9, 2024 - Policy & Governance Committee 5:30pm on Zoom
- October 16, 2024 - Regular Board Meeting 5:30pm
- October 28, 2024 - Budget Hearing at 6:00pm
- October 28, 2024 - Annual Meeting following adjournment of Budget Hearing
- October 28, 2024 - Special Board Meeting following adjournment of the Annual Meeting

11. Meeting Closing

11.01 Adjournment

Motion by Clauson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Information Session

**Don't miss the final
information session!
Thursday, October 17th**

**2-3pm & 5-6pm
South Shore School**

**JOIN US for referendum
presentations and tours of
the building, followed by Q&A.**

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AGAIN PROVIDES MEALS TO STUDENTS BEFORE HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Basketball season is right around the corner! The First Lutheran in Port Wing will again be offering meals to all students of South Shore beginning November 21, 2024. Meals will start at 3:30 p.m. and go until 5:30 p.m. for each varsity boys and girls home games.

It is our pleasure to do this for the students of South Shore. We hope they enjoy coming as much as we enjoy having them.

We are only able to provide meals through the generous support of our South Shore community. Thank you everyone who has provided food, money, and their time! We hope you will continue to do so.

If you would like to donate food (chicken, roast, round steak or any cuts of meat), brownie mixes, peanut butter, large bags of frozen tater tots, cream soups, canned vegetables (corn and beans) macaroni, onions, potatoes, lasagna noodles, desserts or money. If you would like to help prepare or serve a meal, please contact Joyce Olson at 715-774-3636, Carla Bainbridge at 715-774-3245, or Beth Carlson at 715-774-3606.

Meals will not be served on early release or non-school days.



**The Afterschool Program
will not be held on October
17th & October 21st**

South Shore School District Notice of Budget Hearing

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law
Wisconsin Statutes 65.90 and 120.11

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the South Shore School District which includes the towns of Bell, Clover, Port Wing, Orienta, Oulu and Tripp that the Budget Hearing will be held at the South Shore Jr-Sr High School, 9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI, in the commons, on the 28th day of October 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection by contacting the District Office at 715-774-3500 ext. 610 during regular school hours.

Members of the public may attend in person or through ZOOM by contacting the office and requesting the link. All public participants' phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting.

It is anticipated that more than one-half of the district school board members will attend this meeting.

Dated this 10th day of October 2024.

Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

South Shore School District Notice for District Annual Meeting

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law
Wisconsin Statutes 65.90 and 120.11

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the South Shore School District which includes the towns of Bell, Clover, Port Wing, Orienta, Oulu and Tripp that the Annual Meeting of said District for the transaction of business will be held at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, 9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI, in the Commons, on the 28th day of October 2024 following adjournment of the Budget Hearing. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection by contacting the District Office at 715-774-3500 ext. 610 during regular school hours.

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Dated this 10th day of October 2024.

Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

South Shore School District Budget Hearing Agenda

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Monday, October 28, 2024
6:00 p.m. ~ Jr-Sr High School Commons

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - 1.01 Call to Order
2. Proof of Publication
 - 2.01 Proof of Publication
3. Election of a Chairperson
 - 3.01 Election of a Chairperson
4. Appoint Acting Clerk
 - 4.01 Appoint Acting Clerk
5. Presentation 2024-25 Budgets
 - 5.01 Presentation of the 2024-25 Budget
6. Adjournment
 - 6.01 Adjournment

Special Note:

No official action is taken at the proposed budget hearing.

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

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

A **Special Meeting** of the **Board of Education** will be held in the **Commons** at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI 54865 **immediately following adjournment** of the Annual Meeting on **Monday, October 28, 2024.**

1. Call to Order
 - 1.01 Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - 2.10 Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
 - 3.01 Approval of Agenda
4. New Business:
 - 4.01 Discuss/Consider Levy and Final Adoption of 2024-25 Budget
5. Adjournment
 - 5.01 Adjournment

Memorial Blood Drive October 22, 2024

**Contact Jodi Truchon to schedule
an appointment
715-774-3500 ext. 617**

South Shore School District Annual Meeting Agenda

Public Notice §19.84 (3)

Clyde Clauson, President
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

Monday, October 28, 2024
following adjournment of Budget Hearing
Jr-Sr High School Commons

