

May 27, 2000

- An honorary diploma was awarded to Mr. Carl Johnson. Mr. Johnson began his education in Sweden. At the age of eight, he came to America and lived in Iowa. He completed 7th grade there, but was unable to continue his education as he was needed at home to help with the family farm. Mr. Johnson worked with the contractor who built the original gym, he assisted with numerous remodeling projects in the school, and he taught wood-working classes at the School. Mr. Johnson and his wife Dorothy moved to the Nevis area in 1934. They attended every graduation ceremony after moving to their home on Lake Belle Taine in 1940. Dorothy (Fairchild) was a graduate of Nevis High School in 1924 and served as a substitute teacher in every grade level and subject between 1940 and 1963 in Nevis Public School. Dorothy got her teaching degree in Iowa.



2000 Mr. Carl Johnson
receiving his honorary diploma.
Photo courtesy of Northwoods
Press

June 26, 2000

- The school board adopted 28 standards for graduation. The standards had been implemented into the curriculum in the high school. Students would no longer be graduating based on the number of credits they had earned, but rather after achieving the 28 standards.
- Tiger Arena shingles were replaced with 30-year warranty shingles.
- The board would be able to view a demonstration on the original gym flooring on July 6. At the July 24, 2000 school board meeting, the board approved the Sport Court bid as presented for the floor and volleyball equipment.
- A lump-sum payment after the completion of the year would be made to teachers receiving a career increment rather than being prorated throughout the year.
- The policy of senior class pictures being "chest and up" poses with no props for use in the yearbook and wall composite, was approved effective July 1, 2000.
- The policy that Nevis School and property be a tobacco free campus was also approved.

July 24, 2000

- Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer was recognized by the school board as one of 28 teachers being named Teachers of Excellence by Education Minnesota. She was the second teacher in the district to achieve this honor.
- Approved \$60,000 plus lawyer fees for the acquisition of the Thorpe property, located east of the school – the current elementary playground.



2000 Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer
Minnesota Teacher of Excellence

Summer 2000

- New playground was added for the elementary students. Much of the fundraising was the result of efforts by the PTA.

August 28, 2000

- A purchase agreement was signed to acquire the Thorpe property located east of the school.
- An instrument charge was approved at \$10 per semester for use of school instruments with an exception for financial status.

September 25, 2000

- Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer, math and science teacher, presented to the school board a short video about the trip to Russia. She also proposed to the school board a trip to the rain forest in Peru for April 2001. The school board approved the trip.
- A report was given that the logging of the trees from the school forest went very well with only a few minor things remaining to be completed.
- Substitute teacher pay was increased from \$75 to \$80.

Fall 2000

- The elementary schedule changed to students in grades 3-6 going between 2 classroom teachers, one for reading/writing and one for mathematics. The schedule was presented to the school board at the April 24, 2000 meeting. The schedule was approved at the May 22, 2000 school board meeting for the fall of 2000.



Fall 2000 Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer's Aquatic Management Class conducting Macro Invertebrate Sampling: Jeremy Tuttle (class of 2002), Jeff Stacey (class of 2003), Megan McLaen (class of 2002), Katie Plumley (class of 2001), Garrett Jensen (class of 2002) and front Michael Jay

November 27, 2000

- Approved a middle school level swimming cooperative with Park Rapids School.

December 18, 2000

- The following food service policy was adopted: “When the kitchen facilities are used, a member of the food service staff must be in attendance in order to maintain proper usage of the facilities”.
- The school board heard estimates for a two-stall addition to the bus barn.

February 26, 2001

- At the January 22, 2001, the school board approved listing the Thorpe house with Clack Realty. At this meeting, the board tentatively agreed to pursue an exchange of property involving the recently purchased Thorpe property and the Lucas property. It was reported at the March 26, 2001 meeting that progress was being made on moving the Thorpe house and acquiring the Lang and Lucas property (the Lang property was approximately two blocks south of the school and the Lucas property was east of the school on the corner of Pleasant and Bunyan Trail. With the purchase of the Lucas property, the school would own all the land on the block.).

