

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024 7:00 PM

Minden High School Media Center, 543 West 5th, Minden, NE 68959-0301

Andy Craig: Present
Justin Glanzer: Present
Cody Krull: Present
Kevin Raun: Present
Rusty Rhynalds: Present
Katie Sinsel: Present

1. Call to Order

1.a. Open Meetings Act is Posted

1.b. Mission Statement

1.c. Roll Call

1.d. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda

Action(s):

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with said changes to March 11 minutes. This motion, made by Andy Craig and seconded by Justin Glanzer, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea
Katie Sinsel: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.a. Consider Minutes from March 11 Meeting

3.b. Consider Financial Reports

3.c. Consider Expenditures and Claims for Payment

4. Reports

4.a. Board Committees

4.b. Principals

4.c. Superintendent

5. Policy Review and Updates

6. Action Items

6.a. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Math Curriculum

Action(s) :

Motion to approve the K-12 Math curriculum. This motion, made by Andy Craig and seconded by Justin Glanzer, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea
Katie Sinsel: Nay

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 1

6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Out-of-State Girls Wrestling Trip

Action(s) :

Motion to approve the Girls Wrestling trip to Colorado in June 2024. This motion, made by Justin Glanzer and seconded by Katie Sinsel, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea
Katie Sinsel: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.c. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Scoreboards Purchase

Action(s) :

Motion to approve the purchase of Daktronics scoreboards from Crouch Recreation, Inc. and to authorize Jeremy Knajdl to issue a check for 50% of the cost as a deposit per terms of the contract. This motion, made by Andy Craig and seconded by Cody Krull, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea
Katie Sinsel: Nay

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 1

7. Next Meeting

8. Adjournment per Board President Action at 7:52
p.m.

Board Secretary

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2024**

The agenda for the March 11, 2024 meeting was posted at the United States Post Office in Minden, Minden Exchange Bank, First Bank and Trust Company, Kearney County Courthouse, and the Minden city office. Agendas were mailed to the United States Post Office in Upland and Heartwell. The agenda was posted in the superintendent's office and notice was published in the local paper.

The board meeting began at 7:00 pm with all board members present.

Public comment was heard from and Jerry Kershner.

Motion by Krull and second by Raun to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the February 12 meeting, corrected minutes from the January 15 meeting, financial reports, and claims for payment. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the contract of Anisha Kuehn as 3rd Grade Teacher, Destiny McVay-Schultz as 3rd Grade Teacher, Mary Reimers as K-3 Special Education Teacher, and Harper Wells as 3rd Grade Teacher for the 2024-25 school year, pending background checks. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Raun and second by Glanzer to approve the 2024-25 school calendar. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Sinsel to approve the copier and printer lease agreement with Eakes Office Solutions. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Krull to approve the Network for Educator Effectiveness as the teacher and principal evaluation tool. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Craig to approve the bid from RMV Construction LLC for a \$1,835,620.00 base bid and \$850,515.00 for alternate plans #2-7 for parking and middle school renovation. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

At 8:15 pm, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT
March 31, 2024

SCHOOL BALANCE - February 29, 2024		\$177,168.97
Current Months Receipts		\$935,649.89
Transfers from Investments		\$200,000.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts		\$1,312,818.86
Less: Disbursements		\$1,007,970.69
Transfer to Investments		\$0.00
Total Disbursements		\$1,007,970.69
SCHOOL BALANCE - March 31, 2024		\$304,848.17
 BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - March 31, 2024		 \$305,941.15
Deposits In Transit		\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks		\$1,092.98
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - March 31, 2024		\$304,848.17
(Balance - March 31, 2023 = \$235,402.40)		
 GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS		 \$2,639,705.65
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$1,313,124.65	2.48% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$1,326,581.00	2.74% demand
(Balance March 31, 2023 = \$1,668,312.25)		
 DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED		 \$77,601.59
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$29,456.19	2.17% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$48,140.21	2.13% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19	
(Balance March 31, 2023 = \$169,741.47)		
 BUILDING FUND		 \$2,263,628.21
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$732,377.21	2.48% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$164,234.41	2.74% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$1,367,012.09	5.02% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50	
(Balance March 31, 2023 = \$1,288,333.99)		
 BOND FUND		 \$1,215,389.85
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$569,222.14	2.48% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$646,167.71	5.02% demand
(Balance March 31, 2023 = \$1,155,555.34)		
 LUNCH FUND		 \$67,774.05
Money Market First Bank	\$11,846.40	1.82% demand
Checking First Bank	\$55,927.65	
(Balance March 31, 2023 = \$56,423.87)		
 FUNDS PLEDGED FOR DEPOSITS		
Minden Exchange Bank	\$6,500,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC
First Bank	\$2,065,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC

Scott W. Johnson, Treasurer

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT SUPPLEMENT
ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS
March 31, 2024

Bank	Account #	Beginning Balance	Plus: Receipts	Plus/(Minus) Transfers	Minus: Expenditures	Ending/ Reconciled Balance	Previous Year Ending Balance
General Fund							
MEB	401505	\$177,168.97	\$935,649.89	\$200,000.00	\$1,007,970.69	\$304,848.17	\$235,402.40
MEB	601096	\$1,510,439.53	\$2,685.12	(\$200,000.00)	\$0.00	\$1,313,124.65	\$676,366.56
FB&T	801472	\$1,323,534.69	\$3,046.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,326,581.00	\$991,945.69
	Subtotal	\$3,011,143.19	\$941,381.32	\$0.00	\$1,007,970.69	\$2,944,553.82	\$1,903,714.65
Depreciation Fund							
MEB	401919	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$5.19
MEB	613109	\$29,405.96	\$50.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,456.19	\$122,603.03
FB&T	807982	\$48,054.09	\$86.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,140.21	\$47,133.25
	Subtotal	\$77,465.24	\$136.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,601.59	\$169,741.47
Building Fund							
MEB	106690	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$2,669.00	\$2,669.00	\$4.50	\$4.50
MEB	603209	\$635,637.05	\$99,409.16	(\$2,669.00)	\$0.00	\$732,377.21	\$512,444.04
FB&T	801407	\$163,857.27	\$377.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164,234.41	\$159,836.48
NLAF	9300655	\$1,363,278.40	\$3,733.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,367,012.09	\$616,048.97
	Subtotal	\$2,162,777.22	\$103,519.99	\$0.00	\$2,669.00	\$2,263,628.21	\$1,288,333.99
Bond Fund							
MEB	620112	\$466,114.57	\$103,107.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$569,222.14	\$547,467.62
NLAF	9300692	\$645,429.59	\$738.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$646,167.71	\$608,087.72
	Subtotal	\$1,111,544.16	\$103,845.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,215,389.85	\$1,155,555.34
Lunch Fund							
FB&T	801399	\$11,828.22	\$18.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,846.40	\$3,984.85
FB&T	990119	\$49,650.35	\$56,556.03	\$0.00	\$50,278.73	\$55,927.65	\$52,439.02
	Subtotal	\$61,478.57	\$56,574.21	\$0.00	\$50,278.73	\$67,774.05	\$56,423.87
Grand Total		\$6,424,408.38	\$1,205,457.56	\$0.00	\$1,060,918.42	\$6,568,947.52	\$4,573,769.32