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - 1.01 Call to Order
2. Proof of Publication
 - 2.01 Proof of Publication
3. Election of a Chairperson
 - 3.01 Election of a Chairperson
4. Appoint Acting Clerk
 - 4.01 Appoint Acting Clerk
5. Treasurer's Reading of the Financial Report
 - 5.01 Reading of the Financial Report
6. Reading of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - 6.01 Reading of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
7. District Highlights
 - 7.01 District Highlights
8. New Business: Vote on Resolutions
 - 8.1 Adoption of Tax Levy
 - 8.2 Disposal of Non-Real Estate Property
 - 8.3 Salaries of Board Members
 - 8.4 Reimbursement of Board Member Expenses
 - 8.5 Authorizing Transportation of Students
 - 8.6 Short-term Borrowing
 - 8.7 Authorize Fund 80 Levy
 - 8.8 Authorize Legal Proceedings
9. Establishment of Next Annual Meeting
 - 9.01 Set Date for 2025 Annual Meeting
10. Other Business Allowed by State Statutes
11. Adjournment
 - 11.01 Adjournment



Substitutes Needed

The South Shore School District is seeking individuals willing to substitute for regular personnel in the following areas:
teaching staff, office staff, teacher aides, cooks, and custodians.



For more information, please call
Diana Reijo, Administrative
Assistant, 715-774-3159 or email
dreijo@sshore.k12.wi.us.



Budget Publication 2024-2025

South Shore School District



GENERAL FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	5,514,296.54	5,720,962.86	6,426,032.34
Ending Fund Balance	5,720,962.86	6,426,032.34	6,426,032.34
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	3,698,840.49	4,032,223.08	4,114,089.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	377,170.00	389,057.00	358,480 .00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	0.00	13,228.38	13,228.38
State Sources (Source 600)	760,953.23	707,170.01	652,410.96
Federal Sources (Source 700)	353,935.70	233,560.86	112,087.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	32,267.40	37,625.66	3,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	5,223,166.82	5,412,864.99	5,253,295.34
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	1,988,562.97	1,717,187.94	1,891,588.54
Support Services (Function 200 000)	2,050,040.81	2,014,231.74	2,160,653.52
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	977,896.72	976,375.83	1,201,053.28
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	5,016,500.50	4,707,795.51	5,253,295.34
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	79,594.80	70,889.21	72,853.25
Ending Fund Balance	70,889.21	72,853.25	72,853.25
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	705,873.19	670,626.37	673,975.28
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	714,578.78	668,662.33	673,975.28
DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00



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FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	16,161.40	16,161.40	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	16,161.40	0.00	0.12
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	177,215.68	172,511.86	220,640.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	177,215.68	188,673.26	220,639.88
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	20,692.30	34,363.19	40,079.65
Ending Fund Balance	34,363.19	40,079.65	76,534.65
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	40,000.00	44,230.00	40,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	26,329.11	38,513.54	3,545.00
PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
ALL FUNDS	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	5,934,624.07	5,603,644.64	6,151,455.50
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	463,484.87	361,720.56	569,451.28
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	5,471,139.20	5,241,924.08	5,582,004.22
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-4.19%	6.49%
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
Levy Summary	Audited 2022-23	Unaudited 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
General Fund	\$3,515,181	\$3,740,145	\$3,974,175
Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Expansion Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Service Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	\$3,555,181	\$3,780,145	\$4,014,175
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		6.33%	6.19%

Important Note Regarding 24-25 Budget Publication

Please note that the referendum debt service numbers will change if the pending capital referendum passes on November 5th.

**South Shore School District
Annual Meeting Minutes
South Shore Jr-Sr High School Commons
Monday, October 23, 2023 ~ 6:14 p.m. – 6:43 p.m.
(Approve at October 28, 2024 Annual Meeting)**

THE SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING was held on Monday, October 23, 2023, in the commons at South Shore Jr-Sr High School, Port Wing, WI. The meeting had been properly publicized in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Call to Order

President Mark Hoeftling called the 2023 District annual meeting to order on October 23, 2023 at 6:08pm in the LMC of the Jr-Sr High School.

Proof of Publication

Proof of publication was accomplished through a District-wide mailing of *The Cardinal Report*, with notices posted at the South Shore Elementary School, school website, Cornucopia, Herbster, and Port Wing Post offices, and Security State Bank and The Store on October 10, 2023.

Election of a Chairperson

Motion by James Stemwedel, second by Justine Broderson to nominate Mark Hoeftling as chairman of the annual meeting. Motion by Justine Broderson, second by Clyde Clauson to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mark Hoeftling. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands. Mark Hoeftling was elected chairman.

