

Organizational Meeting  
Wednesday, January 7, 2026 7:15 AM Central

Greenway Administration Conference Room  
499 Powell Ave  
Coleraine, MN 55722

Doug Cogswell: Present  
Bill Hoeft: Present  
LaNea Johnson: Present  
Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Present  
Bob Schwartz: Present  
Gene Storlie: Absent

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

3.a) Chairperson

Motion to elect Bob Schwartz. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by Doug Cogswell, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.b) Vice Chairperson

Motion to elect Carissa McIlain. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by LaNea Johnson, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.c) Clerk

Motion to elect Lanea Johnson. This motion, made by Carissa McIlwain-Nelson and seconded by Bill Hoeft, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.d) Treasurer

Motion to elect Gene Storlei. This motion, made by LaNea Johnson and seconded by Bill Hoeft, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**4. Authorize Superintendent to Engage Legal Firm(s) as Necessary**

Motion to approve Pemberton Law Firm and Kennedy and Gravens as law firms. This motion, made by Carissa McIlwain-Nelson and seconded by Doug Cogswell, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa

McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## **5. DESIGNATION; AUTHORIZATION; APPOINTMENTS**

5.a) Approve Superintendent and Business Manager to act as Chief Financial Officer of ISD 316 in exercising the power of the board in the following:

1. Designating official depositories for the district
2. Initiating and delegating the responsibility for electronic fund transfers
3. Assigning and releasing of collateral
4. The letting and assigning of all contracts and construction change orders
5. The use of district assigned credit cards for purchases, following district procedures
6. Further authorizing the use of district credit cards to administration and staff for purchases, following district procedures

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by LaNea Johnson, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa

McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### **5.b) Designate Official District Depositories:**

1. First National Bank of Coleraine
2. MSDLA Fund Plus
3. PMA/MN Trust
4. Associated Trust
5. Wells Fargo Trust

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Carissa McIlwain-Nelson and seconded by Bob Schwartz, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa

McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### **5.c) Set School Board Salaries**

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by LaNea Johnson, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa

McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

### **5.d) Designate Official School District Publication**

Motion to approve Scenic Range as official publication. This motion, made by Carissa McIlwain-Nelson and seconded by Doug Cogswell, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa

McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 6. Appointments to Board Committees

6.a) Appoint Representatives to Negotiations Committee (2)  
Appoint Representative to Meet and Confer Committee (2)  
Appoint Representatives to Finance Committee (2)  
Appoint Representatives to the Health and Safety Committee (2)  
Appoint Representatives to the Facilities Committee (2)  
Collaborative Activities Committee  
    Appoint Representatives to the Curriculum Committee  
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by Doug Cogswell, Passed.  
Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1  
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Doug Cogswell and seconded by LaNea Johnson, Passed.  
Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 7. Appoint Representatives to Outside Organizations

7.a) Appoint Representative to the Community Education Advisory Council (1)  
Appoint Representatives to Itasca Area Schools Collaborative (1 plus 1 alternate)  
Appoint Representative to the Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium (1)  
Appoint Representatives to Academic/Vocational Initiatives (Infinity Online, ALI, etc.) (2)  
Appoint Representative to MN State High School League (1)  
Appoint Liaison to MN School Board  
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by Doug Cogswell, Passed.  
Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## 8. Set Per Diem Rates

8.a) Approve use of the 2026 Federal IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate ( 72.5 cents per mile current )  
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by LaNea Johnson, Passed.  
Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.b) Approve Meal Per Diem Reimbursement Rates; Breakfast, \$10.00; Lunch, \$15.00; Dinner, \$25.00  
Motion to approve. This motion, made by LaNea Johnson and seconded by Doug Cogswell, Passed.  
Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**9. SET REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS DATES AND LOCATION.**

The Greenway School Board Meets the Last Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 pm in the Staff Development Room at Greenway High School with the following exceptions: November will be November 18, 2026 and December will be December 16, 2026. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Carissa McIlwain-Nelson and seconded by Bill Hoeft, Passed.

Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**10. NEW BUSINESS****11. ADJOURN**

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Bill Hoeft and seconded by Doug Cogswell, Passed.  
Gene Storlie: Absent, Doug Cogswell: Yea, Bill Hoeft: Yea, LaNea Johnson: Yea, Carissa McIlwain-Nelson: Yea, Bob Schwartz: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1