March 26, 2001

- The late bus service was expanded for students involved in after-school activities to include Friday nights.

April 4, 2001

- Raymond Lee White, Nevis student, was killed in a car accident on his way to school. In his memory, the students clean the highway every year near the site of the accident on County Road 18.

**April 23, 2001**

- The school board approved proceeding with plans to share a police liaison officer with Laporte. This position would be funded for three years from a grant through the COPS program. Sheriff Gary Mills had initially approached the school board for approval to pursue a grant at the February 22, 1999 school board meeting.

May 21, 2001

- Industrial Arts Teacher, Mr. Olaf Netteberg was awarded a \$500 grant for use in purchasing power tools. English Teacher, Mrs. Marsha Wolff was awarded a \$2,000 grant to create a mosaic for the new lobby. This was the first of six mosaics created for the lobby.

June 25, 2001

- A new phone system was purchased at a cost of \$9,580 from Arvig Communication.
- The school board explored the idea of all-day, every-day kindergarten to be held in Nevis. Also, Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes to be held in the Early Childhood building was another option.

July 23, 2001

- All-day, every-day kindergarten was approved to be held for the 2001-2002 school year with approximately 17 students enrolled. There was also Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes with approximately 11 students enrolled. This offered families an option of programs offered.

August 27, 2001

- The school board approved the Nevis Fire Department to complete a controlled burn of the Lucas property. The total land acquisition in the past couple of years was that the District purchased the Thorpe property located adjacent to the east of the school. Then, the District purchased the Lang property south of the school. The school then purchased the Lucas property, east of the Thorpe property. The Thorpe house was moved to the Lang property and the Lucas house was burned. The burn was completed on September 29, 2001.



Thorpe house being moved past the school to the Lang property where the Lucas' moved to.



Lucas house being burned by the fire department.

September 11, 2001

- Two hi-jacked airplanes hit the New York City Twin Towers, another one crashed into the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and one more plane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

Fall 2001

- Nevis Alternative Learning Program (ALP) started. The school board approved applying for the program at the April 23, 2001 meeting. Mr. Bill Maki helped write the grant. At the August 27, 2001 school board meeting, the school board was informed that Alternative Program Coordinator at the Minnesota Department of Education, Glory Kibble, had given full approval for the District to start an alternative program in the fall. Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer was the first teacher/administrator for the program. During the program's first year, there were on average 10 students per day in the program. The program was offered Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school from 3:30-7:30 nightly. The last year for the program was 2010-2011. After that, the program only operated during the summer.



Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer recognized by
Lyndon Anderson for the Lignite Foundation
Outstanding Lesson Plans Fall 2001

September 24, 2001

- An expansion of the elementary playground was completed over the summer. The expansion included installation of a black topped basketball court, a log roll, climbing chain, and sandbox area. This was done due to the acquisition of the Thorpe and Lucas properties.

November 22, 2001

- A \$5,000 grant was received from 3M to pay for the new Accelerated Math Program. Mrs. Sharon Hadrava, Elementary Administrative Assistant, was instrumental in obtaining the grant.

December 17, 2001

- A letter was received from Lieutenant Governor Mae Schunk regarding her recent visit to the District.

January 2002

- Beginning with taxes payable in 2002, agricultural land and cabin property were exempted from the operating referendum levy.

January 28, 2002

- The school board established procedures for out-of-state field trip requests. A committee was formed that would screen the requests and then bring them to the board for final approval.
- Approval was given to allow re-sealable water containers in the gyms.
- The cost and feasibility of installing cameras on school buses was discussed.

March 25, 2002

- Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer was approved to job shadow/intern Superintendent Mr. Richard Magaard during the summer. This fulfilled her licensure requirements for superintendent.
- Approval for starting a Reading Recovery Program offered through the Northwest Service Cooperative was granted for the upcoming school year. Ms. Shelly (Howes/James) Mahowald was the first teacher trained in the program. She worked in the program from September 2002-present every year except 2005-2006 when she taught 4th grade. Mr. Rick James was trained in the program 2004-2005. He taught in the program for two years.

