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Mellen district agrees to work with DPI

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The Mellen School District plans to cooperate with the state Department of Public Instruction to help it meet state standards on teaching students about cultural diversity and Indigenous people.

The School Board voted Wednesday, June 28 to cooperate with the state, even as its superintendent continued to rail against its findings and blamed DPI for its treatment of the district.

DPI reviewed Mellen after resident Nick Vander Puy filed a complaint with the state. After months of investigation, DPI found that Mellen misses marks on teaching about Wisconsin Native American tribes and bands, and its library doesn't contain sufficient materials on those topics, among other failures. District officials were given 90 days to submit a plan to DPI on creating a curriculum that will meet state requirements, according to a letter from the DPI received by the district in May.

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Mellen resident Nick VanderPuy speaks to school board members Wednesday saying they need to take the Department of Public Instruction's investigation into the district more seriously.



PRETENDERS TO THE THRONE: Queen tribute band coming to Big Top

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In the years since Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury died more than 20 years ago, several tribute bands — including one endorsed by surviving band members — have sprung up around the world.

But the first was Killer Queen, a group of four mates from college who bonded over their love of the band.

Since then, the band has performed

on some of the same stages and filled the same arenas as their namesakes. They'll bring that show to Bayfield's Big Top Chautauqua on July 22, where they hope the audience leaves convinced that the two bands are indistinguishable.

The Daily Press spoke with lead singer Patrick Myers, who takes on the monumental task of replicating Mercury's voice and persona, from his home in the U.K.:

MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the band or see video of them performing, visit Killerqueenonline.com. For tickets to the show, visit bigtop.org.

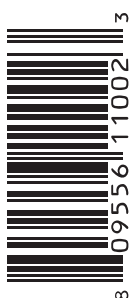
Question: How did you and this band get together? How did you decide to become Queen?

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Patrick Myers takes on the monumental task of replicating Freddie Mercury's voice and persona with the tribute band Killer Queen, which will play the Big Top July 22

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