2023/24 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund As of March 31, 2024

Income

2023/24 Budgeted Income = \$12,867,073.68

Month	Projected Income	Actual Income	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$2,458,897.78	\$2,303,327.59	(\$155,570.19)	(\$155,570.19)
October	\$546,850.63	\$710,311.60	\$163,460.97	\$7,890.78
November	\$214,880.13	\$285,155.53	\$70,275.40	\$78,166.18
December	\$202,013.06	\$356,249.02	\$154,235.96	\$232,402.14
January	\$1,975,095.81	\$2,234,201.26	\$259,105.45	\$491,507.59
February	\$1,002,345.04	\$946,039.11	(\$56,305.93)	\$435,201.66
March	\$819,632.59	\$938,164.57	\$118,531.98	\$553,733.64
April	\$618,906.24			
May	\$3,319,705.01			
June	\$1,246,819.44			
July	\$212,306.72			
August	\$249,621.23			

Cash Flow

Month	Projected Cash Flow	Actual Cash Flow	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,175,332.97	\$1,037,740.97	(\$137,592.00)	(\$137,592.00)
October	(\$554,696.06)	(\$380,482.27)	\$174,213.79	\$36,621.79
November	(\$874,532.02)	(\$692,704.36)	\$181,827.66	\$218,449.45
December	(\$900,881.92)	(\$615,379.05)	\$285,502.87	\$503,952.32
January	\$872,200.83	\$1,295,525.73	\$423,324.90	\$927,277.22
February	(\$70,887.72)	(\$65,288.14)	\$5,599.58	\$932,876.80
March	(\$273,824.41)	(\$66,589.37)	\$207,235.04	\$1,140,111.84
April	(\$478,595.61)			
May	\$2,200,630.64			
June	\$108,869.12			
July	(\$873,060.59)			
August	(\$946,305.23)			

Expenses

2023/24 Budgeted Expenses = \$13,482,823.68

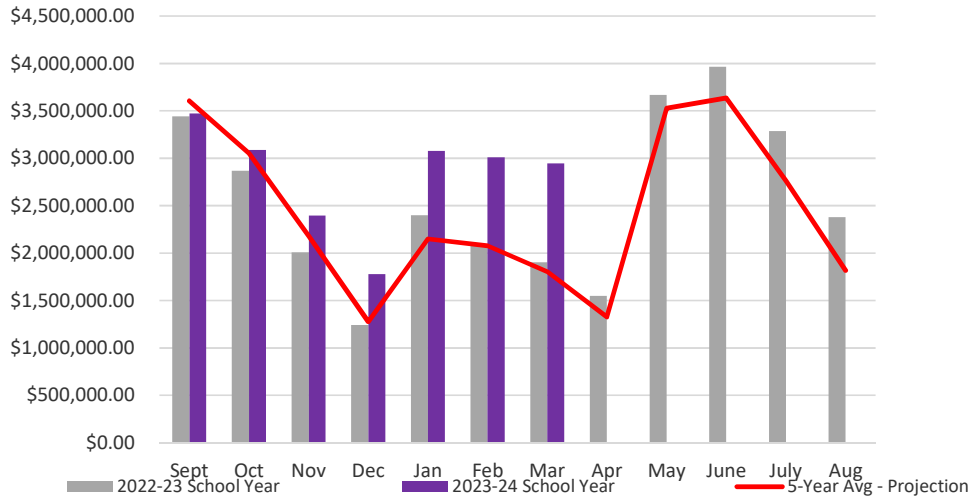
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,283,564.81	\$1,265,586.62	(\$17,978.19)	(\$17,978.19)
October	\$1,101,546.69	\$1,090,793.87	(\$10,752.82)	(\$28,731.01)
November	\$1,089,412.15	\$977,859.89	(\$111,552.26)	(\$140,283.27)
December	\$1,102,894.98	\$971,628.07	(\$131,266.91)	(\$271,550.18)
January	\$1,102,894.98	\$938,675.53	(\$164,219.45)	(\$435,769.63)
February	\$1,073,232.76	\$1,011,327.25	(\$61,905.51)	(\$497,675.14)
March	\$1,093,457.00	\$1,004,753.94	(\$88,703.06)	(\$586,378.20)
April	\$1,097,501.85			
May	\$1,119,074.37			
June	\$1,137,950.32			
July	\$1,085,367.31			
August	\$1,195,926.46			