May 28, 2002

- A 403b plan was provided to the teachers after the three-year probationary period. The match was for \$25 per month in exchange for an additional 5 minutes contract time per day, 4 days per week.
- A 403b plan was provided to the classified staff after one year of employment on a \$15 per month match basis.
- A consent agenda at school board meetings was started on a trial basis.
- The school board approved building a three-stall bus barn at a cost of \$33,475.
- Due to a lack of classroom space, it was not possible to offer all-day, every-day kindergarten for the 2002-2003 school year.
- Substitute teacher pay was increased from \$80 to \$90 per day.

June 2002

- Temporary classrooms were built. The school board approved the building of the classrooms at the April 22, 2002 school board meeting. The temporaries were built with the intention they were short term. The shells were built with all the windows and doors framed in for a house. The plan was to sell the buildings to the Hubbard County Housing and Redevelopment Association (HRA) for \$10-15,000 and then Nevis students would build them into houses that could be sold to residents. This would reduce the amount of loss to the district. The buildings were approved to be built on bid by Shannon Rue for \$65,390 at the June 24, 2002 school board meeting, before the first referendum, giving the district two additional classrooms. This was done in anticipation of the referendum passing and the classrooms would be in place while the permanent classrooms were under construction. Because the buildings became more permanent after the continued failure of the referendum, fire walls needed to be constructed between the temporaries and the main building and sprinklers were installed.



2002 Temporary Classrooms Built

June 24, 2002

- The grade point average scale was changed from an 11-point scale to a 4-point scale during the policy committee meeting. On the 11-point scale A=11, A-=10, B+=9, B=8, B-=7, C+=6, C=5, C-=4, D+=3, D=2, D-=1, F=0. On the new 4-point scale A=4, A-=3.66, B+=3.33, B=3, B-=2.66, C+=2.33, C=2, C-=1.66, D+=1.33, D=1, D-=.66, F=0. The change was made as colleges requested GPA on a 4-point scale and almost all high schools in Minnesota were already using the 4-point scale.
- Principal Jodi Sandmeyer reported to the school board that there were 14 students attending summer school for world geography and civics. This was the first summer the program was offered through the Alternative Learning Program. There was also a summer math/reading remediation program held in July for students not passing the Basic Skills Test (BST) in one or both of those areas. The BST was a math and reading test required for 8th grade students that must be passed before graduating from high school. The summer remediation allowed students a review time before retaking the test.

July 14, 2002

- An all School Reunion was held celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the City of Nevis.

August 4, 2002

- Tanisha Sanderson, class of 2013 (she was in kindergarten) died after being struck by a car near Nevis. The class of 2014 dedicated the annual to her in her memory.



Fall 2002

- The COPS grant was obtained. The grant was for full full-time resource officer in the school part-time (shared with Laporte, for three years). Then, the fourth year and after, the District would need to fund the position. Hubbard County Deputy Troy Christenson was assigned to work in the schools. The program continued until May 2008. After that, Nevis City was assigned a Hubbard County Sheriff's Deputy and he then worked with the school.
- Academic lettering began for students based on grade point averages. 9th Grade students with GPA greater than 3.75, 10th grade students with GPA greater than 3.5 and 11th and 12th grade students with a GPA greater than 3.33 could letter in academics.
- An open house was held before the start of the school year for the first time. In previous years, the open house was held during the second week of school. Attendance at open house increased significantly during the first year.



Hubbard County Deputy and School Liaison Officer Troy Christenson

Fall 2002

- Nevis started participation in Teamworks. Students enrolled in the program traveled to Park Rapids for hands-on training. Two students participated the first year in a machining program. For the 2003-2004 school year, three students participated in a culinary program. And, in the final year of Nevis' participation in 2004-2005, two students participated in a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program while one student participated in machining.
- A prom coordinator was hired and it was decided that all future proms would be held at Nevis Public School and a meal would not be provided. In 2012, Prom was once again held off school grounds and a meal was provided.