Appoint Acting Clerk

Mark Hoeftling, Chair appointed Rebecca Kavajecz as clerk.

Treasurer's Reading of Financial Report

James Stemwedel, School Board treasurer read the financial report.

Reading of the 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by K. Terry Burhans to suspend the reading of the October 26, 2022 annual meeting minutes. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Motion by Rebecca Kavajecz, second by K. Terry Burhans to approve the minutes as presented. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

District Highlights

Dani Mikula, Superintendent outlined 2023 District Highlights.

New Business

Vote on Resolutions 8.01 Adoption of Tax Levy

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by K. Terry Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore, Townships of Bell, Clover, Orienta, Oulu, Port Wing, and Tripp; assembled in Annual District Meeting on the 23rd day of October, 2023, a tax levy in the amount of \$3,740,145 and the School District Clerk is hereby directed to extend said levy to the several Townships of said District as affected in accordance with proportionate valuation of said municipality as

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provided by Wisconsin Law in relation to the total equalized valuation for all areas of the South Shore School District. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Disposal of Non-Real Estate Property

Motion by K. Terry Burhans, second by Merlyn Coy to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore shall not sell or dispose, except to a taxing body, or cause to be destroyed any School District property, real or personal, with a possible value of \$2,000 (2,000 last year) shall be deemed sufficient notice for the purpose of the competitive sale. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Salaries of Board Members

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by James Stemwedel to set the 2023-24 board salaries as follows:

Regular Board Meeting: \$150 per regular meeting – paid quarterly Committee, special, \$ 50 per meeting – paid quarterly other (non-regular meetings) Mileage Reimbursement: IRS approved rate for travel outside the district. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Resolution to Reimburse Board Member's Expenses

Motion by K. Terry Burhans, second by James Stemwedel to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses of school board members when traveling outside of the School District in performance of duties. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Authorizing Transportation of Students

Motion by James Stemwedel second by K. Terry Burhans to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to provide transportation of all students residing in the District as required by said laws; to purchase, operate and maintain transportation vehicles; to purchase liability insurance for such vehicles; and to finance contracts for the use and services of such vehicles. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Short-Term Borrowing

Motion by Merlyn Coy, second by Justine Broderson to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the State Aids, as well as the taxes levied for the School District of South Shore will not be available until the latter part of the 2023-2024 school year, and

WHEREAS it will be necessary for the School District to borrow funds as necessary for the expenses until such aids and taxes are received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Shore School Board et al, be authorized to borrow money up to its legal limit for the purpose of paying immediate and current expenses of operation

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of our schools during the 2023-2024 school year. Show of hands: Yes: No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Authorize fund 80 Levy

Motion by Clyde Clauson, second by Merlyn Coy to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to authorize the District Board of Education to continue to levy \$40,000 for the Fund 80 Community Service Fund. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Authorize Legal Proceedings

Motion by James Stenwedel, second by Justine Broderson to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore that the School Board is directed to provide for the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in which the School District is interested. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Establishment of Next Annual Meeting

Motion by K. Terry Burhans, second by Merlyn Coy to adopt the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the School District of South Shore to establish Monday, October 28, 2024, as the annual meeting date. Show of hands: Yes: 11. No: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried by show of hands.

Other Business Allowed by State Statutes

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Merlyn Coy to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Kavajecz, Clerk

NOTICE OF ELECTION SOUTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Referendum Details

At an election in the South Shore School District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the South Shore School District, Bayfield County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,750,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the school building and site, including a secure entrance and office, classrooms, library and fitness center; capital maintenance of building infrastructure, heating, ventilation and electrical system upgrades, accessibility, safety and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 9135 School Road, Port Wing, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

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.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Danielle E. Mikula, District Administrator.

Done in the South Shore School District
on September 20, 2024
Rebecca Kavajecz
District Clerk



**October
18th & 21st
No School for
Students
Staff
In-Service**



**PICTURE
RETAKE DAY
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 29th**

Wait to purchase photos and fill out the retake form below at least 2 days prior to retake day, and we will add your child to the list. Retake Form:
<https://share.hsforms.com/1Ml4ht2gVQMavW-Ga03GfAIQcrwo6>

**Townships
of
Bell
Clover
Orienta
Oulu
Port Wing
&
Tripp**

**Official Referendum Ballot
November 5, 2024**

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters	
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).	
To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: ☒	
To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: ☐	
School District	
Question: Shall the South Shore School District, Bayfield County, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,750,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of additions and renovations at the school building and site, including a secure entrance and office, classrooms, library and fitness center; capital maintenance of building infrastructure, heating, ventilation and electrical system upgrades, accessibility, safety and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?	
☐	Yes
☐	No

(Reverse Side of Ballot)

**OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
November 5, 2024
for
South Shore School District, Wisconsin**

Municipality and ward number(s): _____

Ballot issued by _____

Initials of Election Inspectors

Absentee Ballot issued by _____

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES

At the election to be held on November 5, 2024 in All Municipalities in the South Shore School District.