General Fund Balance

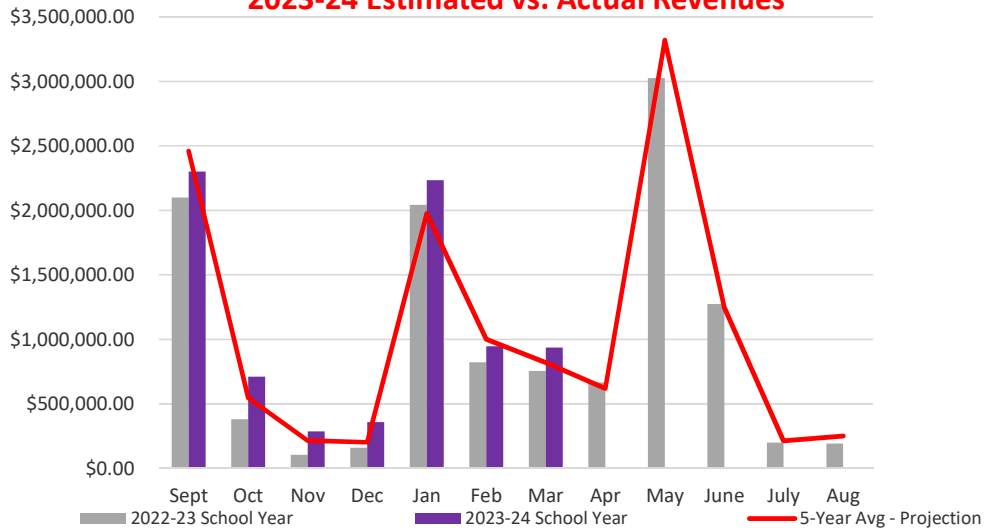
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$2,431,730.31

Month	Projected GF Balance	Actual Reconciled GF Balance	Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$3,607,063.28	\$3,469,471.28	(\$137,592.00)
October	\$3,052,367.22	\$3,088,989.01	\$36,621.79
November	\$2,177,835.20	\$2,396,284.65	\$218,449.45
December	\$1,276,953.28	\$1,780,905.60	\$503,952.32
January	\$2,149,154.11	\$3,076,431.33	\$927,277.22
February	\$2,078,266.39	\$3,011,143.19	\$932,876.80
March	\$1,804,441.98	\$2,944,553.82	\$1,140,111.84
April	\$1,325,846.37		
May	\$3,526,477.01		
June	\$3,635,346.13		
July	\$2,762,285.54		
August	\$1,815,980.31		

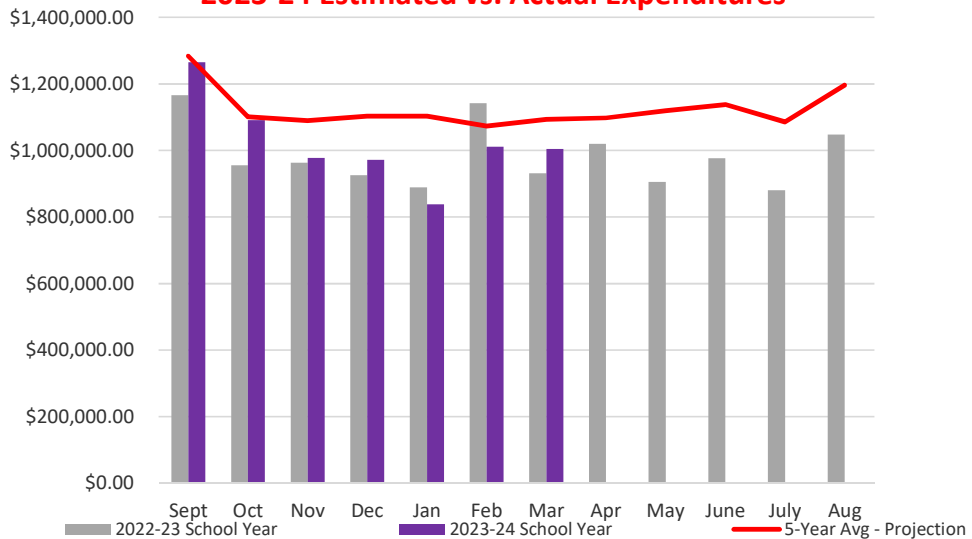
2023-24 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



2023-24 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



2023-24 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



General Fund Revenues - Thru 03/31/24

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,309,118.68	\$2,924,216.45	\$6,384,902.23	31.41%
01115 - Carline Taxes	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
01120 - Public Power District Sales Tax	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
01125 - Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$425,000.00	\$327,289.79	\$97,710.21	77.01%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$14,250.00	\$13,762.91	\$487.09	96.58%
01323 - SPED Tuition from Other School Districts	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0.00%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$25,000.00	\$17,366.00	\$7,634.00	69.46%
01510 - Interest	\$30,000.00	\$37,475.86	(\$7,475.86)	124.92%
01910 - Rental of School Facilities & Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
01911 - Local License Fees	\$3,750.00	\$0.88	\$3,749.12	0.02%
01920 - Contributions and Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
01921 - Police Court Fines	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	20.00%
01980 - Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures	\$0.00	\$190.93	(\$190.93)	
01990 - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.00%
02110 - County Fines & License Fees	\$20,000.00	\$16,118.05	\$3,881.95	80.59%
03110 - State Aid	\$1,324,923.00	\$927,444.00	\$397,479.00	70.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$1,125,000.00	\$646,460.00	\$478,540.00	57.46%
03130 - Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$19,893.35	(\$19,893.35)	
03131 - Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$395,922.68	(\$395,922.68)	
03180 - Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$7,152.99	\$12,847.01	35.76%
03400 - State Apportionment	\$101,750.00	\$145,399.33	(\$43,649.33)	142.90%
03535 - High Ability Learners Payments	\$8,000.00	\$8,156.00	(\$156.00)	101.95%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	(\$7,500.00)	
04505 - "ESSA Title I, Part A"	\$105,936.00	\$30,506.00	\$75,430.00	28.80%
04509 - "ESSA Title II, Part A"	\$26,034.00	\$0.00	\$26,034.00	0.00%
04516 - IDEA Preschool Base (619)	\$2,467.00	\$0.00	\$2,467.00	0.00%
04518 - IDEA Part B (611) Base & E-P Allocation	\$188,935.00	\$8,572.00	\$180,363.00	4.54%
04521 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	0.00%
04525 - Carl Perkins Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.22	(\$50.22)	105.02%
04530 - Other Federal Receipts - Categorical	\$0.00	\$58,812.04	(\$58,812.04)	
04708 - Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	\$20,000.00	\$24,672.56	(\$4,672.56)	123.36%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$17,500.00	\$8,750.80	\$8,749.20	50.00%
05300 - Sale of Property	\$5,000.00	\$20,547.20	(\$15,547.20)	410.94%
05690 - Other Non-revenue Receipts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$12,867,073.68	\$5,647,360.04	\$7,219,713.64	43.89%