August 26, 2002

- A bid was accepted from Seon Design for the purchase of video systems to be installed in the District buses at a cost of \$595 for one color VCR system and six color exchange units at \$240 each plus installation.
- A new portable laptop computer lab was purchased for the District.

September 10, 2002

- Residents voted on a referendum for an addition to the building. The addition would have had an auditorium. The total cost of the project was \$4,980,000. The voting results were: 275 yes 553 no 828 total votes

September 30, 2002

- Approval was granted for every Friday kindergarten classes per Kindergarten Teacher, Mr. Jason Durham's request with a start date of October 11, 2002.
- Approved Ms. Liz Stone as prom coordinator on a voluntary basis.
- The school board discussed changing school board elections to even numbered years rather than odd numbered years so they would occur during the general elections. It was decided to leave the elections on odd numbered years so that they were independent and wouldn't be overshadowed by other state and national elections.

October 26, 2002

- Kelly Gilbertson was killed in a car accident. A tree was planted in her memory on the north side of the school by the class of 2005.

2003

- Online learning enacted in the State of Minnesota.



Kelly Gilbertson

April 28, 2003

- The second vote on the building referendum was held under the direction of Superintendent Mr. Richard Magaard. This plan did not include an auditorium. The total cost of the plan was \$2,765,000. The voting results were as follows:
323 yes 413 no 736 total votes

May 14, 2003

- The first Honors Banquet was held. At the banquet induction into the National Honor Society and academic letters were awarded to students.
- First year students were selected into National Honor Society. 10th grade students are selected in the spring so they are in the group for two years.
- This was the first year for students to be able to earn a letter in academics. Students with a 3.75 or better as a freshman, 3.5 or better as a sophomore, and 3.333 or better as a junior or senior could letter in academics.
- New podium, with materials donated by the Class of 2002 and work done by Shawn Sandmeyer, was accepted by the school board.

**May 2003**

- Nevis School awarded two articulation agreements to students this spring. Students earned college credit in the housing classes offered by instructor Mr. Olaf Netteberg. Mr. Netteberg worked with Northwest Technical College of Bemidji to align the curriculum, allowing him to offer the credit. In the spring of 2004, one articulation was given and in 2005 two articulations were given.

June 23, 2003

- A construction trailer was purchased for use in the construction program.

September 2003

- Principal Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer was instrumental in Nevis School starting its participation in “College in the High Schools” program through the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Two classes were offered at Nevis School: Composition I taught by Mrs. Lyn Rittgers and Survey of Calculus taught by Mr. Steven Egge. Both classes were for three credits. Several students took advantage of the program (12 in composition and 7 in calculus). To be eligible for the program, students needed be a junior or senior and have a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Principal Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer started the 7th grade mentoring program. Junior and Senior students were selected who were willing to help the incoming 7th grade students adjust to high school. The mentors met with students monthly to answer questions, help with homework, and be a friendly face.

November 4, 2003

- The third vote on the building referendum was held under the direction of Superintendent Dr. Douglas DeWitt. The total cost of the plan was \$2,765,000. It was an identical plan to the second vote. The results of the voting were as follows: 389 yes 508 no 897 total votes

December 15, 2003

- Nevis School had second bomb threat in school history, resulting in school being closed on December 16, as well.

December 18, 2003

- The school board approved the purchase of 60 Gateway computers at a cost of \$21,226.20 for three years.

January 26, 2004

- National School Fitness Foundation (NSFF) program was approved by the school board and a fitness center was constructed through volunteer labor starting in February. The center was built in the south end of the small vehicle building. The grand opening of the center was in May. The District took out a loan from Northwoods Bank for \$221,940 to lease the equipment. They also agreed at the January meeting to support up to \$14,163.65 towards the building of the fitness center. The District was to send monthly reports to the Foundation, which would use the data in a study and pay the District for their efforts. The net cost to the District was to have been \$0. However, the Foundation never paid the District any money and in November 2006, Activities Director Mr. Bryan Wormley and Community Education Coordinator Lori Gooch testified against the Foundation Board members in a Federal trial in Minneapolis for illegal money activity. Superintendent Mr. Steven Rassier requested and the school board approved the money borrowed to be paid in full at the December 2010 school board meeting.