The following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

<u>Town of Bell Community Center</u> MaryBeth Tillmans, <i>Clerk</i> 22615 Co Hwy C Cornucopia, WI 54827 (715) 742-3356 Ward 1	<u>Town of Clover Town Hall</u> Tracy Gillespey, <i>Clerk</i> 86780 Lenawee Road Herbster, WI 54844 (715) 774-3780 Ward 1	<u>Town of Orienta Meeting Room</u> <u>Town Garage</u> Clyde Clauson, <i>Clerk</i> 8090 Sorenson Road Port Wing, WI 54865 (715) 774-3720 Ward 1
<u>Town of Oulu Town Hall</u> Diana Reljo, <i>Clerk</i> 2525 W. Colby Road Brule, WI 54820 (715) 372-4507 Ward 1	<u>Town of Port Wing Town Hall</u> Pamela Holt, <i>Clerk</i> 83030 Grand Avenue Port Wing, WI 54865 (715) 774-3662 Ward 1	<u>Town of Tripp Town Complex</u> Judy Pilger, <i>Clerk</i> 8590 Co Hwy A Iron River, WI 54847 (715) 372-5331 Ward 1

ALL POLLING PLACES OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk above.

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. §19.84; the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. §7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.81-89.



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- They have a new rash accompanied by a fever.
- They have drainage from sores that cannot be contained by a bandage.
- They have symptoms that prevent them from participating in typical school activities OR they require more care than what the school can provide. When students return to school, they should bring their note from the doctor to the office so that their absence is marked as medically excused. (WI DPI, n.d.)



Research is clear - school attendance DOES matter! Please join us in supporting our students with reaching their 95% attendance rate goal this year.

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CORNUCOPIA TRUNK OR TREAT

HOSTED BY THE CORNUCOPIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

OCT. 31, 2024 | 4PM TO 6PM
DOWNTOWN CORNUCOPIA

BRING THE KIDS TO TRICK OR TREAT!

SOUTH SHORE FIRE DEPT & EMS WILL HAVE FIRE TRUCKS & AN AMBULANCE FOR THE KIDS TO CHECK OUT & BONFIRES TO KEEP WARM!

FREE MINI SLIDERS FOR ANY KIDS IN COSTUMES AT SISKOWIT FARMHOUSE

FREE COOKIES FOR KIDS & JELLO SHOT FOR GROWN-UPS AT PONCHO'S TAVERN

FREE POPCORN, COCOA & COFFEE, GAMES & A TEMPORARY TATTOO STATION AT CORNY COFFEE

PRIZES FOR BEST DECORATED TRUNK
1ST-\$100 | 2ND-\$75 | 3RD-\$50

TO SIGN UP YOUR TRUNK EMAIL - CORNCOFFEEANDSWEETS@GMAIL.COM
OR CALL OR TEXT 651-470-9084

You're Invited to the South Shore PTO

Harvest Dinner

Wednesday, October 30, 2024
5:00-7:00 p.m.
at South Shore School

MENU

Ham, Roasted Potatoes, Squash, Corn, Rolls, Dessert, and Beverages

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$12 Adults
\$6 Students
\$10 Seniors
Kids 5 and under Free

**Carryout Available*

South Shore PTO - South Shore School
9135 School Road, Port Wing, WI

NOVEMBER ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 Election Day PTO Meeting 1st Quarter Ends	5 HS All-Conference Band at Northwestern	6 Finance & Operations Committee Meeting	7	8	9 Show Choir Extravaganza at Washburn HS
10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13 Policy & Governance Committee Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 School Board Meeting	21 GBB vs Spooner at Home	22	23
24	25	26	27 Fall Break - No School	28 Fall Break - No School	29 Fall Break - No School	30

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OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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DISTRICT MISSION:

"TO PROVIDE A RIGOROUS, RELEVANT, HIGH-QUALITY, POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO FOSTER SUCCESS IN EVERY STUDENT."