General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Disbursed	Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$6,237,917.23	\$3,840,104.62	\$2,397,812.61	61.56%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$99,357.14	\$64,760.47	\$34,596.67	65.18%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,538,537.83	\$891,302.58	\$647,235.25	57.93%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$15,077.25	\$3,881.17	\$11,196.08	25.74%
01292 - Preschool Age 0-2	\$120.79	\$20.79	\$100.00	17.21%
01300 - Summer School	\$21,244.67	\$702.97	\$20,541.70	3.31%
02120 - Guidance Counselor	\$302,270.58	\$202,864.61	\$99,405.97	67.11%
02130 - Health Services	\$81,840.84	\$54,347.68	\$27,493.16	66.41%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$122,184.73	\$81,281.51	\$40,903.22	66.52%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$217,049.29	\$127,532.75	\$89,516.54	58.76%
02152 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$800.00	\$92.00	\$708.00	11.50%
02153 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$0.00	\$119.36	(\$119.36)	
02161 - Occupational Therapy	\$37,750.00	\$30,759.75	\$6,990.25	81.48%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$12,750.00	\$8,869.50	\$3,880.50	69.56%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$2,500.00	\$2,774.25	(\$274.25)	110.97%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$1,500.00	\$141.75	\$1,358.25	9.45%
02190 - Student Activities	\$202,964.34	\$141,359.84	\$61,604.50	69.65%
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$33,000.00	\$1,859.03	\$31,140.97	5.63%
02220 - Media Center	\$266,849.36	\$169,457.18	\$97,392.18	63.50%
02230 - Technology Support	\$153,228.94	\$105,382.00	\$47,846.94	68.77%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$20,070.18	\$8,843.40	\$11,226.78	44.06%
02310 - Board of Education	\$49,850.00	\$21,162.01	\$28,687.99	42.45%
02320 - Superintendent	\$308,332.74	\$205,620.08	\$102,712.66	66.69%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$50,000.00	\$11,025.60	\$38,974.40	22.05%
02410 - Principal	\$705,147.12	\$431,350.42	\$273,796.70	61.17%
02510 - Business Office	\$229,587.81	\$150,740.84	\$78,846.97	65.66%
02610 - Custodial	\$503,450.00	\$378,012.93	\$125,437.07	75.08%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$939,490.10	\$519,365.21	\$420,124.89	55.28%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$196,009.22	\$73,514.37	\$122,494.85	37.51%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$24,597.47	\$14,196.11	\$10,401.36	57.71%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$6,000.00	\$4,114.25	\$1,885.75	68.57%
02660 - Security	\$44,000.00	\$360.00	\$43,640.00	0.82%
02670 - Safety	\$48,450.00	\$26,226.82	\$22,223.18	54.13%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$351,455.20	\$192,500.79	\$158,954.41	54.77%
02712 - School Age SPED Driving	\$4,786.23	\$0.00	\$4,786.23	0.00%
02713 - Below Age 5 SPED Driving	\$11,871.57	\$7,199.43	\$4,672.14	60.64%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$66,123.09	\$24,688.17	\$41,434.92	37.34%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$47,839.33	\$29,603.54	\$18,235.79	61.88%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$0.00	\$6,217.25	(\$6,217.25)	
06200 - Title IA	\$146,308.00	\$92,691.75	\$53,616.25	63.35%
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,467.00	\$2,467.00	\$0.00	100.00%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$188,935.00	\$135,755.92	\$53,179.08	71.85%
06412 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,110.63	\$1,110.00	\$0.63	99.94%
06700 - Carl Perkins	\$2,000.00	\$180.00	\$1,820.00	9.00%
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$185,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$55,000.00	70.27%
09000 - Reimbursed by Other Funds/Entities	\$0.00	\$3,232.64	(\$3,232.64)	
Total	\$13,482,823.68	\$8,197,792.34	\$5,285,031.34	60.80%

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School Activities 03/01/2024 through 03/31/2024

Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 369,050.74
- Outstanding checks	\$ 17,997.16
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 351,053.58
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	<hr/> \$ 388,053.58

Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
04/09/2024	4828	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Ameritas Tsa	\$ 400.00
04/09/2024	4829	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 1,245.88
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Dental Insurance	\$ 653.15
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 190.79
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 2,759.74
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 1,412.76
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 18,426.80
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 1,345.08
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 35,260.94
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 13,126.21
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 90,269.32
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 7,008.48
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 5,662.00
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,602.77
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 681.66
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 1,595.56
04/09/2024	4830	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 75.21
04/09/2024	4831	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 1,000.00
04/09/2024	4832	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,275.00
04/09/2024	4833	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 229.27
04/09/2024	4833	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,366.28
04/09/2024	4833	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 495.52
04/09/2024	4834	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 4,825.81
04/09/2024	4835	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 495.00
04/09/2024	4835	Minden Public Schools	F/b Dependent Care	\$ 3,888.92
04/09/2024	4835	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 4,308.39
04/09/2024	4835	Minden Public Schools	Increased Retirement Percent	\$ 14,248.46
04/09/2024	4835	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 96,679.52
04/09/2024	4836	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 509.26
04/09/2024	4837	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 41,433.32
04/09/2024	4837	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 69,898.28
04/09/2024	4837	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 16,347.30
04/09/2024	4838	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 18,518.94
04/09/2024	4839	Nebraska Department of Revenue	NE Wage Garnishment	\$ 830.97
04/09/2024	4840	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	5th Grade Reading Books	\$ 96.80
04/09/2024	4840	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Ag Class Supplies	\$ 665.09
04/09/2024	4840	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Business Class Supplies	\$ 90.70
04/09/2024	4840	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS English Books	\$ 317.64
04/09/2024	4840	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Spanish Supplies	\$ 22.70
04/09/2024	4840	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Kindergarten Registration Supplies	\$ 13.99
04/09/2024	4840	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Superintendent Computer Supplies	\$ 329.99
04/09/2024	4841	Aurora Cooperative	Fuel	\$ 4,346.61
04/09/2024	4842	Bill's Plumbing	MS Drain Cleaning	\$ 220.00
04/09/2024	4843	Black Hills Energy	Bus Barn Natural Gas	\$ 506.35
04/09/2024	4843	Black Hills Energy	East Natural Gas	\$ 1,649.87
04/09/2024	4843	Black Hills Energy	MS & HS Natural Gas	\$ 5,382.49
04/09/2024	4843	Black Hills Energy	MS Activity Building Natural Gas	\$ 1,581.37
04/09/2024	4844	Carter Electric	MS Electrical Receptacle Additions	\$ 1,487.10
04/09/2024	4844	Carter Electric	MS Gym Backboard Repair	\$ 2,522.00
04/09/2024	4845	CenturyLink - Regular Telephone	Telephone Service	\$ 436.31
04/09/2024	4846	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 16,647.35
04/09/2024	4847	Clearly Communications	Telephone Services	\$ 851.53
04/09/2024	4848	Communications Engineering, Inc.	Security Camera System Monitoring	\$ 360.00