The location of the current Fitness Center was a storage area in the small vehicle garage before it was cleaned out and remodeled.

Mr. Shawn Sandmeyer working in February to finish framing the walls and adding supports to the ceiling to remodel the storage area into the Fitness Center.





Sheet rocking the walls and installing electrical wiring in the Fitness Center.

Painting of the Fitness Center.



Fitness Center Ambassadors. Their job was to help with the grand opening and work at the Fitness Center, helping people understand the equipment and its proper use. Luke Potter, Chris Gooch, Mara Howes, Jesseca Roach, Anne Rittgers, unknown, Brandon Bellomo, and Brian Walpole

Ambassadors: Anne Rittgers (class of 2007), Luke Potter (class of 2007), Jesseca Roach (class of 2008), Brian Walpole (class of 2009), Chris Gooch (class of 2008), and Brandon Bellomo (class of 2005) trying out the new equipment.





2004 Fitness Center and Small Vehicle Garage

May 24, 2004

- Enrollment caps of 42 students in grades K-3, 46 students in grades 4-6 and 50 students in grades 7-12 were adopted by the school board.

Summer 2004

- A lunch room addition was built. The room has been used as a choir room since it was built.
- Three small student rooms were added as additional office space was needed for speech services, Title I, and Reading Recovery.

Fall 2004

- Due to enrollment numbers in the fall of 2003, Nevis School played 9-man during the regular season and then played 11-man football during playoffs in the fall of 2004 and 2005. In the fall of 2006, the team returned to a 9-man football schedule for both regular and post season play.

September 2004

- Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) grant was awarded to the District to allow for additional fitness center equipment. The grant was administered through the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools in the United States Department of Education. The grant provided for additional equipment, personnel costs for operating the fitness center, technology, and travel for all physical education staff to the Cooper Institute in Texas for additional training. The grant was for \$149,743 the first year and \$40,974 for each of the next two years for a total of \$231,691.
- “College in the High School” again offered two courses with seven students taking composition and eight students taking college calculus.

January 25, 2005

- A 10-year vending contract with NEI bottling was signed. They will provide new football, softball and baseball scoreboards in exchange for the contract. The Aquafina, Gatorade, and Propel products were advertised on the scoreboards rather than soft drink products. At least 75% of the beverage product was required to be non-carbonated. \$1 “Marketing Fun” money was to be designated to the Student Council.



New Football Scoreboard

April 25, 2005

- The Student Council sent a condolence poster to Red Lake, Minnesota due to the fatal school shooting there.
- Climbing ivy was planted on the outside of Tiger Arena by the Student Council.

July 25, 2005

- The administration was authorized to move forward and implement all-day every-day kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year.
- The Class of 2000 planted a tree in the front Nevis High School in memory of Stephanie Anne Vredenburg-Majors, class of 2000 graduate, who had died from cancer.

August 22, 2005

- Mechanic Mr. Bruce Babler and Bus Supervisor Mr. Emery Norquist presented to the school board a replacement schedule of five buses due to potential safety issues. The District had five Carpenter buses which the State of Minnesota authorized school districts to levy up to \$30,000 each to replace. The school board approved the \$150,000 levy split over 2 years with the replacement of three buses the first year and two buses the second year.

September 2005

- “College in the High School” program offered one class this year, College Composition with a total of eleven students taking advantage of the program.

November 25, 2005

- The School Board Policy Manual was updated and presented to the school board for approval. The manual was last updated in the early 1990s. The manual was also put online for access by all District residents.

March 2006

- Target sponsored a mock crash for students in the east parking lot. Students from Laporte were also invited.