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
04/09/2024	4849	Computer Hardware, Inc.	HS Principal Computer Diagnostics	\$ 154.95
04/09/2024	4850	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	Internet Service	\$ 351.29
04/09/2024	4851	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 1,829.99
04/09/2024	4852	Educational Service Unit #10	Power School Hosting Fees/Updates & Maintenance	\$ 56.25
04/09/2024	4853	Elan Financial Services	C.O. Newspaper	\$ 21.99
04/09/2024	4853	Elan Financial Services	HS Web/Cloud Based Software	\$ 5.00
04/09/2024	4853	Elan Financial Services	NETA Conference Lodging & Meals	\$ 500.84
04/09/2024	4854	Engineered Controls, Inc.	HVAC Controls Service Contract	\$ 1,822.00
04/09/2024	4855	Harris School Solutions	Accounting Software	\$ 19,888.74
04/09/2024	4856	Hometown Leasing	Copier & Printer Lease	\$ 3,855.49
04/09/2024	4857	Integrated Security Solutions	East Fire Alarm Monitoring	\$ 150.00
04/09/2024	4858	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Bus 21P Tire Repair	\$ 54.50
04/09/2024	4859	John Deere Financial	Grasshopper Mower Repair	\$ 218.63
04/09/2024	4859	John Deere Financial	Grounds Supplies	\$ (3.88)
04/09/2024	4859	John Deere Financial	JD Mower Maintenance	\$ 28.97
04/09/2024	4859	John Deere Financial	JD Tractor Repair	\$ 717.20
04/09/2024	4860	Landmark Implement Carquest	JD Mower Maintenance	\$ 117.66
04/09/2024	4861	Mason's Market	FCS Supplies	\$ 168.18
04/09/2024	4861	Mason's Market	HS Ag Class Supplies	\$ 43.83
04/09/2024	4861	Mason's Market	HS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 81.09
04/09/2024	4861	Mason's Market	MS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 24.32
04/09/2024	4861	Mason's Market	Water Softener Salt	\$ 1,020.00
04/09/2024	4862	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Metals Shop Supplies	\$ 129.95
04/09/2024	4863	Medtox Laboratories	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 81.86
04/09/2024	4864	Mhs Activities Fund	MS Industrial Arts Supplies	\$ 1,700.00
04/09/2024	4865	Mid-West 3D Solutions	HS Industrial Arts Supplies	\$ 1,250.00
04/09/2024	4866	Minden Hardware	Supplies & Repairs	\$ 483.80
04/09/2024	4867	Napa Auto Parts	Coach Bus Maintenance	\$ 26.52
04/09/2024	4867	Napa Auto Parts	Lawn Mower Maintenance	\$ 48.33
04/09/2024	4867	Napa Auto Parts	Lawnmower Maintenance	\$ 64.92
04/09/2024	4867	Napa Auto Parts	Shop Supplies	\$ 22.97
04/09/2024	4867	Napa Auto Parts	Transportation Repair	\$ (23.64)
04/09/2024	4868	NE Rural Community Schools Association	2024 NRCSA Spring Conference	\$ 220.00
04/09/2024	4869	Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	Boiler Inspection Certificates	\$ 504.00
04/09/2024	4870	One Source	Background Checks	\$ 158.80
04/09/2024	4871	Pearson Clinical Assessment	SLP Testing Supplies	\$ 158.25
04/09/2024	4872	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O	Legal Services	\$ 1,047.75
04/09/2024	4873	Pony Express Ford	Bus 12G Service	\$ 121.90
04/09/2024	4873	Pony Express Ford	Van 13V1 Service	\$ 82.95
04/09/2024	4873	Pony Express Ford	Van 18V2 Service	\$ 82.95
04/09/2024	4874	Presto-X Company	East Pest Control Services	\$ 56.14
04/09/2024	4874	Presto-X Company	HS Pest Control Services	\$ 52.48
04/09/2024	4874	Presto-X Company	MS Pest Control Services	\$ 61.02
04/09/2024	4875	Richard Widdifield	Coach Bus Maintenance	\$ 835.60
04/09/2024	4876	School Specialty, LLC	4th Grade Supplies	\$ 261.06
04/09/2024	4876	School Specialty, LLC	5th Grade Supplies	\$ 515.06
04/09/2024	4876	School Specialty, LLC	6th Grade Supplies	\$ 783.21
04/09/2024	4876	School Specialty, LLC	MS Media Center Supplies	\$ 397.74
04/09/2024	4877	Staples	Copier Paper	\$ 1,639.60
04/09/2024	4878	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Advertising Costs	\$ 247.50
04/09/2024	4878	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Meeting Minutes	\$ 50.06
04/09/2024	4878	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Meeting Notice	\$ 5.89
04/09/2024	4879	Typing Agent	Typing Software Renewal	\$ 1,018.00