March 27, 2006

- The school board approved a sliding fee schedule for the PreK and School Readiness classes for the 2006-2007 school year. Since the start of PreK classes in the Nevis School District, there was no charge for students to attend the program. The program was funded through first grade preparedness money and community education funds. The fee schedule was based on family income. The following is the fee schedule for the PreK or 4-year old class which meets two days per week (Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday) from 8:00-3:00:

\$200	0-24,999
\$300	25,000-54,999
\$400	55,000-84,999
\$500	85,000+

The fee for the School Readiness or 3-year old class which meets Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 is as follows:

\$100	0-24,999
\$150	25,000-54,999
\$200	55,000-84,999
\$250	85,000+

- The school board approved the construction of a joint fuel facility with Hubbard County to be housed at the bus barn. The quote of \$28,746.58 from Independent Petroleum was accepted for the construction. The final agreement between Hubbard County and the District was approved at the June 27, 2006 school board meeting.

April 25, 2006

- The building referendum was attempted for the fourth time under the direction of Superintendent Steven Rassier. The plan was modified and the total building cost was \$3,510,7000. Issues that were cited regarding the vote included people on fixed incomes, land valuations going up, taxes on the increase, and residents shouldn't be building for open enrollment students (if the building is too small, stop taking nonresident students). The voting results were as follows:

Yes	481	no	522	Total	1003
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July 24, 2006

- The joint fuel facility was operational. The total construction cost was \$51,577 with Hubbard County paying 1/3 of the cost and Nevis School 2/3 of the cost.
- A restroom was installed in the fitness center at a cost of \$7,500.

September 2006

- There were 343 school districts in Minnesota.
- All-day every-day kindergarten was added. Students previously attended school Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and every other Friday. A new classroom was created for the students. The new room resulted in an elementary computer lab, elementary special education room, and elementary administration office being relocated.
- Nevis School started offering four “College in the High School” courses: Drawing taught by Mrs. Tiffany Besonen, First Aid and CPR taught by Mrs. Janet Golden-Landquist, Composition I taught by Mrs. Lyn Rittgers, and College Algebra taught by Mr. Keith Minkel. Starting this year, for new teachers to become adjunct college faculty, they must have a masters degree in their content area. Nine students were enrolled in composition, two students in drawing, five in first aide, and eleven students in college algebra.
- A Teachscape Grant was awarded to Nevis School and implemented under the direction of Elementary Administrative Assistant Mrs. Sharon Hadrava. The purpose of the program was to provide intensive reading staff development to teachers in grades K-3. The staff met two days each week to discuss their online lessons, during the students’ lunch period. The program was intensive and worked with curriculum content in reading and writing.
- Principal Jodi Sandmeyer created the Nevis School TSES manual and Special Education Procedures handbook, a new requirement by the Federal IDEA.

December 18, 2006

- The Tiger Pride organization was approved at the Nevis School.

January 22, 2007

- An emergency procedures drill was held at the school with the scenario of a hostage taken. Mr. Keith Minkel, math teacher, was the hostage taker. His demands were for a steak dinner and a day off of school. He was armed with a blue pen and had four hostages. Hubbard County Sheriff’s Department, North Ambulance, Area Swat Team and the Nevis School staff participated in the drill.



Keith Minkel,
Drill hostage taker

February 12, 2007

- The school board approved the purchase of a new stage curtain at a cost of \$2,970.
- The school board, with Superintendent Steven Rassier, brought the referendum to the people for a fifth vote. The bond was voted down again. The total value of the plan was just over \$4 million dollars. The voting results were:

Yes 525	No 563	Total 1088
(221 absentee)		

February 26, 2007

- Continuing Education Bylaws were presented to and approved by the school board.

March 26, 2007

- Adoption of a 6-period day was approved. The school had previously been operating on a 4-period day with one-credit, year-long classes lasting one semester in length. With the 6-period day, one-credit, year long classes lasting two semesters in length. The 4-period day was first started in the fall of 1995.