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
04/09/2024	4880	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hot Spot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
04/09/2024	4881	Village Uniform	East Mop & Mat Service	\$ 146.11
04/09/2024	4881	Village Uniform	HS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 450.08
04/09/2024	4881	Village Uniform	MS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 348.72
04/09/2024	4882	Widdifield, James T	March Reimbursement	\$ 356.84
04/09/2024	4883	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Service	\$ 60.00
04/09/2024	4884	Wright Express Fleet Services	Fuel	\$ 545.28
04/09/2024	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank - EFT	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 33.85
Subtotal				\$ 540,887.11
Net Payroll - April 2024				\$ 397,726.28
Total General Fund Disbursements - April 2024				\$ 938,613.39

Secretary Kevin Raun

Lunch Fund Checks and Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
EFT	3/11/2024	US Foods	Commodities	\$ 2,962.49
5952	3/11/2024	Mason's Market	Commodities	\$ 14.37
5953	3/11/2024	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Kitchen Sink Sprayer Parts	\$ 39.87
5953	3/11/2024	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HP 61XL Printer Ink	\$ 30.59
5954	3/11/2024	Wordware, Inc.	Lunch System Annual Subscription	\$ 3,792.19
5955	3/11/2024	Village Uniform	Kitchen Apron & Rag Service	\$ 238.80
5956	3/11/2024	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Commodities	\$ 16,350.48
5957	3/11/2024	Nebraska School Nutrition Association	School Nutrition State Conference Registration	\$ 225.00
5958	3/11/2024	LinPepCo Partnership	Beverages	\$ 812.00
5959	3/11/2024	Hiland Dairy	Milk Products	\$ 4,064.96
5962	3/11/2024	Dollar General	Kitchen Supplies	\$ 32.50
469	4/9/2024	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	EE Vision Insurance Premiums	\$ 39.56
470	4/9/2024	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 5,801.49
471	4/9/2024	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE FEBA Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 7.23
471	4/9/2024	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 14.73
471	4/9/2024	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long Term Disability	\$ 20.31
472	4/9/2024	Minden Public Schools	EE & ER Retirement Contributions	\$ 2,092.75
472	4/9/2024	Minden Public Schools	Employee FEBA - Medical/Dental	\$ 208.34
473	4/9/2024	Mps Payroll	EE & ER FICA, Medicare, & Federal Income Tax	\$ 2,238.03
474	4/9/2024	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	EE Nebraska Income Tax Withholding	\$ 243.18
Subtotal				\$ 39,228.87
Net Payroll - April 2024				\$ 8,805.65
Total Lunch Fund Disbursements				\$ 48,034.52

Building Fund Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
614	4/9/2024	Anderson Bros. Electric, Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	HS Easy Water System Installation	\$ 7,156.00
615	4/9/2024	CMBA Architects	HS Parking Lot Expansion - 61.61% Complete	\$ 7,492.00
615	4/9/2024	CMBA Architects	MS Front Entry Renovation - 61.61% Complete	\$ 29,968.00
615	4/9/2024	CMBA Architects	Meal Reimbursement	\$ 31.13
Total Building Fund Disbursements - April 2024				\$ 44,647.13



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APRIL 2024 BOARD MEETING

MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Sometimes it feels like Spring is here and sometimes not....that was March! During the past month the middle school started track for the spring sport season, evaluated some teachers (it's always great to see our teachers helping our students), sent winter sport contracts that we host for 2024-2025, attended middle school renovation meetings (very exciting!), and attended a lot of student meetings setting up the best educational plan for their success.

The middle school has 37 girls and 33 boys in 7th-8th grade track this spring. The weather has been hit and miss as normal but our coaches and athletes are preparing the best they can for their first competition Tuesday, April 9th at Adams Central. Our coaches for track are **Tiffany Widdifield** , **Lisa Clapper** , Riley Swedberg, and Trak Lewis. We host our middle school track meet on Thursday, May 9th.

I recently finished up observing four of our teachers and then met with them and reviewed the observation notes. I enjoy this piece of my job as I get to watch our teachers in their craft and help in any way I can. I have had the opportunity to work in all three buildings during the last 30 years and one take away is that our teachers in every building really care about their students and want to be a part of their educational experience helping them to the finish line and sometimes beyond!

During the month of March I sent out contracts for the contests we will host next winter to all the schools we will be hosting at these events. Our sports schedules are mostly set but I would like to add a girls basketball game for the 7th grade team as one team dropped us due to low numbers. I am also waiting to hear back from schools about adding an 8th grade boys basketball game so our 7th and 8th grade boys teams both play 9 games.

We are getting very excited as we continue to meet making decisions on the middle school renovation. Having a safe entrance is terrific and the other updates will make the middle school an even better building to be in for students, staff, and community members.

With less than 2 months of school there are several student meetings with stakeholders to build the best plan possible for each student. We have MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports) as well as IEP (Individualized Education Plan) meetings to get as much information as possible from the stakeholders so the best plan can be put into place for success. These are very important meetings that always put the student's success first.

The following extra-duty positions were opened up to staff and all but one of the positions have been filled. I am very thankful for the people who applied and feel we have been able to hire very good people who want to impact our middle school student athletes through coaching a sport!

Middle School Coaching Positions:

7th Assistant Volleyball-Stephanie Strong

8th Assistant Girls Basketball-Shari Monter

8th Head Boys Basketball-Trak Lewis

MS Head Boys Track-Yet to fill

Ed Rowse



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April 2024 BOARD MEETING
ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT

The spring activity season is off to a great start! We hosted a track/field triangular with Kearney Catholic and Adams Central on March 19th as well as a JV Invite on April 2nd. Our next home track meet is the Marsh Beck Invite on April 12th followed by the Southwest Conference Championship Meet on Saturday April 27th. The Marsh Beck Invitational is scheduled to start at 2:30pm on April 12th. The Boys golf team is also off to a great start on their season as they have competed in a triangular at Holdrege as well as the Kearney Invitational on April 5th. The golf team has two home meets coming up with the JV Invitational on Monday April 8th and a second home meet on Thursday April 11th, both at Minden Country Club!

HS Band

The MHS Band performed at the NSBA Concert Band Festival on 3/28 at Kearney High School. They performed 2 selections for judges and then received a 20 minute critique session from Dr. Corey Pompey, professor of music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Upcoming events for the band include: District Music Contest in Holdrege on 4/19, Spring Concert on 4/29, Graduation on 5/11, and half of the band will be headed to perform in Branson, MO on 5/21-24.