April 23, 2007

- The student house under construction was destroyed by fire. The house was bulldozed and rebuilt the next year. The cause of the fire was a light being left on in the ceiling. The light was hot and started the insulation on fire.

May 21, 2007

- An invitation was received from Congressman Oberstar's office for Nevis students, Principal Jodi Sandmeyer, and social studies teacher, Mr. Larry Smith to spend one week in Washington, D.C. all expenses paid. Mrs. Sandmeyer received the invitation due to her previous dealings with Congressman Oberstar.
- Northwest Educational Assessment, NWEA, testing was approved to be conducted twice each year for students in the elementary grades K-6.
- A \$1,000 Itasca Mantrap Grant was approved for Love and Logic Workshops to be presented to staff and the community next school year.

July 23, 2007

- Meal prices were set for the upcoming school year: K-12 breakfast \$1.10 and adults \$2.00; K-6 lunch \$1.40, 7-12 lunch \$1.50, and adult lunch \$3.00.
- A card key system was installed in the fitness center at a cost of \$2,275.00.

Fall 2007

- The elementary schedule was changed to self-contained classrooms for all students in grades K-5. Previously only students in grades K-2 were in self-contained classrooms. This schedule had been followed since the fall of 2000. Students in grade 6 moved between a mathematics teacher and a reading/writing teacher.
- The daily high school schedule changed from a 4-period day to a 6-period day.
- Ten additional surveillance cameras were purchased and installed in the main building for supervision of the locker, lobby, and cafeteria areas.
- The dances were split, grades 7 and 8 had a 1½ hour dance followed by a 3-hour dance for students in grades 9-12. Prior to this, students in grades 7-12 were invited to the dances.
- Nevis School District now had two full-time principals with the change from Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer, K-12 Principal and Mrs. Sharon Hadarava, K-6 Elementary Administrative Assistant to Mrs. Sandmeyer, 7-12 Principal and Mrs. Hadrava, K-6 Principal.

December 17, 2007

- An increase in the hot lunch prices was approved at the school board meeting with preK-grade 6 price set at \$1.60, grades 7-12 set at \$1.70 and adult prices remaining the same.

February 25, 2008

- Mrs. Marsha Wolff, retired Nevis English teacher, and Anne Rittgers, Class of 2007, donated the NHS mosaic hanging in the Tiger Arena entrance.

March 13 and 14, 2008

- Strategic planning sessions were held to develop a five-year plan for the School District.

April 28, 2008

- Prom was held Monday night, due to a snow storm on Saturday evening. Following Prom, a post prom party was held. This was the only post prom party held in Nevis School and the only time that Prom was held on a Monday night.
- The Tiger Arena floor was refinished at a cost of \$16,700. The Tiger in the center of the Arena was removed during the sanding process and replaced with an “N” and the ends of the gym had TIGERS painted at an additional cost of \$3,291 which was approved at the May 19, 2008 meeting.



2008 Mr. Calvin Gunn got the first interactive white board in Nevis School, it was in Interwrite.

Summer 2008

- Through a 3M grant written by Principal Jodi Sandmeyer, three Nevis teachers were able to spend one week in Colorado for teacher in-service training in the areas of math and science.
- 6th grade teacher, Mr. Calvin Gunn received the first interactive white board installed in the District after receiving a grant from the Itasca Mantrap Round-Up Program. Since that time, additional boards have been installed in all classrooms.



1998 3-Sport Athletes

Jake VanHorn, Gretta Hejelseth, Activities Director
Bryan Wormley, Brandon Daniels, and Chris Gooch,
the last seniors to play on the original gym floor.



Summer 2008 – Refinishing the Tiger Arena floor

Top Right: Sanding the floor
Middle Right: “Tigers” painted on the ends
Bottom Right: “N” in the center rather than the
Tiger as was there previously

June 2008

- Two dugouts were built on the junior high softball field by Mr. Dwayne Dudley and friends at no cost to the school district.
- A card key system was installed for staff use into the main building, with access obtained at five doors in the building.



2008 Junior High Dugouts

June 23, 2008

- Cross Country was approved as an extra-curricular activity at the school, at no cost to the District.