CLJMS Bands

The 5-8th grade bands are gearing up for their spring concert. You can see their performances on May 6th starting at 6:00 PM

Speech Highlights Recap

Southwest Conference Runner-Up Team
District Runner-Up Team
7 state qualifying events (8 students)

NSAA Academic All-State Honors for Winter Activities:

Boys Basketball: Jake Ryan, Brycen Schwenka
Girls Basketball: Mattie Kamery, Kinsie Land
Speech: Megan Althouse, Ayleigh Porter
Boys Wrestling: Cade Harsin, Braxton Hatch
Girls Wrestling: Addison Brown, Aubree Bules

Another item that I have been working on is filling open coaching and sponsor positions for next school year. We have had some success filling certain coaching vacancies, but others have proven more difficult. Currently, we have 2 vacant assistant coaching spots for football and 1 vacant position for an assistant volleyball coach at the high school level.

Jason Strong

**Minden Public Schools
C.L. Jones Middle School
April 2024**

**Report to the Board of Education
Mrs. Chelsey Jensen, Administrator**

The following information is a list of highlights at C.L. Jones Middle School:

Whippet of the Month Awards-

The C.L. Jones Middle School staff nominates students who demonstrate outstanding character, behavior, and commitment to academic progress. These students were presented with a certificate of achievement and a Pizza Hut gift certificate for their hard work. Congratulations to our March Whippets of the Month: Aiden Gottsch, Scarlett Marshall, Osmar Chavez Gonzalez, Mason Strong, Carter Goodrich, Corbin Dornhoff, Lucas Baughman, Reagan Carey, Luke Werner, Olivia Armstrong, Tatum Graham, Rilynn Johnson, Zach Klabunde



Kearney County Spelling Bee-

We were fortunate to host the Kearney County Spelling Bee on March 20, 2024. Thank you, Mrs. Christensen, for coordinating this event for our students. Congratulations to all spelling bee participants and congratulations to the following spelling bee winners- Lexie Anderson, Alexis Carson, Laci Loseke, Jaelyn Trew, Julia Grant, Chloe Choi, Charlotte Winkler, and Caydence Hofstetter.



Latina Youth Leadership Conference-

Mrs. Jacobsen will be taking a group of CLJMS students to Kearney to participate in the annual Latina Youth Leadership Conference on April 15, 2024 at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. This conference highlights empowerment, self-defense, self-image, leadership, and higher education.

Student Council Family Fun Night-

Please join us on April 15, 2024, for Family Fun Night at CLJMS. The middle school Student Council is coordinating an evening of pizza, fun, face painting, yard games, and so much more. We hope to see you there!



CLJMS Movie Premier-

The CLJMS Journalism and Linguistics classes presented their film, The School, on March 12, 2024. The students and Mrs. Maulsby worked hard throughout the school year on this project. It was an evening of fun and entertainment. Thank you, Mrs. Maulsby and the 7th/8th grade students for your hard work on the movie and for coordinating an evening of fun for all!



Check out some of these writing pieces from our 8th-grade journalists!

All About Art

Written by Ashlyn K.

“You don’t have to be good at it to like it,” is what Mrs. Rosno, our very own CLJMS art teacher, said to me when I interviewed her about art. The reason why I chose this topic is because art has always been something that has interested me. So, I finally decided to look more into it.

Mrs. Rosno told me that there are too many types of art to count out in the world and that something you consider art, she may not consider that to be art, so it really just depends on the person. She also told me that each grade varies on what type of art they take part in during middle school. Fourth and 5th graders prefer colored pencils, markers, and crayons. Sixth graders tend to choose permanent markers and paint while 7th and 8th graders are starting to think about actually pursuing art, and they want to be more challenged in the classroom. In regards to genres, most kids choose a mix of Realism and Abstract at the middle school level.

Mrs. Rosno said her preferred art style is plain, old pen and paper and sketching. She also likes a mix of Realism and Abstract, but it really just depends on the day and her mood. Mrs. Rosno said, “I think anyone can be an artist.” One of the reasons she wanted to teach art was because she wanted to let kids know that even if you’re not good at it, art is meant to be fun.

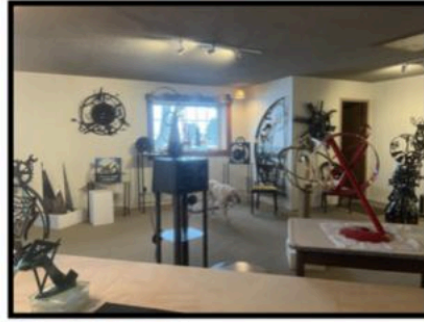


Mrs. Rosno told me that one of her old art teachers told her that without art, the world would be a blank canvas. Also, anything can be considered art, such as clothes or architecture.

Out of the Comfort Zone

Written by Jolie B.

Minden is full of many talented artists, one of those being Sally Jurgensmier. She makes metal sculptures on her farm just outside of Heartwell. She has always "loved being expressive in a visual way." Many know her from her numerous events, like Art in the Park, or the open houses she hosts at her workshop.



Sally works on her family farm, which has been in the family for many generations. She originally went to Hastings College for an Art degree. Sally said she was, "a loose cannon" and always had an "artistic flair" and always knew she wanted to be creative. She originally wanted to work in interior design, until she took a welding class. It was her first time welding despite living on a farm. Sally was "intimidated at first, but it grabbed... attention as it was so out of... the norm." She learned how to "mig weld" and has been using this method since college. She had a workshop on her family's farm for many years, until her friends all encouraged her to go all in on her metalworking.

Sally has a very busy schedule. To make a sculpture, she finds recycled pieces from around the local area, or "bone pile" as she calls it. She has to clean lots of rust off of the pieces. She says that "[her] perfect day would be to get a cup of coffee, take her dogs for a



walk, and then stay in the metals shop all day." Since Sally is so involved in groups, projects, and lots of community work, she really focuses on how she "can get the most out of the time." Sally helps the community by bringing beauty to Minden and showing others that it is good to get out of your comfort zone. She says that art helps her "wrap her head around" stuff going on in her life.