Fall 2008

- The Senior Class of 2009 helped to prepare the new ice skating rink by scraping paint off the boards and repainting.
- The lighting was replaced in both Tiger Arena and the original gym with more efficient, brighter, and safer fixtures with approval for the expenditure at the October 27, 2008



2008 Nevis City Skating Rink the senior class helped prepare and paint.

- school board meeting at a cost of \$17,600 with an additional \$2,000 upgrade to an 8-light system rather than 6-light system over the bleachers. The lights were installed on December 10 and 11, 2008.
- The baseball storage shed was built after Principal Jodi Sandmeyer and Activities Director Bryan Wormley received a Twins Grant for updating the baseball field.



2008 Baseball Storage shed obtained through a Twins Grant

Fall 2008

- 5th Quarter was held for the first time in December with funds from an Itasca Mantrap RoundUp Grant helping to pay for food. 5th Quarter was held after home basketball games to give kids an activity one or two times each month on a Friday or Saturday night until 11:00 p.m.
- The Instant Alert System was approved for usage by the District. This automated system was used to contact members of the school district to notify them of late starts, school closings, and/or early dismissals. Parents were able to enter phone numbers, cell phone numbers, work numbers, email addresses, etc. for the system to call.

November 24, 2008

- The school board gave approval for the Nevis School to participate in FIRST Robotics. Their first competition was held April 2-4, 2009 at the University of Minnesota, Mariucci Arena with the team being seeded 13th after the initial competition rounds. The opportunity was made possible through a 3M grant written by Principal Jodi Sandmeyer. The advisors for the team were Science Teacher, Mr. Rusty Uscola and Principal Jodi Sandmeyer.

March 23, 2009

- A natural disaster drill was coordinated by Principal Jodi Sandmeyer and held at Nevis School with the scenario being a tornado hitting the west end of the building. North Ambulance, Hubbard County Sheriff's Department, Nevis First Response, and Nevis School staff all participated in the drill.

May 28, 2009

- The school board approved the bids for construction of a handicapped entrance at the front of the school building. Bruce's Contracting bid of \$89,500 was accepted with \$80,000 approved in the form of a levy and the other \$9,500 plus architectural fees the responsibility of the District. The project was completed in November 2009.



June 22, 2009

- The purchase of new choir robes was approved. The choir department had \$4,000 and the board contributed the other \$3,800 toward the purchase. The new robes were black with green and gold stoles. The first performance where the robes were worn was the Winter Choir Concert in December 2009. The previous robes were purchased used by the District approximately 20 years prior.

Summer 2009

- A summer meal program was offered through a grant allowing all school age children to eat breakfast and lunch at the school Monday through Thursday free of charge.

Fall 2009

- The school day changed from 8:30-3:08 to 8:30-3:30 to allow time for additional student electives for those students interested in music. This is the first time the end of the school day was changed from 3:08 since it was set in 1975 to match the School District's number.
- District wide direct deposit was adopted by the school board.
- H1N1 or swine flu vaccination clinics were held at the school. There were hand sanitizers installed in all the classrooms. Communication and discussion about the flu was continuous between the District and community.
- The Genesis grade program and student information program was implemented, ending several years of SASI as the student information system.

September 28, 2009

- A proposal for lights on the football field was presented to the school board by Activities Director Bryan Wormley and Principal Jodi Sandmeyer. The lights were being donated by the Buck family after they received them from the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School Board from the Akeley fields. The month of October was very wet and prevented the lights from being removed. The lights were finally installed during the summer of 2010. The first game under the lights was on September 10, 2010 against Silver Bay. The Tigers won 53-6.
- New lockers were installed in the boys' locker room.
- The house built annually by the construction class was halted due to zoning issues. Therefore, during the 2009-2010 school year, the students built the cabinets for the last school house and the school house for next year.

May 2010

- The final water fight at the end of the school year was held. This ended a tradition that was started sometime between the graduating classes of 1958 and 1964.