Sally said that getting out of the comfort zone and trying new things is how we grow. Whether that be together as a community or as an individual, I hope that the next time you are afraid to do something, you think of how you can grow from the experience just like Sally.

Minden Public School Board of Education Report April 2024



Sandy Pohl, East Elementary and Minden Public Preschool Principal

Kindergarten registration will be held on April 11th at 5:30 at East Elementary. Parents will fill out enrollment forms and share information about their child. Children will be able to spend time with their future teachers and classmates as well as acclimate themselves to their new classroom. Based on preschool and daycare information, we predict around forty-seven children to attend kindergarten registration.

Kindergarten students visited Pioneer Village on April 2nd. The field trip was focused around the items used during the colonial time period by millers, farmers, and weavers. These occupations were included in recent stories read by kindergarten students. Mr. Farlin at Pioneer Village complimented the manners of the visiting students.



Kindergarten and first graders, along with Mrs. Rowley, hosted a music program at the Minden High School auditorium. Students' voices loudly sang songs like the National Anthem and the Whippet Fight song.

Mrs. Rowley sponsors the Invention Convention each year for students to take part in at the Holdrege Museum. This opportunity displays students' creative thinking, public speaking skills, and commitment to designing a unique invention.

Third grade students are gearing up for their springtime rainforest project. Students will research an animal, write a report on it, and create the animal using materials from home and school. The third grade hallway will be turned into a rainforest for all to experience.

Intergenerational opportunities at Bethany Home are special for our students and the residents of Bethany Home. We are so lucky that Bethany Home is within walking distance for our students so that we can easily enjoy the time reading to residents.



During the next month of school, each grade level will be visiting the Jensen Memorial Library to learn about the summer opportunities offered at the public library. MaryJo Froid visits Minden Public Preschool students for a special storytime in their classroom. We love our partnership with our community library.

Severe Weather Awareness Week, during the last week of April, served as an opportune time to practice visiting our tornado shelter. Our practice took place during the statewide tornado drill. Students also participated in an internal lockdown drill. This is handled with sensitivity to the age of our students while taking the seriousness of safety into account.

End of the year assessments will include our third grade students taking the state accountability called the NSCAS. All students will also take the Measurement of Academic Progress assessment and the Diagnostic Instrument of Basic Early Learning Skills.

A special thank you to the East Elementary teachers who played an active role in reviewing math curriculum adoption material: Mrs. Boudreau, Mrs. Harsin, Mrs. Maulsby, Mrs. Steen, Mrs. Stepp, and Mrs. Strong.

Early Childhood Information:

The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment-at home, at child care, at school, and in the community-that will promote their learning. Today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing.

Along with the Minden Community for Kids group, the early childhood educators organized a fun-filled week (April 8th-12th) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. In collaboration with Minden Headstart, First Christian Preschool, and Minden Public Preschool, the Jensen Memorial Library will serve as host for the early childhood education art show. In addition, the following are themed days at Minden Public Preschool.

Music Monday: As children explore and enjoy music, they develop skills in math, literacy, and social studies. Mrs. Rowley will be a special connection for preschoolers during this day.

Tasty Tuesday: Cooking connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. Our school cafeteria employees will host a special cooking class for preschoolers. In addition, Mayor Evans will visit the preschool officially signing the Week of the Young Child proclamation.

Work Together Wednesday: When children build together, they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Preschoolers will be working through a special project together.

Artsy Thursday: Children develop creativity, social skills, and fine motor skills. Mrs. Woodward has special plans for an art room visit for preschoolers.

Family Friday: Engaging and celebrating families—children’s first and most important teachers!

Superintendent Report

Meeting: April Board Meeting

Date: 4/8/2024

Mr. Widdifield

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Topics:

Secure Entry and Parking Project: We could start the parking project in late April. They want to do prep work and other site improvements north of the football field. We will determine what the end of school looks like based on when we project substantial completion of parking, and middle school could be done in August. We will continue to work with CMBA, RMV, and all subcontractors for this project.

City Discussion: I had a great discussion with the city administrator about parking, traffic flow, SRO, and how to work together to improve our community.

Reporting: This year, we have more questions than answers about state and federal reporting. Since a lot of reporting is tied to finance, Jeremy and I will have to do a lot of work on this. We continue to receive updates on changes happening at the state level.

Board Retreat: I would like to hold a Board Retreat in late April or early May to discuss the changes to school finance. We hope to have any legislation changes by late April. If the session goes longer, we will adjust our time for the Board Retreat.

Summer Projects: We are working on setting up summer projects. Thanks to the board for being proactive with these projects, knowing that keeping our facilities and equipment in good condition will save us money.

Thank You: Thank You to the staff, administration, and volunteers this year. We could only have accomplished everything we did with the help of everyone in our district.

Itinerary

- Thursday
 - Leave Minden 6 am CST
 - Lunch around Colorado Springs 11 am MST
 - Check in by 3pm
 - Dinner in Gunnison 5pm
 - Orientation 6:30pm
 - Technique session 7-9:30pm
 - Lights out 10:30pm
- Friday
 - Breakfast at cafeteria 7am
 - Dual session 8:30-11:30am
 - Lunch at cafeteria 11:30-1pm
 - Dual session 1:30-4:30pm
 - Dinner at cafeteria 4:45-6pm
 - Dual session 6:30-9:30pm
 - Lights out 10:30pm
- Saturday
 - Breakfast at cafeteria 7am
 - Dual session 8:30-11:30am
 - Lunch at cafeteria 11:30-1pm
 - Technique session 1:30-4:30pm
 - Dinner at cafeteria 4:45-6pm
 - Dual session 6:30-9:30pm
 - Lights out 10:30pm
- Sunday
 - Breakfast at cafeteria 7am
 - Dual session 8-11am
 - Checkout 11:00 am
 - Lunch before we go
 - Supper in Goodland, KS
 - Arrive in Minden 11pm CST

Student expenses

- Camp fee (includes instruction, housing for 3 nights, 7 meals) - \$300
- 4 meals on the road